

Email Blast for February 15



## **Transfiguration Sunday**

### **Kent Memorial Lutheran Church**

184 Sunset Hill Drive  
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

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

**February 15, 2026**

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

#### **FROM PASTOR ED**

Transfiguration Sunday marks the transition from the season of Epiphany to the season of Lent. It also marks the transition from Jesus' ministry of teaching and healing to the mission of his passion. On the top of the mountain God spoke once again, declaring Jesus his beloved son, and telling us to listen to him. In a world that does indeed seem to be in transition, in the midst of turmoil there is probably nothing better that we could do. Listen to Jesus.

Listen to his promises. Listen to his invitations. Listen to his commands and his words of comfort. He is God's beloved son. He is our savior and our Lord.

Have a blessed week!

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

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

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### Welcome

#### Prelude

*Jesus Loves Me*

Tracey Atzeni & Judy Farmer

### Call To Worship

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: When Peter saw you transfigured, O Lord, he said, "It is good to be here!" Now we who see you at work in this place say,

**C: It is good to be here, O Lord.**

P: Here in this place, as we pray, you are transforming hearts and lives with your presence.

**C: It is good to be here, O Lord.**

P: Here in this place, God declares to us how much he loves Jesus and how much he loves each one of us.

**C: It is good to be here, O Lord.**

P: Here in this place, as we come before you filled with doubts and fears, you say "Do not be afraid."

**C: It is good to be here, O Lord.**

P: May our time in this place uplift and inspire us.

**C: And may our time in this place be a foretaste of the glory yet to come.**

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: Almighty God,

**C: You dwell in light unapproachable. Unprotected, we perish in your presence. For our hearts are darkened, our minds clouded; we call for night to cover our deeds; we have loved darkness rather than light.**

P: Jesus Christ is the light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome.

**C: For his sake we beg forgiveness.**

P: For his sake God hears our prayers. God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, has shone in our

hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God, in the face of Jesus Christ.

**C: We have seen God's glory; we have heard the Lord's voice.**

P: Walk then as children of the light!

**C: Amen.**

**Sharing of the Peace** (We share a sign of peace with one another.)

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

**C: And also with you.**

**Gathering Hymn**

*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!*

ELW # 308, v. 1 & 2

**Liturgy** *Setting 4*

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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

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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 sin 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, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, 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

**First Reading**

Exodus 24:12-18

Old Testament

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 2** (congregation reads responsively)

<sup>1</sup> Why are the nations in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

<sup>2</sup> **Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the Lord and against the Lord's anointed?**

<sup>3</sup> "Let us break their yoke," they say;

"let us cast off their bonds from us."

<sup>4</sup> **God whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the Lord holds them in derision.**

<sup>5</sup> Then in wrath God speaks to them, and in rage fills them with terror.

<sup>6</sup> **"As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain."**

<sup>7</sup> Let me announce the decree of the Lord, who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

<sup>8</sup> **Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession.**

<sup>9</sup> You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

<sup>10</sup> **And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

<sup>11</sup> Submit to the Lord with fear, and with trembling bow in worship;

<sup>12</sup> **lest the Lord be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath. Happy are all who take refuge in God!**

**Second Reading**

2 Peter 1:16-21

New Testament

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Announcement**

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

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

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 17:1-9

New Testament

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Ed Foster

**Hymn of the Day**

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

ELW # 815

**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: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

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

**Offertory**

*More Precious Than Silver*

Tracey Atzeni

#### **Offering Prayer**

P: Holy God,

C: **gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

#### **Holy Communion**

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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**

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#### **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. Wine and grape juice are available. Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing.*

#### **Lamb of God**

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#### **Anthem**

*Bread of Life*

Kent Choir

#### **Communion Hymns**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling  
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ELW # 631

ELW # 834

**Post-Communion Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Announcements**

**Sending Hymn**

*How Good, Lord, to Be Here!*

ELW # 315, v. 1, 3 & 5

**The Dismissal**

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

**C: we share Jesus with all!**

**Postlude**

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

Tracey Atzeni

**Fellowship Time**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Pastor.....	Ed Foster
Organist/Pianist.....	Tracey Atzeni
Choir Director .....	Tracy Garrett
Choir Accompanist.....	Tracey Atzeni
Handbells Director .....	
Altar Guild .....	Katie Heaford
Greeters/Ushers .....	Bob & Karole Karls
Liturgist.....	Katie Heaford
Lector .....	Teri Stout
Sound & Zoom Technician .....	Larry Fair
Coffee Fellowship .....	Church Council

**COMING THIS WEEK**

**February 15-22**

Today	8:30	a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00	a.m.	Children’s Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00	a.m.	Reception for Musicians of Kent
	2:00	p.m.	Worship at Laurie Care Center
Monday	9:30	a.m.	75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee
	6:00	p.m.	Chorale Rehearsal
Tuesday	9:45	a.m.	Community for Christ
	4:30	p.m.	Christian Education Committee
	5:00	p.m.	Church Council
Wednesday	7:00	a.m.	“Drive-By” Ashes (-8:30 a.m.)
	3:00	p.m.	Grief Group
	6:00	p.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship

Thursday	9:45 a.m.	Community for Christ
	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Lake Jazz Band Rehearsal
Saturday	9:45 a.m.	Community for Christ
	1:00 p.m.	Chili Cookoff & Games Day
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 a.m.	Children's Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)

