



## **Fourth Sunday in Lent**

### **Kent Memorial Lutheran Church**

184 Sunset Hill Drive  
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

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

**March 27, 2022**

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

#### **FROM PASTOR ED**

Our Gospel lesson this week is a favorite, the story of the Prodigal Son, or as some like to call it, the Prodigal Father. Once again Jesus shares with us the intensity, even the the extravagance, of God's love for us. We are challenged I think to see ourselves in both brothers, in such need for forgiveness ourselves, and needing to celebrate God's forgiveness of our brothers. Do you find it hard to believe that God could love us this much? That God could love even the prodigals so outrageously?

New Member Brunch this Sunday! We are welcoming another group of awesome new members into our Kent family this Sunday, which is a great excuse for another Kent Potluck! Join us following worship as we celebrate the companionship, friendship and love that God continues to bless us with here at Kent Memorial.

**OUR WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM:**

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

## Welcome to Worship

The psalm sets the tone this day: “Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!” Happy are those who have “become the righteousness of God” in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has “rolled away . . . the disgrace” of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus’ sake. Rejoice!

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**Prelude**

*There is None Like You*

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.*

**Welcome**

**A Litany of Confession and Forgiveness**

P: God is the Father of all,

**C: and we are God’s children.**

P: In love, God the Father has given us a world to live in, a family to love, a place in which to work, and a place to call home.

**C: But we have been wasteful with God’s gifts and squandered them away - polluting the earth, taking our families for granted, and not doing all we can at home and at work.**

P: Regretful of what we have become, we abandon our selfish ways and return to our Father for forgiveness, even though we know we don’t deserve to be called God’s children anymore or even one of his hired hands.

**C: But our Father takes us back with open arms, puts us in the seats of honor, and gives us even more than we had before.**

P: God celebrates our place in the Lord’s presence and surrounds us with the joyful voices of all God’s forgiven children.

**C: In God’s presence, we find forgiveness and love and joy without end. Amen!**

**Sharing of the Peace**

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

**C: And also with you.**

**Gathering Hymn**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

ELW 807

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.**

**Liturgy Setting 4**

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**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 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: God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of 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**

*Seek Ye First*

Kent Handbells

**First Reading**

Joshua 5:9-12

Bible-Old Testament p.199

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 32** (*Congregation sing responsively*)

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions<sup>1</sup> are forgiven,  
and whose sin is<sup>1</sup> put away!

<sup>2</sup>**Happy are they to whom the LORD im-<sup>1</sup>putes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there<sup>1</sup> is no guile!**

<sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones with-<sup>1</sup>ered away,  
because of my groaning<sup>1</sup> all day long.

<sup>4</sup>**For your hand was heavy upon me<sup>1</sup> day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the<sup>1</sup> heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con-<sup>1</sup>ceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt<sup>1</sup> of my sin.

<sup>6</sup>**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in<sup>1</sup> time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they<sup>1</sup> shall not reach them.**

<sup>7</sup>You are my hiding-place; you preserve<sup>1</sup> me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts<sup>1</sup> of deliverance.

<sup>8</sup>**I will instruct you and teach you in the way that<sup>1</sup> you should go;  
I will guide you<sup>1</sup> with my eye.**

<sup>9</sup>Do not be like horse or mule, which have no<sup>1</sup> understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will<sup>1</sup> not stay near you."

<sup>10</sup>**Great are the tribulations<sup>1</sup> of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust<sup>1</sup> in the LORD.**

<sup>11</sup>Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice<sup>1</sup> in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are<sup>1</sup> true of heart.

**Second Reading**

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Bible-New Testament p. 173

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Announcement**

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to Luke, the fifteenth chapter

**Gospel Acclamation***Return to the Lord, Your God*

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**Gospel Reading**

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Bible-New Testament p. 73

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Pastor Ed Foster

**Hymn of the Day***What Wondrous Love is This*

ELW # 666, v. 1-3

**Reception of New Members****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***Something for Thee*

Joyce Wanamaker

**Offering Prayer**

P: Extravagant God,

**C: you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. 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...

## **Words of Institution**

### **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.

### **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.**

*Congregation may be seated*

### **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**

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

### **Communion Hymns**

*Just As I Am, Without One Plea  
Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling  
Amazing Grace*

ELW # 592  
ELW # 608  
ELW # 779

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

### **Benediction**

### **Announcements**

### **Sending Hymn**

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*  
Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.

