

Email Blast for March 24 – Palm Sunday



Palm Sunday

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
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The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

March 24, 2024

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

FROM PASTOR ED

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, a day filled with irony and contradiction. We begin with Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, hailed as king and messiah. He will soon be rejected, maligned, abused and crucified. Jesus entered Jerusalem shining with the light of truth, the light that revealed people's hearts and people's deeds, and the people didn't like what they saw. Rather than change, rather than repent, rather than becoming the people and the nation God had created them to be, they chose instead to put out the light, they chose to put Jesus to death. Holy week invites us to let that light shine on us as well, to see ourselves as God sees us, beloved but sinful and in need of being both forgiven and changed. Will the horrors of Good Friday and the wonders of Easter make a difference in our lives this year? We have been forgiven; will we be changed?

Have blessed rest of the week,
May the light of God's grace transform us all,
Shalom,
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

This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

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Prelude *Ride On in Majesty!* 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.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new.

C: Amen.

Invocation

P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen

Processional Gospel

Mark 11:1-11

Please face the Processional Cross

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Palm Sunday Prayer

P: We praise you, O God,

C: for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless

these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Processional Hymn with Palms *All Glory, Laud and Honor* ELW # 344, v. 1, 2, & 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

Canticle of Praise: Glory to God in the highest ELW p. 148

Prayer of the Day

All: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Anthem

Holy, Holy, Holy Hosanna!

Kent Choir

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Old Testament p. 697

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:9-16 (*Congregation reads responsively*)

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.**

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God.**

¹⁵My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."**

Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

New Testament p. 189

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Announcement

P: The gospel according to Mark, the fourteenth chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Mark 14:1—15:47

New Testament p. 48

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

Prepare the Royal Highway

ELW # 264, 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

Hosanna to the King

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...

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.

Communion Hymns

<i>Beautiful Savior</i>	ELW # 838
<i>We Place Upon Your Table, Lord</i>	ELW # 467
<i>Now We Join in Celebration</i>	ELW # 462
<i>All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly</i>	ELW # 461

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn	<i>All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!</i>	ELW # 634, v. 1, 3 & 5
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The Dismissal

P: Hosanna to the King!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude	<i>Along the Palm-Strewn Way</i>	Joyce Wanamaker
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Coffee & Fellowship	EVERYONE IS WELCOME
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WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor.....	Ed Foster
Organist/Pianist.....	Joyce Wanamaker
Choir Director.....	Tracy Garrett
Handbells Director.....	Katie Heaford
Altar Guild.....	Katie Heaford
Greeters/Ushers.....	Gerry & Linda Williams
Liturgist.....	Joyce Burke
Lector.....	Toni Wagner
Sound & Zoom Technician.....	Gail Kruse
Coffee Fellowship.....	Ron & Jane Kornfeind

COMING THIS WEEK

March 24-31

Today		PALM/PASSION SUNDAY
	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:20 a.m.	Handbells Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streaming)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Chorale Rehearsal
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
Thursday		MAUNDY THURSDAY
	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study

Friday	6:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship GOOD FRIDAY
Saturday	6:00 p.m.	Good Friday Worship
	9:00 a.m.	Easter Garden setup (-11 am)
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Pageant Rehearsal EASTER SUNDAY
	6:30 a.m.	Easter Worship with Holy Communion
	7:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
	8:30 a.m.	Easter Pageant "He Is Risen"
	9:30 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt
	10:00 a.m.	Easter Worship with Holy Communion (live-streaming)

✠ *Prayer Concerns* ✠

OUR MEMBERS

Jim Gilbert
Larry Fair
Marsha Gust

Karen Thompson
Judy Bradley
Bill Work

Joel Hellman
Gene Page

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Tamara McClain
Jeanne Hines
Mike Holmes
Payton Foster
Michelle Becker

Steve Hughes
Tom Simmons
Vicki Sawyer
Ken Buckingham
Jennifer Blomberg

Marcille Bohling
Jodi (Ziehl) Redmond
Michele Schafer
Evan Beaupre

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

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 24

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.

PAGEANT DRESS REHEARSAL and practice will be Saturday, March 30 at 11 am. The performance will be March 31 at 8:30am. The cast should be in the tent at 8 am. If you want to join in, show up at 11am on March 30. Thank you, Gail

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.

EASTER GARDEN The Easter garden will bloom again for Easter Sunday. Everyone is invited to bring blooming plants or other fresh greenery to beautify the Gathering Place. Please bring them to the church by 10am on Saturday, March 30. They may be taken home following worship on April 7.

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