

Email Blast for March 1



## **Second Sunday in Lent**

### **Kent Memorial Lutheran Church**

184 Sunset Hill Drive  
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

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

**March 1, 2026**

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

#### **FROM PASTOR ED**

For God so loved the world. John 3:16 is without a doubt the best known verse in all the Bible. It is the Gospel in a nutshell. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that whoever believes in him shall have eternal life." It is a surprising statement, even an outrageous one. In John's Gospel, the world is rebellious, traitorous, and murderous. It is sinful and unclean. But God loves this world this much. There is nothing God

won't do to save it. God is willing to do anything to save us and give us life. How much do we love the world? How can we learn to love it the way God does? How can we be a part of God's work to save it?

Have a very blessed week!

Shalom,  
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

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

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### Welcome

### Prelude

*Longing*

Vanessa Hebrank

### Call To Worship

P: Abraham was called by God to move to a new place.

**C: And we are called by God to make a move as well.**

P: God has called us to spread the good news of salvation.

**C: Move us, O Lord, to share the gospel with those around us.**

P: God has called us to live a life filled with blessing.

**C: Move us, O Lord, to bless others with the blessings you have given us.**

P: God has called us to become a great nation of believers.

**C: Move us, O Lord, to praise and worship you as the greatest King of all.**

### Confession and Forgiveness

**All: Gracious God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us and give us strength to turn from sin and to serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P: By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives us all our sins. Almighty God, strengthen us in all goodness and 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

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

ELW # 335, v. 1-3

**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**

**Canticle of Praise:** Glory to God in the highest

ELW p. 148

**Prayer of the Day**

**All: O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world 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**

*Speak to Me in Ashes*

Kent Choir

**First Reading**

Genesis 12:1-4a

Old Testament

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 121** (congregation chants responsively)



<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes | to the hills;

from where is my | help to come?

<sup>2</sup> **My help comes | from the Lord,**  
**the maker of heav- | en and earth.**

<sup>3</sup> The Lord will not let your | foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup> **Behold, the keep- | er of Israel**  
**will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;**

<sup>5</sup> the Lord watches | over you;  
the Lord is your shade at | your right hand;

<sup>6</sup> **the sun will not strike | you by day,**  
**nor the | moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup> The Lord will preserve you | from all evil  
and will | keep your life.

<sup>8</sup> **The Lord will watch over your going out and your | coming in,**  
**from this time forth for- | evermore.**

**Second Reading**

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

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 third chapter.

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

**Gospel Reading**

John 3:1-17

New Testament

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Ed Foster

**Hymn of the Day**

*Lift High the Cross*

ELW # 660, v. 1, 3 & 4

**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: Hear us, O God.**

**C: Your mercy is great.**

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

**Offertory**

*Here to Love*

Vanessa Hebrank

**Offering Prayer**

**P: God, maker of heaven and earth,**

**C: your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. 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**

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

ELW # 666

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*

ELW # 614

*Blessed Assurance*

ELW # 638

**Post-Communion Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Announcements**

**Sending Hymn**

*Savior, Again to Your Dear Name*

ELW # 534, v. 1 & 2

**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

Pastor.....Ed Foster  
 Organist/Pianist..... Vanessa Hebrank  
 Choir Director ..... Tracy Garrett  
 Choir Accompanist..... Tracey Atzeni  
 Handbells Director .....

Altar Guild ..... Melba Bangert  
 Greeters/Ushers ..... Mike & Judy Ward  
 Liturgist..... Tracy Garrett  
 Lector ..... Toni Wagner  
 Sound & Zoom Technician ..... Michael Wagner  
 Coffee Fellowship .....Donna Young

## COMING THIS WEEK March 1-8

Today	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 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.	Evangelism
	6:00 p.m.	Chorale Rehearsal
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Altar Guild
	11:00 a.m.	WELCA Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Worship
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Lake Jazz Band
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
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## ✠ *Prayer Concerns* ✠

### OUR MEMBERS

Steve Clark	Linda Williams	Donald Brumm
Joe Poretta	Sandra Gilbert	Marsha Gust
Linda Kimberling	Janet Page	Jim Gilbert
Liz VanDeVeire	Frank Howley	Gene Page

### OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Todd Poretta	LaVoe Worrel	Shane S.
April Kroll	Bill Walston	Kathy Pipes
Kathy Taulbert	Tara Boos	Pamela Funk
Ashley Cox	Sarah Hellman	Jay Welshonse
Pat & Shirley Rogers	Blanche Lacroix	Sydney Soderberg
Art McCray	Bill Clevenger	Rita Galliard

Donna Winzenburg  
Ed Saracco  
Larry Wilson

Bill Peterson  
Stanley Pearson  
Dave Newton

John Welsh

### **CONTINUED PRAYERS**

Evan Beaupre  
Stacy Carey  
Mary Ann Carter  
Shirley Clark  
Evelyn Clements  
Cooper Cupp  
Ron Ferguson  
Stacey Fleck  
Elvis F.  
Al Gann

Eleanor Garrison  
Ken Gerardy  
Carla Glusing  
Hardy  
Bruce Hedgepeth  
Jeanne Hines  
Wayne Jackson  
Doug Jones  
Teresa Joslin  
Keith Lingwall

Patrick Parkhurst  
Ron Roberts  
Marcia Robbins  
Michele Schafer  
Dianne Steingrubey  
Karen Tischnor  
Pat Vielhauer  
Theresa White  
Bernie Wiegel

### **REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

Christopher Babcock  
Eric Blomberg  
Ben Brammeier  
Dylan Craig  
Aaron Davis

Tanner Glodt  
Kristine Hubbard  
Jason Ites  
Adam Kralina  
Matt Lee

Jordan Lindeman  
Glenn Maddock  
Tristan Morgan  
Adam Peterson

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH**

**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.

**WESTSIDE SENIOR CENTER** Kent's week to help in the dining room is THIS WEEK, March 9th, 11th, 12th, and 13th - 10:15 AM - 12:30 PM. (One volunteer per day). A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

The Center is also looking for volunteer dishwashers. If you are willing to help in this way, please contact Melba Bangert at 573-836-5030. Thank you for your help.

**WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP** continues our study of the Parables in "Stories with Jesus." Services will be followed by a potluck hosted by committees of our congregation.

Wednesday, March 4 —

Potluck host committees: Property, Mutual Ministry

Wednesday, March 11 —

Potluck host committees: Long Range Planning, Social Ministry

Wednesday, March 18 —

Potluck host committees: Altar Guild, Christian Education

Wednesday, March 25 —

Potluck host committee: Evangelism, Audit, Stewardship

**COFFEE & DONUTS HOSTS NEEDED** Do you enjoy your coffee and donuts after the service? We are looking for hosts for coffee fellowship in March. Please consider helping out. Never done it before? Someone will be happy to help.

**COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST PANTRY NEEDS** The CFC food pantry is the only food pantry in Gravois Mills, Laurie and Sunrise Beach and we are going strong. This list of items is really centered around them and their needs. We hope you might be able to help.

- \* Personal hygiene items—shampoo, deodorant, body wash for both men & women
- \* Cleaning supplies for bath and kitchen
- \* Condiments: ketchup, mustard, mayo, pickles or salad dressings
- \* Cereal of any kind
- \* Side dishes—flavored rice, cheesy pasta packets, etc.
- \* Crackers of any kind.

CFC strives to assist many families trying to make ends meet. We could not do what we do without your help!! A big thank you from all of us at CFC!