

Email Blast for March 10



## **Fourth Sunday in Lent**

### **Kent Memorial Lutheran Church**

184 Sunset Hill Drive  
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

**The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor**

**March 10, 2024**

Hearing God's Call & Responding in Love,  
We Share Jesus With All!

#### **FROM PASTOR ED**

For God so loved the world.... Out of all of scripture John 3:16 stands out to many as the clearest explanation of the Gospel that exists. Why was Jesus born? What did he come to do? What difference does he make in our lives? Jesus came to love us and through faith to give us eternal life. Through both his death and resurrection Jesus saved us, the world God so loves.

**OUR WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM:**

To join a worship service, please contact the church, 573-374-5267.

## Welcome to Worship

The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

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**Prelude**

*The Wonderful Cross*

Joyce Wanamaker

*You are invited to use this time of musical offering to prepare for worship, to open yourself to God, our Father, his Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, present in this place.*

**Call to Worship**

P: O God, there are so many voices that call to us daily. They call to us and compete for our trust and allegiance. As we hear those voices, help us to listen only to the voice of your Son, that, empowered by your Spirit, we may faithfully follow him now and forever. Amen.

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Trusting in the Word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us return to our gracious and merciful God, confessing our need for healing.

Gracious God,

**C: Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and things left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Sharing of the Peace** (We share the words, "Peace be with you" with one another.)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**Gathering Hymn**

*Give to Our God Immortal Praise!*

ELW # 848

**Liturgy** *Setting 4*

ELW p. 147

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**Kyrie**

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Canticle of Praise:** Glory to God in the highest

ELW p. 148

L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**C: Lord, God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**All: O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Children's Sermon**

Pastor Ed

**Anthem**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Kent Choir

**First Reading**

Numbers 21:4-9

Old Testament p. 142

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22** (congregation chants responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the Lord, for the <sup>1</sup> Lord is good,  
for God's mercy en-<sup>1</sup>dures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let the redeemed of the <sup>1</sup> Lord proclaim  
that God redeemed them from the hand <sup>1</sup> of the foe,**

<sup>3</sup>gathering them in <sup>1</sup> from the lands;  
from the east and from the west, from the north and <sup>1</sup> from the south.

<sup>17</sup>**Some were fools and took re-<sup>1</sup>bellious paths;  
through their sins they <sup>1</sup> were afflicted.**

<sup>18</sup>They loathed all man-<sup>1</sup>ner of food  
and drew near <sup>1</sup> to death's door.

<sup>19</sup>**Then in their trouble they cried <sup>1</sup> to the Lord  
and you delivered them from <sup>1</sup> their distress.**

<sup>20</sup>You sent forth your <sup>1</sup> word and healed them  
and rescued them <sup>1</sup> from the grave.

<sup>21</sup>**Let them give thanks to you, Lord, for your <sup>1</sup> steadfast love  
and your wonderful works <sup>1</sup> for all people.**

<sup>22</sup>Let them offer sacrifices <sup>1</sup> of thanksgiving  
and tell of your deeds with <sup>1</sup> shouts of joy.

**Second Reading**

Ephesians 2:1-10

New Testament p. 184

L: The Word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Announcement**

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to John, the third chapter

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel Reading**

John 3:14-21

New Testament p. 88

P: The Gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon**

Pastor Ed Foster

**Hymn of the Day**

*Great God, Your Love Has Called Us*

ELW # 358, v. 1 & 3

**Installation of Church Council**

**Profession of Faith–Apostle’s Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**The Prayers**

P: Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**Reception of Offerings** *Please fill out the red friendship pad and pass it to your neighbor*

**Offertory**

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

Joyce Wanamaker

**Offering Prayer**

P: Jesus, you are the bread of life

**C: and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.**

**Holy Communion**

ELW p. 152

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

**Words of Institution**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**Distribution**

*Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us to eat and drink. Communion is open to all who believe that Jesus Christ is our savior. Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. You may commune in place using a communion kit, if preferred.*

**Lamb of God**

**Communion Hymns**

<i>What Wondrous Love Is This</i>	ELW # 666
<i>Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross</i>	ELW # 335
<i>Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus</i>	ELW # 802

**Post-Communion Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Announcements**

**Sending Hymn**

<i>Amazing Grace</i>	ELW # 779
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**The Dismissal**

P: Hearing God's call and responding in love,  
C: **we share Jesus with all!**

**Postlude**

<i>I Surrender All</i>	Joyce Wanamaker
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**Fellowship Time**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Pastor .....	Ed Foster
Organist/Pianist .....	Joyce Wanamaker
Choir Director .....	Tracy Garrett
Choir Accompanist .....	Tracey Atzeni
Handbells Director .....	Katie Heaford

**10:00 AM**

Altar Guild.....Judy Ward  
 Greeters/Ushers ..... Ray & Kat Lacroix  
 Liturgist .....Ed Foster  
 Lector..... Mary Foster  
 Sound & Zoom Technician.....Mike Ward  
 Coffee Fellowship.....Donna Young

**COMING THIS WEEK**  
**March 10-17**

Today	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:20 a.m.	Handbells Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Social Ministry Committee
	10:30 a.m.	Evangelism Committee
	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
	6:00 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Worship & Potluck
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
	6:00 p.m.	Chorale Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Friday	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:20 a.m.	Handbells Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)

