



First Sunday in Lent

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

March 9, 2025

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

REMINDER: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins on Sunday March 9!

FROM PASTOR ED

The season of Lent begins with the story of Jesus' testing in the wilderness by the devil. Jesus is tempted by Satan to use his divine powers and prove to himself and all the world that he truly is the Messiah, the Son of God. Jesus' faithfulness to his mission is a declaration of his faithfulness to us. Jesus is determined to save us, not by power or by force, but rather by love and by grace.

Our lives too are filled with tests and temptations, opportunities for us follow where Jesus leads us or to go our own way.

How can we be faithful to the one who has saved us? How can we follow him through the trials and temptations of our lives?

May Christ be with us on our journeys as we face the tests and temptations of our lives.

God bless you all!

Pastor Ed

OUR 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM:

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

Welcome to Worship

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us

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Prelude

The Wonderful Cross

Joyce Wanamaker

Call to Worship

P: Seek the shelter of the Most High and find safety. Kneel in the shadow of the Almighty and find comfort. Rest beneath the wings of God and find peace.

C: **O Lord, we see dangers all around us, but we are not afraid. Your hand is a shield between us and all harm. Your angels surround us with the power of heaven. Your faithful promises are the walls of a fortress surrounding us. What shall we fear if your eye is on us? What can threaten us if you are at our side? In your grace we are more than conquerors, and with your help we will live boldly and bravely in the strong name of Jesus. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

P: Forgiving God,

C: **we are rarely guilty of great, dramatic sins. Mostly they are commonplace and petty: the cutting word, the sullen silence, the lingering grudge, the double standard, the greedy motive, the half-truth. You know how common our sins are, and we know how amazing is your grace. Like a cleansing flood, let your mercy sweep away the debris of our daily sins and help us begin again in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

P: Almighty God looks upon us with mercy and by water and the Word joins us to the saving death of Jesus Christ. Through the Holy Spirit God raises us with Christ to new life. I therefore declare to all of us the entire forgiveness of all our sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

ELW # 325

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

Prayer of the Day

All: O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, 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

A Song of Zion

Kent Choir

First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Old Testament

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (will be chanted responsively)



¹ You who dwell in the shelter of ¹ the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of ¹ the Almighty—
² **you will say to the Lord, “My refuge ¹ and my stronghold,
my God in whom I ¹ put my trust.”**
⁹ Because you have made the ¹ Lord your refuge,
and the Most High your ¹ habitation,
¹⁰ **no evil ¹ will befall you,
nor shall affliction come ¹ near your dwelling.**
¹¹ For God will give the angels charge ¹ over you,
to guard you in ¹ all your ways.
¹² **Upon their hands they will ¹ bear you up,
lest you strike your foot a- ¹ gainst a stone.**
¹³ You will tread upon the lion ¹ cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion ¹ and the serpent.
¹⁴ **I will deliver those who ¹ cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they ¹ know my name.**
¹⁵ They will call me, and I will ¹ answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and ¹ honor them.
¹⁶ **With long life will I ¹ satisfy them,
and show them ¹ my salvation.**

Second Reading

Romans 10:8b-13

New Testament

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to Luke, the fourth chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Luke 4:1-13

New Testament

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW # 504, v. 1, 3 & 4

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: God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

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

Offertory

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Joyce Wanamaker

Offering Prayer

P: Gracious Provider,

C: you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. 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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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymns

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me
O God, Our Help in Ages Past
Blessed Assurance

ELW # 623
ELW # 632
ELW # 638

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

Jesus, Still Lead On

ELW # 624, v. 1, 3 & 4

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

Lead Me to Calvary

Joyce Wanamaker

Fellowship Time

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Ed Foster
Organist/Pianist Joyce Wanamaker
Choir Director Tracy Garrett
Choir Accompanist Tracey Atzeni
Handbells Director Toni Wagner

Altar Guild Katie Heaford
Greeters/Ushers Mike & Lee Ann McClain
Liturgist Vanessa Hebrank
Lector Jim Mellody
Sound & Zoom Technician Sam Foster
Coffee Fellowship Ruth & Randy Osterbur

COMING THIS WEEK

March 9-16

Today	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	9:15 a.m.	Children's Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Social Ministry

	10:00 a.m.	CSS Osage Conference Gathering (-2pm)
	10:20 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
	10:30 a.m.	Evangelism Committee
Wednesday	10:20 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
	6:00 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Worship & Potluck
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
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		Handbells Rehearsal

✠ *Prayer Concerns* ✠

OUR MEMBERS

Karen Thompson
Joe Poretta
Donald Brumm

Marsha Gust
Geri Riley
Stan Field

Jim Gilbert
Gene Page

Congratulations to the Mohling and Karst families on the birth of Anna Marie Karst on March 3.

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Ron Wagner
Kelly Covey & family
Bonnie Shipman
Daria
Dave Newton
Tara Boos
Jennifer Blomberg
Eleanor Garrison (age 7)
Michelle Becker
Cooper Cupp (age 6)

William Niemann
Kyle Pedersen
John Welsh
Tom Williams
Inge Robbins
Maria Garrick & family
Art McCray
Mary Ann Carter
Brandon Rodewald
Doug Jones

Patrick Parkhurst
Cindy Holm
Stacy Carey
Ryan Dilhman
Trudy Hamilton
Wayne Jackson
Mike Holmes
Steve Hughes
Marcille Bohling

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Julie (Ziehl) Anderson
Evan Beaupre
Michelle Becker
Jessica Birdsong
Cindy Campbell
Shirley Clark
Evelyn Clements
Chuck Cuthbertson
Ron Ferguson
Stacey Fleck

Al Gann
Ken Gerardy
Carla Glusing
Ruth Goddard & family
Jeanne Hines
Teresa Joslin
Linda Kimberling
Ed Krueger
Blanche Lacroix
Jodi (Ziehl) Redmond

Ron Roberts
Marcia Robbins
Michele Schafer
Dave Shaver
Dianne Steingrubey
Karen Tischnor
Theresa White
Bernie Wiegel
Jerry Williams

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Babcock
Eric Blomberg
Ben Brammeier

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 9

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.

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

BIBLES FOR CADV CLIENTS CADV would like to provide Bibles to clients who would like them. Pastor Ed and the Social Ministry Committee think that is a great idea, so we are planning to order a case of Bibles for them. This morning there is an offering plate on the table out in the Gathering Place for donations. A dollar or two might make a huge difference in a family's life.

MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP & POTLUCK Beginning March 12 for 5 Wednesday, we will meet at 6:00 p.m. for worship and begin our exploration of "Jesus: Savior, Servant, Friend." Join us after the service for one of Kent's famous potlucks. Please bring a dish or dessert to share.

Wednesday, March 12 — Potluck host committees: Worship & Music, Budget & Finance

Wednesday, March 19 — Potluck host committees: Altar Guild, Christian Education

Wednesday, March 26 — Potluck host committees: Property, Mutual Ministry

Wednesday, April 2 — Potluck host committees: Evangelism, Audit, Stewardship

Wednesday, April 9 — Potluck host committee: Long Range Planning, Social Ministry

EASTER PAGEANT Easter is April 20 this year and it will be the 56th performance of "He Is Risen!" Cast members of all ages are needed to make this beloved annual event a success. If you want to be in on the fun of sharing the Easter story, see Gail Kruse. NOTE: The sign-up list is up!

THRIVENT DESIGNATION Through Thrivent Choice[®], Thrivent members can contribute to organizations and causes they care about—and influence how Thrivent distributes some of its charitable grant funding through Choice Dollars[®]. Please consider going into your Thrivent account online and designating Kent as that organization. In the last year, these distributions allowed Kent to contribute \$2,500 to Kent Social Ministry, \$2,000 to the SE US Flood/Hurricane victims, and \$2,000 to the CA Wildfire victims. If you have questions about this, please contact Joyce Wanamaker or Kathy Fair.

COUNTY PROPERTY TAX FREEZE If you are 62 years of age or over, are the owner of a homestead in Missouri, and are liable for the payment of real property taxes on such homestead, you may qualify for the freeze. The amount of the taxes will freeze, and not increase, when the taxpayer becomes age 62. Only taxes will be frozen, not assessments or levees. For example, remodeling which expands square footage and results in a 50 percent increase in the assessment will trigger a reassessment of the property taxes. Individuals need to apply annually (prior to June 30) at your County Assessor/Collector office to have their taxes frozen by bringing your ID and proof of property tax payment. If you have questions about this, please contact Al Mohling at (319) 493-8796.