



## **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

### **Kent Memorial Lutheran Church**

184 Sunset Hill Drive  
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

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

**March 23, 2025**

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

#### **FROM PASTOR ED**

Why do bad things happen? Is God punishing us? Punishing the people who experience the disasters of life? From the very beginning we have asked about the relationship between tragedy and God's action in the world. Is suffering a sign of God's disfavor? Is the lack of suffering and material success a sign of God's blessing? Jesus answers those questions with a determined "No," but encourages us to be reminded by the senseless tragedies around us that life is unpredictable and the time for repentance is now. We have witnessed much tragedy in recent months and weeks, wildfires, hurricanes, floods, and this week tornados, reminders of the capricious and dangerous world we live in. As we continue on in Lent, and we are reminded of our need for forgiveness and God's call to repentance, we should also remember God's patient and gentle work to transform us into the people God created us to be.

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

To join a worship service, please contact the church office, 573-374-5267.

## Welcome to Worship

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

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**Prelude**

*No Ordinary Man*

Vanessa Hebrank &  
Joyce Wanamaker

**Confession and Forgiveness**

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them 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**

*O Day Full of Grace*

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**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: Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, 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**

*Awaken Me to Pray*

Kent Choir

**First Reading**

Isaiah 55:1-9

Old Testament

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 63:1-8** (congregation reads responsively)



<sup>1</sup> O God, you are my God; eager-<sup>1</sup>ly I seek you;

**my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there<sup>1</sup> is no water.**

<sup>2</sup> Therefore I have gazed upon you in your<sup>1</sup> holy place,

**that I might behold your power<sup>1</sup> and your glory.**

<sup>3</sup> For your steadfast love is better than<sup>1</sup> life itself;

**my lips shall<sup>1</sup> give you praise.**

<sup>4</sup> So will I bless you as long<sup>1</sup> as I live

**and lift up my hands<sup>1</sup> in your name.**

<sup>5</sup> My spirit is content, as with the rich-<sup>1</sup>est of foods,

**and my mouth praises you with<sup>1</sup> joyful lips,**

<sup>6</sup> when I remember you up-<sup>1</sup>on my bed,

**and meditate on you in<sup>1</sup> the night watches.**

<sup>7</sup> For you have<sup>1</sup> been my helper,

**and under the shadow of your wings I<sup>1</sup> will rejoice.**

<sup>8</sup> My whole being<sup>1</sup> clings to you;

**your right hand<sup>1</sup> holds me fast.**

**Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

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 thirteenth chapter

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

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 13:1-9

New Testament

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Ed Foster

**Hymn of the Day**

*Jerusalem, My Happy Home*

ELW # 628, v. 1, 2 & 5

**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** *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

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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**Communion Hymns**

*Blessed Assurance  
In the Cross of Christ I Glory  
Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

ELW # 638  
ELW # 324  
ELW # 772

**Post-Communion Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Announcements**

**Sending Hymn**

*Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*

ELW # 445, v. 1 & 3

**The Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**

*All the Way My Savior Leads Me*

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 ..... Diane Ziehl  
Greeters/Ushers ..... Bob & Karole Karls  
Liturgist ..... Al Mohling  
Lector ..... Judy Ward  
Sound & Zoom Technician ..... Sam Foster  
Coffee Fellowship.....

**COMING THIS WEEK**

**March 23-30**

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)
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship & Potluck
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	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

## ✠ *Prayer Concerns* ✠

### OUR MEMBERS

Karen Thompson  
Joe Poretta  
Donald Brumm

Marsha Gust  
Geri Riley  
Jim Gilbert

Gene Page

### OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Elvis F.  
Erika B.  
Pat Vielhauer  
Ron Wagner  
Kelly Covey & family  
Pam Vaught  
Stanley Pearson  
Bonnie Shipman  
Daria Charman  
Dave Newton  
Tara Boos

Jennifer Blomberg  
Eleanor Garrison (age 7)  
Cooper Cupp (age 6)  
William Niemann  
John Welsh  
Tom Williams  
Inge Robbins  
Maria Garrick & family  
Art McCray  
Mary Ann Carter  
Brandon Rodewald

Doug Jones  
Patrick Parkhurst  
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  
Stan Field

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 23

**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.

**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 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

**SEDER MEAL & POTLUCK BEFORE WORSHIP ON MAUNDY THURSDAY** On Thursday, April 17 we will celebrate a Seder, along with a potluck, much as Jesus and his disciples would have shared for Passover. Following the meal, we will move into the Sanctuary for our Maundy Thursday service. We invite all to join us and ask that you bring a dish or dessert to share with each other. Keep watching the bulletin for suggestions of Jewish dishes you might prepare.

**EASTER PAGEANT** Easter is April 20 this year and it will be the 55<sup>th</sup> 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!

Please sign up on the sheet beside the flower chart.

**THRIVENT DESIGNATION** Through Thrivent Choice<sup>®</sup>, 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<sup>®</sup>. 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.