**† Prayer Concerns †**

**OUR MEMBERS**

Jim Gilbert	Judy Bradley
Larry Fair	Bill Work
Marsha Gust	Joel Hellman
Karen Thompson	Gene Page

**OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS**

Tom Simmons	Jennifer Blomberg	Michele Schafer
Vicki Sawyer	Marcille Bohling	Evan Beaupre
Ken Buckingham	Jodi (Ziehl) Redmond	

**CONTINUED PRAYERS**

Cheryl Anderson	Jessica Birdsong	Shirley Clark
Dana Anderson	Cody Blasberg	Evelyn Clements
Michelle Becker	Cindy Campbell	Lance Craft

Chuck Cuthbertson  
Mary Beth Fair  
Ron Ferguson  
Stacey Fleck  
Shane Foster  
Ginger Frazier  
Al Gann  
Ken Gerardy  
Carla Glusing  
Ruth Goddard & family  
Lyn Golvig  
Gary Hansen

Debbie Hanshaw  
Bryan Hastings  
Rod Hayes  
Jacque Ray Higgenbotham  
CF Huff  
Beth Jackson  
Teresa Joslin  
Linda Kimberling  
Ed Krueger  
Blanch Lacroix  
Dave & Sara Newton  
Jennifer Pedersen

Doris Peterson  
Zach Rezac  
Ron Roberts  
Marcia Robbins  
Dan Rogers  
Pat & Shirley Rogers  
Dave Shaver  
Karen Tischnor  
Theresa White  
Bernie Wiegel  
Jerry Williams  
Larry Wilson

### **REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

Christopher Babcock  
Eric Blomberg  
Ben Brammeier  
Shade Bullock  
Salathiel (Sal) Caudill  
Dylan Craig

Aaron Davis  
Tanner Glodt  
Kristine Hubbard  
Jason Ites  
Jason Judge  
Adam Kralina

Matt Lee  
Jordan Lindeman  
Glenn Maddock  
Tristan Morgan  
Adam Peterson  
Trent Simmons

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 10**

**WELCOME TO KENT MEMORIAL** Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. Communion is open to all who believe that Jesus Christ is our Savior. Personal hearing assistance devices are available in the sound room. We invite you to stay for coffee and fellowship (and donuts!) after the service. If you are visiting for the first time or searching for a church home, please include your address and phone number on the Red Friendship Pad and let us know. First time here? Please introduce yourself to Pastor Ed at the end of the service.

**CARE CORE** for March is Kathy Fair, 319-350-2901.

**THANK YOU** for all the cards and good wishes. And especially for your generous donations in support of Social Ministry. You folks are amazing! --Margo S.

**SOUP ON SUNDAY** Today's soup is "*Chef's Surprise*". You are invited to give a \$2 donation for each serving – the Thrivent Funds for ingredients have been used up.

**MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP** continues Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Our theme is "*At the Crossroads*" and we will hear from Biblical figures from the Passion of Christ who found themselves at a crossroads and had to decide which way to go. Following worship, we will share a potluck meal and fellowship. You are invited to bring a dish to share.

#### **2024 LENTEN POTLUCK HOST COMMITTEES**

March 13      Evangelism, Stewardship  
March 20      Long Range Planning, Audit, Social Ministry

**COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST** An opportunity to volunteer at Community for Christ on Tues. March 19, Thur. March 21 and Sat. March 23rd. Sign-up sheet posted in the meeting hall. CFC can't achieve the goal of serving those in need without your help! Please remember that a minimum of 4 needed in the retail/folding area and 2 needed to service the lower donation/sales area. Thank you all for your continued support. Thanks, Jim Mellody and Chuck Wanamaker

**FELLOWSHIP HALL CLOSED FOR CARPET WORK** The Fellowship Hall will be closed for use Thursday-Saturday, March 14-16, so the carpet squares can be re-glued.

**IT'S EASTER PAGEANT TIME** Every Easter morning we present our annual pageant, "He Is Risen." **SIGN-UP SHEET IS UP.** We need lots of cast members, both "speaking" and non-speaking parts. If you're interested in being in the cast of the Annual Easter Pageant on March 31, 8:30 a.m. – both men and women – please sign up in the fellowship hall. Rehearsal will be on Saturday, March 30, at 11:00 a.m. Questions? See Gail Kruse.

**PERSONAL CARE KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF** Cleanliness may not actually be next to godliness, but it certainly helps a person feel more human. To go with our Mission Quilts in 2024, WELCA is collecting items for personal care kits to be shared with Lutheran World Relief in October. Each kit will include the following:

- One lightweight cotton or cotton blend bath-size towel (20x40" to 52x27")
- Two or three bath-size bars of soap (totaling 8-9 oz.)
- One adult-size toothbrush in original packaging
- One sturdy comb (not a pick or fine-toothed) – remove packaging
- One metal nail clippers – remove packaging

See the kit set out in the fellowship hall for an example. Bring your donations to the box in the fellowship hall.

### **HOLY WEEK AT KENT MEMORIAL**

#### **PALM SUNDAY**

March 24 at 10:00 a.m.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** March 28 at 6:00 p.m.

**GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP TENEBRAE** March 29 at 6:00 p.m.

We walk with Christ through his suffering and death on the cross in scripture and song.

#### **EASTER SUNDAY—March 31**

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service and Holy Communion  
7:30 a.m. Easter Continental Breakfast  
8:30 a.m. 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Pageant "*HE IS RISEN!*"  
9:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt  
10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion