

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

April 6, 2025

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

FROM PASTOR ED

As Lent draws to a close Jesus journey towards Jerusalem takes him to the home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus. Mary will anoint Jesus feet with an expensive perfume. While Judas complains about her wastefulness, Jesus will praise her for her faithful devotion. What is our fragrant gift? How do we express our deepest love for our gracious Lord? How do we prepare ourselves for his passion? How do we respond to his great love for us?

God bless us all as we continue with Jesus on this journey through the cross to the empty tomb.
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

Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

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Prelude

In Gethsemane

Vanessa Hebrank

Call To Worship

P: O God,

C: you have called us to follow you and from the riches of your love you have given us the power to remain faithful to that call. Be with us, O Lord, as we worship you and as we continue to run the race that you have set before us. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

P: Good and gracious Lord,

C: we often look at our lives as competitive struggles in which we vie not only for recognition from one another, but recognition and validation from you. So many times, we mistakenly think that it is completely up to us to finish this race – especially when the struggles of life overwhelm us. Forgive us for those times, O Lord, when we look only to our own power. Remind us that when the struggles of life occur, and the journeys of our lives become difficult, you are there to restore us and give us strength. You are with us through the Holy Spirit to empower and keep us faithful to you. Continue, O God, to instill within us that faith and trust. Amen.

Absolution and Sharing of the Peace

P: Because God does indeed forgive us, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, the peace of the Lord be with you now and always.

C: And also with you.

Gathering Hymn

As We Gather at Your Table

ELW # 522, v. 1 & 2

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: Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new things you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through 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

Written in Red

Kent Choir

First Reading

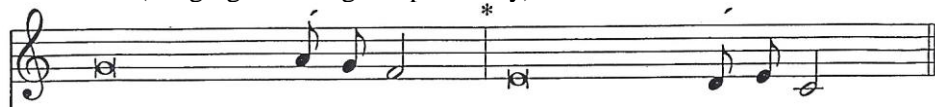
Isaiah 43:16-21

Old Testament

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126 (congregation sings responsively)



- ¹ When the Lord restored the for- | tunes of Zion,
then were we like | those who dream.
- ² **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with | shouts of joy.**
Then they said among the nations, “The Lord has done great | things for them.”
- ³ The Lord has done great | things for us,
and we are | glad indeed.
- ⁴ **Restore our for- | tunes, O Lord,**
like the watercourses | of the Negeb.
- ⁵ Those who | sowed with tears
will reap with | songs of joy.
- ⁶ **Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,**
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

New Testament

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to John, the twelfth chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

John 12:1-8

New Testament

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW # 685, v. 1-3

Profession of Faith–Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

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. 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

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

ELW # 335

Jesus, the Very Thought of You

ELW # 754

Beautiful Savior

ELW # 838

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

ELW # 597, v. 1-3

The Dismissal

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

C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude

Softly and Tenderly

Vanessa Hebrank

Fellowship Time

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor	Ed Foster
Organist/Pianist	Vanessa Hebrank
Choir Director	Tracy Garrett
Choir Accompanist	Tracey Atzeni
Handbells Director	Toni Wagner
Altar Guild	Melba Bangert
Greeters/Ushers	Randy & Ruth Osterbur
Liturgist	Katie Heaford
Lector	Judy Ward
Sound & Zoom Technician	Sam Foster
Coffee Fellowship	Kathy & Larry Fair

COMING THIS WEEK April 6-13

Today	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	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.	Evangelism
	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
Tuesday		ELECTION DAY
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Set up Pageant Wall
	10:00 a.m.	Worship & Music
	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship & Potluck
Thursday	9:45 a.m.	Community for Christ
	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
Friday	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
Sunday		PALM SUNDAY – begin in the Fellowship Hall
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11:00 a.m. Fellowship (coffee & donuts)
Handbells Rehearsal

† *Prayer Concerns* †

OUR MEMBERS

Sandra Gilbert
Janet Page
Frank Howley
Karen Thompson

Joe Poretta
Donald Brumm
Marsha Gust
Geri Riley

Jim Gilbert
Gene Page

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Cindy Hoch
Casi Johnston
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

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 APRIL 6

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 in the pew and let us know. First time here? Please introduce yourself to Pastor Ed at the end of the service.

CARE CORE for April is Mary Evans, 816-506-7995

PALM SUNDAY Next Sunday, April 13, we will begin in the Fellowship Hall, then process into the sanctuary, waving palms and singing praises.

FILL EASTER GOODY BAGS FOR HURRICANE DECK After worship next Sunday, we will fill goody bags for the kids at Hurricane Deck. In the back of the fellowship hall.

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!

QUARTERS FOR QUALITY EDUCATION Our friends at Hurricane Deck have received an incredible honor. As most of us know, the Leader In Me program at Hurricane Deck is a fantastic program that makes a huge difference in the lives of the children and the families in our neighborhood. Others are recognizing how outstanding they are as well. The two Kindergarten teachers have been asked to come to the Leader in Me training event and teach others how they make leadership a part of their everyday instruction with their young students. It is a great honor and a great opportunity, but as you might have guessed the cost of attending the event isn't paid for. If you would like to support our friends, please consider donating in the Quarters jar outside of Pastor Ed's office. Quarters, dollars and other denominations of cash will help make a attending this conference possible.

MARKET DAYS AT HURRICANE DECK ELEMENTARY is this Friday, April 11 at 9:45-10:45 a.m. 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.(Pediatric 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 then 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. The potluck host committees are Long Range Planning and 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. SIGN UP TODAY! 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.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA – Mid Missouri Spring Gathering will be held on April 26, 2025, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Cole Camp, beginning at 9:00 a.m. with registration and refreshments. Business and program begin at 10:00 a.m. Registration is \$5.00. Lunch will be provided. The theme for the gathering is "Faith working through love" (Galatians 5:6b). Bible study will be led by Pastor Stephen Zeller. The afternoon program will be given by Connie McCray, Director of Hope5One Ministry, a faith-based organization dedicated to giving hope and freedom from human trafficking. All are welcome to be a part of this day of learning and sharing. A sign-up sheet is posted on the WELCA board in the fellowship hall.

For more information contact Melba Bangert 573-836-5030.

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.

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 at 573-723-0471 or leave your name in the office.

HOLY WEEK AT KENT

PALM SUNDAY - April 13 at 10:00 a.m.—The service will begin in the Fellowship Hall

MAUNDY THURSDAY - April 17 – Seder at 5:00 p.m. Worship at 6:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP - April 18 at 6:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY—April 20

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service with Holy Communion

7:30 a.m. Easter Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. 56th Annual Easter Pageant "*HE IS RISEN!*"

9:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion