



2nd Sunday in Lent

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

March 16, 2025

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

FROM PASTOR ED

In our Gospel lesson this week, Jesus compares himself to a mother hen, who gathers her chicks to protect them. It is a beautiful and tragic metaphor for Jesus' ministry. Like a mother hen Jesus has made himself vulnerable for the sake of those he loves. Jesus is not a mighty warrior, not a lion or a wolf. Jesus is a mother hen who has sacrificed herself for the life of those in her care. It makes no sense to the world. It makes no sense to us. But it is as Paul calls it "the power of God and the wisdom of God."

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

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

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Prelude

Longing

Vanessa Hebrank

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in the steadfast and sure love of God, let us return to the Lord, confessing our sin.

Silence for reflection

P: God of all mercy,

C: We confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you created. We repent of the sins that enslave us, the sin we have done, and the sin done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior, Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

P: God is generous to all who ask for help. Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ELW # 834, v. 1, 3 & 4

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: God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world.

Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share 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

Anthem

Grande March

Kent Handbells

First Reading

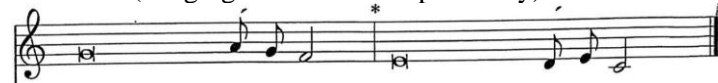
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Old Testament

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27 (congregation chants 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." R**

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. R**

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 I honor them.
¹⁶ **With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation. R**

Second Reading Philippians 3:17—4:1 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 thirteenth chapter
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading Luke 13:31-35 New Testament
P: The Gospel of the Lord
C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* ELW # 597, v. 1, 2 & 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 *Here Is Love* Vanessa Hebrank

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. 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

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

*Give Me Jesus
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Around You, O Lord Jesus*

ELW # 770
ELW # 490, v. 1-3
ELW # 468

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

ELW # 705, v. 1 & 4

The Dismissal

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

C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude

Meditation

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..... Toni Wagner

Altar Guild.....	Katie Heaford
Greeters/Ushers	Gerry & Linda Williams
Liturgist	Ed Foster
Lector.....	Jim Mellody
Sound & Zoom Technician.....	Sam Foster
Coffee Fellowship.....	Al & Cindy Mohling

COMING THIS WEEK

March 16-23

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) Handbells Rehearsal
Tuesday	5:00 p.m.	Christian Education
	6:00 p.m.	Church Council
Wednesday	3:00 p.m.	Grief Group
	6:00 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Service & Potluck
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Lake Jazz Band Rehearsal
Friday	2:00 p.m.	Share the Harvest Fundraiser set-up
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Share the Harvest Fundraiser (all day)
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✠ *Prayer Concerns* ✠

OUR MEMBERS

Karen Thompson	Marsha Gust	Jim Gilbert
Joe Poretta	Geri Riley	Gene Page
Donald Brumm	Stan Field	

Christian condolences & hope are extended to the Killion family on the death of Gerry last week.

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Pat Vielhauer	Eleanor Garrison (age 7)	Doug Jones
Ron Wagner	Cooper Cupp (age 6)	Patrick Parkhurst
Kelly Covey & family	William Niemann	Stacy Carey
Pam Vaught	John Welsh	Ryan Dillman
Stanley Pearson	Tom Williams	Trudy Hamilton
Bonnie Shipman	Inge Robbins	Wayne Jackson
Daria Scheuerman	Maria Garrick & family	Mike Holmes
Dave Newton	Art McCray	Steve Hughes
Tara Boos	Mary Ann Carter	Marcille Bohling
Jennifer Blomberg	Brandon Rodewald	

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
Kyle Pedersen

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 16

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 Thank you for your generosity. We collected enough to buy a case of Bibles plus half a case of children's Bibles.

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." Our Lent offerings will be shared with our partners in the community. Join us after the service for one of Kent's famous potlucks. Please bring a dish or dessert to share.

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 55th 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.