ELW # 545, v. 1 & 2

### **The Dismissal**

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

### **Postlude**

*I Am His, and He Is Mine*

Joyce Wanamaker

### **New Member Reception**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor .....Ed Foster  
Organist .....Joyce Wanamaker  
Choir Director.....Tracy Garrett  
Handbells Director..... Katie Heaford  
Choir Accompanist.....Margo Strothmann

### 10:00 AM

Altar Guild..... Katie Heaford  
Greeters/Ushers ..... Bob & Jessie Harger  
Liturgist ..... Al Mohling  
Lector..... Kathy Fair  
Sound & Zoom Technician.....Gail Kruse  
Coffee Fellowship..... Evangelism

## COMING THIS WEEK

March 27-April 3

Today	8:45 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:00 a.m.	New Member Brunch/Lunch
Monday	10:20 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
Tuesday	10:20 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	10:20 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
	6:00 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Service & Potluck Meal
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Devotion
	10:20 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
Friday	10:20 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
Sunday	8:45 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Handbells Rehearsal

## † *Prayer Concerns* †

### OUR MEMBERS

Bob Ballard—recovering from back surgery

Marilyn Peterson—health concerns

Ken Gerardy—in therapy in Kansas City

### OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Kayla LeBarge—cancer treatment (friend of Linda Williams)

Terry Miller—on hospice (Carol Hansen's friend)

Jerry Hansen—cancer treatments (Carol Hansen's brother-in-law)

Kelly Gephardt- serious health concerns (family member of Joe & Pat Poretta)

Tom Howley (Marianne Howley's brother-in-law)

Eileen Ethington (friend of Carolyn & Gary Wiles)

Barbara (Gryte) & Bob Gislason

Evelyn & Jim Clements & daughter, Pam Babcock  
Ezra Elcock—serious health concerns (4½ mo. old great grandson of friend of Nancy Larson)

*Former member Peggy Proch passed away March 16. We offer sincere condolences to her husband, Joe, and their family. A celebration of life will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March*

### **CONTINUED PRAYERS**

Georgi Anne  
LeeAnne Brumm  
Shirley Clark  
Mary Beth Fair  
Shirley Hamm  
Linda Harris  
Mike Holmes  
Marianne Howley  
Linda Kimberling  
Diane Lichthardt  
Warren Lichthardt  
Steve O'Connor  
Mike Page  
Rev. Bill Peterson  
Ron Roberts  
Pat Shank  
Ellie Torres  
Bernie Wiegel  
Joan Wilken  
Larry Wilson

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

Christopher Babcock  
Eric Blomberg  
Ben Brammeier  
Shade Bullock  
Aaron Davis  
Tanner Glodt  
Kristine Hubbard  
Jason Ites  
Jason Judge  
Nathan Karls  
Adam Kralina  
Matt Lee  
Jordan Lindeman  
Glenn Maddock  
Tristan Morgan  
Adam Peterson  
Trent Simmons

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 27**

**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 at the end of the service.

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

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS** Kirsten Blaney, Joel & Mary Lou Hellman, Karen Thompson. Following our Sunday service we will celebrate with them at a new member brunch and cake. Please bring a dish and help us welcome our new members as we continue to share Jesus with all!

**BEV KIDDER** is turning 90 on **March 27**. We'll celebrate in person this summer, but on her special day let's shower her with cards. Bev's address is: 6331 Williams St., c/o Tracy Kidder, Omaha, NE 68106.

**JOIN US TO SEE THE ST. JOHN'S ILLUMINATED BIBLE & ART EXHIBIT** We're pulling together a group from Kent to visit the exhibit at St. Paul's Lutheran in Cole Camp. We will meet in Cole Camp at 3:30 p.m. Following the exhibit, we will adjourn to dinner at The German Table for dinner. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. Sign up for dinner AND for the exhibit. Questions? Ask Karen Ringsdorf.

**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS** It is the time of year that we ask all our Thrivent members to be sure to direct their Thrivent Choice Dollars to the organization of their choice. Visit [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call them at 800-847-4836. The deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**SOUP FOR YOU** When Kathy Fair makes soup, she always makes extra to share. There will be individual servings available on Sunday for any of you who would like to take some home for lunch or dinner. Pick up the soup during our fellowship time on Sunday.

**COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST NEEDS FOR MARCH:**

Condiments like Catsup, mustard, mayo

Salad dressings

Canned meat or fish

Canned Fruit (we are good for veggies right now)

Cereal of all kinds.

Ensure or protein drinks. (We have several ill people)

Lady's personal hygiene (tampons)

Kleenex or Puffs.

Toilet paper

Deodorant for men and women

Toothpaste for kids and adults.

Cleaning supplies: bleach, floor, toilet, kitchen or window cleaners.

**A TABLE** between the main sets of doors into the church has individual communion servings, the latest newsletter, new daily devotional materials, and a lot more. Also, there is a basket for giving envelopes. If you need the door code, call Tracy in the church office, 573-374-5267, or on her cell at 573-502-9219. Or you may mail your offering to the church: Kent Memorial P.O. Box 155 Sunrise Beach, MO 65079

**REMINDER--**

- We are worshipping at 10am and live-streaming via Zoom.com
- Communion will be celebrated every Sunday. If you prefer, you may continue to commune using the pre-filled communion wafer/cup combination available in the Gathering Place.
- Please continue to be COVID safe
  - Stay home if you are sick or not feeling well
  - Masks and social distancing are encouraged for those who have not been vaccinated