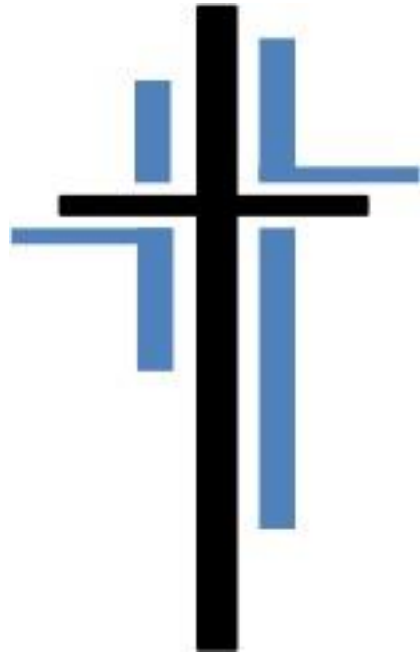


Email Blast for March 17



4th Sunday in Lent

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

March 17, 2024

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

FROM PASTOR ED

In Jesus' last public discourse, he tells his disciples that "those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life." What does it mean to hate our life in this world? Jesus' call to follow him, is ultimately a call to follow him both to the cross and to resurrection. It is the call to love others more than we even love our own lives. As we contemplate Holy Week and the Passion of our Lord, we are challenged to shape our lives like his and to follow him all the way to the empty tomb.

Have a blessed rest of your week!

God bless you all,
Pastor Ed

OUR WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM:

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

Welcome to Worship

God promises Jeremiah that a “new covenant” will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God’s heart through Christ and draws God’s love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God’s love with all the world.

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Prelude

Here Is Love

Vanessa Hebrank

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.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart. Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Merciful God,

C: you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We fail in love, neglect justice, and ignore your truth. Have mercy on us and wash away our sin. Create in us clean hearts for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P: Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. 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

O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

ELW #319, v. 1, 3 & 4

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, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers.
Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in
your Son, 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

Special Music

Remember Me

Vanessa Hebrank & Tracey Atzeni

First Reading

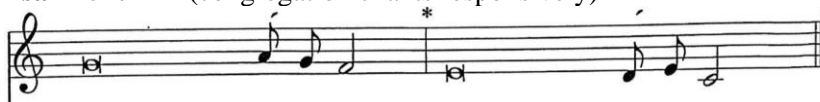
Jeremiah 31:31-34

Old Testament p. 755

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51:1-12 (congregation chants responsively)



¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,
and cleanse me | from my sin.**

³For I know | my offenses,
and my sin is ev- | er before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my | mother's womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

⁸**Let me hear | joy and gladness;**

that the body you have broken | may rejoice.

⁹Hide your face | from my sins,
and blot out | all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean | heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**

¹¹Cast me not away | from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.

¹²**Restore to me the joy of | your salvation
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:5-10

New Testament p. 210

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to John, the twelfth chapter

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

Gospel Reading

John 12:20-33

New Testament p. 101

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

ELW # 345, v. 1-3

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

Deep Peace

Vanessa Hebrank

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

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

*Great God, Your Love Has Called Us
Jesus, Priceless Treasure
Now the Green Blade Rises*

ELW # 358

ELW # 775

ELW # 379

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

Christ, the Life of All the Living

ELW # 339, v. 1 & 2

The Dismissal

P: Hearing God's call and responding in love,

C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude

Be Exalted, O God

Vanessa Hebrank

Fellowship Time

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

WORSHIP LEADERS

PastorEd Foster
Organist/Pianist Vanessa Hebrank
Choir Director.....Tracy Garrett
Choir Accompanist..... Tracey Atzeni
Handbells Director..... Katie Heaford

10:00 AM

Altar Guild..... Melba Bangert
Greeters/Ushers Bob & Karole Karls
Liturgist Katie Heaford
Lector..... Teri Stout
Sound & Zoom Technician.....Gail Kruse
Coffee Fellowship.....

COMING THIS WEEK

March 17-24

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)
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	3:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group
	6:00 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Worship & Potluck
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Lake Jazz Band
Sunday		PALM SUNDAY
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	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:20 a.m.	Handbells Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
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† *Prayer Concerns* †

OUR MEMBERS

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

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Steve Hughes	Vicki Sawyer	Jennifer Blomberg
Tom Simmons	Ken Buckingham	Marcille Bohling

Jodi (Ziehl) Redmond

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Cheryl Anderson

Dana Anderson

Michelle Becker

Jessica Birdsong

Cody Blasberg

Cindy Campbell

Shirley Clark

Evelyn Clements

Lance Craft

Chuck Cuthbertson

Mary Beth Fair

Ron Ferguson

Stacey Fleck

Shane Foster

Ginger Frazier

Michele Schafer

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

Evan Beaupre

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 17

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.

HELP PACK GOODY BAGS TODAY FOR HURRICANE DECK AND LITTLE TIGERS during the fellowship time.

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.

FROM KENT'S SOCIAL MINISTRY to the Kent Congregation: In appreciation of the services that Margo has given to Kent through her music, contributions were made in her name to the Social Ministry. Thank you to all that have given. The funds--\$1,557.00--will be used to help those in need in our community. Margo has made a large impact on Kent, and now a large impact on the community. Thank you to Margo for ALL she has done and may GOD continue to bless.

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 20 Long Range Planning, Audit, Social Ministry

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST An opportunity to volunteer at Community for Christ is **THIS WEEK** 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

LILIES FOR EASTER Altar Guild will be putting lilies in our sanctuary in celebration of Easter. Cost is \$17. If you would like to dedicate a lily to someone, please complete a yellow form – they're in the fellowship hall and on the entry table. Dedications must be received in the church office **TODAY**.

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.

ELDEEN INVITES YOU I am celebrating my 80th birthday on April 27, from 2-6 p.m. at the American Legion. There will be food, music and a cash bar to enjoy. For those of you that can join me please call or text me by April 5th. **NO GIFTS PLEASE.**

CAMP TOMAH SHINGA Save the date, April 27th. Join us for our Annual Auction fundraiser. We will be having a semi-formal event at The Farm & The Odd Fellows, 205 W Second St Minneapolis, KS, while the auction will be held online April 22nd - 27th. Doors open at 6:00p.m. \$50 per couple. \$35 for individual. There will be food and drinks available. We can't wait to see you there!

CTS Team, #ForTheKids

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.

EASTER SUNDAY—March 31

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service and Holy Communion

7:30 a.m. Easter Continental Breakfast (provided by Kent Family & Friends)

8:30 a.m. 54th Annual Easter Pageant "*HE IS RISEN!*"

9:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion