

Email Blast for Sunday March 30



4th Sunday in Lent

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

March 30, 2025

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

FROM PASTOR ED

Our Gospel lesson this week is like an old friend we haven't seen for the last 3 years. The 4th Sunday in Lent features the story we commonly know as "The Prodigal Son." It is a story of exuberant and extravagant forgiveness and love. It is also the story of painful repentance and judgmental jealousy and self-righteousness. Jesus challenges his listeners to rejoice at the salvation of the sinners, the outcasts and the unworthy. Jesus challenges us to love those who don't deserve it, to welcome those who have

insulted us, to forgive the unforgiveable. Jesus challenges to celebrate when the lost have been found.

Have blessed week,
Shalom,
Pastor Ed

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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

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

He Leadeth Me

Sally Burke, Cello
Tracey Atzeni

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 (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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ELW # 807

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

Canticle of Praise: Glory to God in the highest

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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

First Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

Old Testament

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32 (*Congregation sings responsively*)



- ¹Happy are they whose transgressions ¹ are forgiven,
and whose sin is ¹ put away!
- ²Happy are they to whom the LORD im- ¹ putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there ¹ is no guile!
- ³While I held my tongue, my bones with- ¹ ered away,
because of my groaning ¹ all day long.
- ⁴For your hand was heavy upon me ¹ day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the ¹ heat of summer.
- ⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- ¹ ceal my guilt.
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” Then you forgave me the guilt ¹ of my sin.
- ⁶Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in ¹ time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they ¹ shall not reach them.
- ⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve ¹ me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts ¹ of deliverance.
- ⁸**I will instruct you and teach you in the way that ¹ you should go;
I will guide you ¹ with my eye.**
- ⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no ¹ understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will ¹ not stay near you.”
- ¹⁰**Great are the tribulations ¹ of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust ¹ in the LORD.**
- ¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice ¹ in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are ¹ true of heart.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

New Testament

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to Luke, the fifteenth chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

New Testament

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

ELW # 779

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

Beneath The Cross Of Jesus

Tracey Atzeni

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

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling
Beneath the Cross of Jesus
I Love to Tell the Story*

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ELW # 338
ELW # 661

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

ELW # 773

The Dismissal

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

C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Tracey Atzeni

Fellowship Time

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

WORSHIP LEADERS

- PastorEd Foster
- Organist/Pianist Tracey Atzeni
- Choir Director.....Tracy Garrett
- Choir Accompanist..... Tracey Atzeni
- Handbells Director..... Toni Wagner

- Altar Guild.....Judy Ward
- Greeters/Ushers Mike & Judy Ward

LiturgistTracy Garrett
 Lector..... Sally Burke
 Sound & Zoom Technician..... Sam Foster
 Coffee Fellowship.....Lynn & Joyce Burke

COMING THIS WEEK
March 30-April 6

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
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Property Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Chorale Rehearsal
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Altar Guild
	10:00 a.m.	WELCA-Crafts
	11:00 a.m.	WELCA Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Lent Worship & Potluck
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Lake Jazz Band Rehearsal
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† *Prayer Concerns* †

OUR MEMBERS

Frank Howley
 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 Scheuerman
 Dave Newton

Tara Boos
 Jennifer Blomberg
 Eleanor Garrison (age 7)
 Cooper Cupp (age 6)
 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

Christian condolences and hope are extended to the Niemann family on the death of Charles's brother, William on March 18.

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 30

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; and for April is Mary Evans, 816-506-7995

THANK YOU FROM COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST It is with heartfelt thanks for all the soups & other canned products given for "Souper Bowl Sunday"! You have filled CFC's shelves with lots of good things to eat, for many families in need, and it is appreciated by all!!

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!!!!

CFC SPRING/SUMMER CHANGE OUT On Monday April 7th your help is needed to assist in restocking Community for Christ with Spring and Summer clothes, starting at 10:00 am, lunch will be provided. Also, time to volunteer at Community for Christ is on Thur. Apr 10 and Saturday April 12th. This starts the availability of Spring and Summer clothes. An opportunity to work and shop for something to add to your wardrobe! Sign-up sheet is on the infamous bulletin board. This is truly neighbors helping neighbors. Won't you please consider volunteering? Thank You!

WELCA SPRING LUNCHEON May 2nd is the WELCA Annual Spring Luncheon! We'll begin at 11:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. The theme is "Once Upon an Apron" - wear your special apron or bring one to share! \$10 donation at the door goes to the Nursing Scholarship Program at Lake Regional. There will be an Apron Raffle Basket & Placements, etc. Tickets are \$1 each or 8 tickets for \$5. Invite your neighbors and members of other churches to join us. Please RSVP by April 25 to Joan Wilken or to the Church office.

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MARKET DAYS AT HURRICANE DECK ELEMENTARY Friday, April 11 at 9:45-10:45 the HD Third graders will be having their Market Days following their economics unit. They have decided that the money they earn will go to N.E.G.U.(Pediatic Cancer). The boys and girls create projects and items that they sell. Examples are bookmarks, bubblegum machines, bracelets and many other things. As you come into the gym, you will trade your real money for play money that you use to purchase things. It is a wonderful project that the boys and girls get very excited about. The public is invited. Hope to see you there.

MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP & POTLUCK On Wednesdays through April 9, 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 Community for Christ and Social Ministry. Join us after the service for one of Kent’s famous potlucks. Please bring a dish or dessert to share.

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 serve a Seder Meal, much as Jesus and his disciples would have shared for Passover, along with a potluck. At the end of the meal, we will adjourn into the Sanctuary for our Maundy Thursday service at 6pm. We invite all to join us and ask that you bring a dish or dessert to share with each other.

EASTER LILIES We will decorate our sanctuary again this Easter with beautiful lilies. The lilies are \$20 each. If you would like to dedicate a lily to a loved one, please fill out the pink form (insert in the bulletin). Checks should be made out to “Altar Guild” with “Lily” in the memo line.

AUDIT COMMITTEE Can you reconcile a checkbook? Can you read a bank statement? Can you donate 2 hours of your time? If so, the Audit Committee is looking for you to join our team. We review the checkbooks and registers from all of the committees at Kent Memorial Lutheran Church twice a year, July and January. When we are done we report the results to the Financial Committee. If you are interested, please call David Curchy or leave your name in the office.

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 on the signup board.