## ✠ *Prayer Concerns* ✠

### OUR MEMBERS

Steve Clark	Linda Williams	Donald Brumm
Joe Poretta	Sandra Gilbert	Marsha Gust
Linda Kimberling	Janet Page	Jim Gilbert
Liz VanDeVeire	Frank Howley	Gene Page

### OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Kathy Taulbert	Bill Clevenger	Larry Wilson
Ashley Cox	Shane S.	Bill Peterson
Pat & Shirley Rogers	Kathy Pipes	Cindy Hoch
Art McCray	Pamela Funk	Elvis F.
LaVoe Worrel	Jay Welshonse	Stanley Pearson
Bill Walston	Sydney Soderberg	Dave Newton
Tara Boos	Rita Galliard	Eleanor Garrison
Sarah Hellman	Donna Winzenburg	John Welsh
Blanche Lacroix	Ed Saracco	

### CONTINUED PRAYERS

Evan Beaupre	Carla Glusing	Marcia Robbins
Stacy Carey	Hardy	Michele Schafer
Mary Ann Carter	Bruce Hedgepeth	Dianne Steingrubey
Shirley Clark	Jeanne Hines	Karen Tischnor
Evelyn Clements	Wayne Jackson	Pat Vielhauer
Cooper Cupp	Doug Jones	Theresa White
Ron Ferguson	Teresa Joslin	Bernie Wiegel
Stacey Fleck	Keith Lingwall	Jerry Williams
Al Gann	Patrick Parkhurst	
Ken Gerardy	Ron Roberts	

### REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Babcock	Tanner Glodt	Jordan Lindeman
Eric Blomberg	Kristine Hubbard	Glenn Maddock
Ben Brammeier	Jason Ites	Tristan Morgan
Dylan Craig	Adam Kralina	Adam Peterson
Aaron Davis	Matt Lee	

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 15

**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. 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.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given by Larry & Suzanne Lutjen in memory of Sharon; and by Larry & Kathy Fair in memory of her mother, Dorothy Schnittjer, on what would have been her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**CARE CORE** for February is Sharon Ballard, 573-374-8974 or 573-280-5618.

**SOUPER BOWL 2026** was a HUGE success. Thanks to your generosity, we collected 1,175 cans and packets. Thanks to Little Vinnie's customers for the 401 cans donated, and to Chances-R for the monetary donation toward food.

**FOR OUR MUSICAL VALENTINES** As part of our celebration, we're taking up a special collection to purchase a new piece of music for Easter. Please use the envelope in your bulletin if you would like to contribute.

**WORSHIP AT LAURIE CARE CENTER** At 2pm this afternoon Kent will lead worship for the residents of Laurie Care Center and Laurie Knolls. You're welcome to join us and help out.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** is February 18. Pastor will again offer the imposition of ashes in the morning, 7am-8:30am, if you want to drive by on the way to work or off on errands. Worship is at 6pm, with imposition of ashes and holy communion.

**WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP** begins on February 25. We will study the Parables in "Stories with Jesus," starting with The Prodigal Son. Services will be followed by a potluck hosted by committees of our congregation.

Wednesday, February 25 —

Potluck host committees: Worship & Music, Budget & Finance

Wednesday, March 4 —

Potluck host committees: Property, Mutual Ministry

Wednesday, March 11 —

Potluck host committees: Long Range Planning, Social Ministry

Wednesday, March 18 —

Potluck host committees: Altar Guild, Christian Education

Wednesday, March 25 —

Potluck host committee: Evangelism, Audit, Stewardship

**HURRICANE DECK KINDERGARTEN SERVICE LEARNING PROJECT** We are collecting can tabs to take to the Ronald McDonald House of Columbia. They use them to recycle and the funds go to provide housing, food and any needs the families may have. Tabs only. Put them in the white basket in the fellowship hall. Collecting now through February 14.

**CHILI COOKOFF & GAMES DAY** On Saturday February 21<sup>st</sup>, 1:00 pm to 3:00pm, join us for an afternoon of fun & games sponsored by the Social Ministry. This will truly be a time for a winter break for fellowship and fun. Plan on attending. If you want to enter the chili cookoff competition, sign up in the fellowship hall.

**COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST** February volunteer week at Community for Christ will be **Tues - Feb 17th, Thur - Feb 19th and Sat - Feb 21.** Minimum each day is 6 = 2 upstairs in the store and 4 downstairs for the sorting room and receiving dept - both men and women are needed and appreciated. We are thankful for everyone's participation in the past and ***are hoping to see a few new faces each month!!*** Please add your name to the posted sign-up sheet and come have some fun supporting our community. THANK YOU!!!

**JOYCE McHENRY MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE** is Friday, February 27, 11:30am-5:30pm. Walk-ins are welcome.

**PAY IT FORWARD** Several years ago, Bill and I started saving dollar bills with B as the Federal Reserve sign so that we could go on a trip or purchase some big item when we had collected enough. WELL.....I have decided for Kent's and my 75TH birthdays to pay it forward. I want 75 people to take the 10 ones and "PAY IT FORWARD" for whatever/whoever they choose. All I ask is that you let me know by email what you did to "PAY IT FORWARD". Thank you for helping me and Kent Memorial continue to share Jesus with all! Wendy Blomberg