

Email Blast for March 8



Third Sunday in Lent

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

March 8, 2026

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

FROM PASTOR ED

When Jesus asked a Samaritan woman for a drink of water it opened up the opportunity for him to give her something much more precious, he offered her living water, which would satisfy her forever. He gave her love and grace. He gave her a security that no one else could ever give. How does Jesus satisfy your hunger and your thirst? When has he given you that living water and bread of life? What do you need that only Jesus can provide?

Have a blessed week,

God bless you all,
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

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

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Welcome

Prelude

Just As I Am

Joyce Wanamaker

Call to Worship

P: We come to you this day, O Jesus Christ, seeking to satisfy our spirit's need.

C: **May we be blessed by your gifts.**

P: Our souls seek forgiveness for the sins committed and confessed.

C: **May our spirits draw today from your wondrous wells of grace.**

P: Our souls look for strength and courage in the face of doubts and fears.

C: **May our spirits draw today from your wondrous wells of power.**

P: Our souls strive to find answers to the many questions that plague us.

C: **May our spirits draw today from your wondrous wells of wisdom.**

P: Our souls seek to be filled with your presence.

C: **May our spirits draw today from your wondrous wells of life and peace.**

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Trusting in the Word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us return to our gracious God, confessing our need for healing.

All: Have mercy on us; in your compassion forgive our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

P: Receive the forgiveness of Christ won for you by his passion, death, and resurrection. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

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 Jesus, I Have Promised

ELW # 810, v. 1-3

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: Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth 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

Seek Ye First

Kent Choir

First Reading

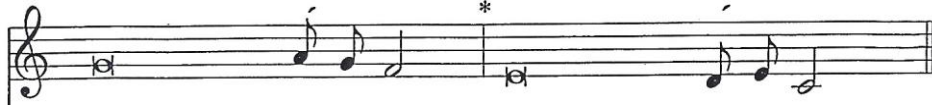
Exodus 17:1-7

Old Testament

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95 (congregation chants responsively)



¹ Come, let us sing | to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

² **Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the | Lord with psalms.**

³ For you, Lord, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.

⁴ **In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;
the heights of the hills are | also yours.**

⁵ The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.

⁶ **Come, let us worship | and bow down,
let us kneel before the | Lord our maker. R**

⁷ For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand.
Oh, that today you would | hear God's voice!

⁸ **"Harden | not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah | in the desert.**

⁹ There your ancestors | tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had | seen my works.

¹⁰ **Forty years I loathed that gener- | ation, saying,
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not | know my ways.'**

¹¹ Indeed I swore | in my anger,
'They shall never come | to my rest.' "

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-11

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 fourth chapter.

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

Gospel Reading

John 4:5-42

New Testament

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

For All the Faithful Women

ELW # 419, v. 1 & 8

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: 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

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Joyce Wanamaker

Offering Prayer

P: O 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

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me
What Feast of Love
O Word of God Incarnate*

ELW # 623
ELW # 487
ELW # 514

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

ELW # 618, v. 1 & 2

The Dismissal

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

C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude

Survey of the Cross

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

- Altar Guild Ruth Osterbur
- Greeters/Ushers..... Bob & Karole Karls
- Liturgist..... Vanessa Hebrank
- Lector Kathy Fair
- Sound & Zoom Technician Gail Kruse
- Coffee Fellowship Lynn & Joyce Burke

COMING THIS WEEK

March 8-15

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.	Social Ministry Committee
	10:15 a.m.	Westside Senior Center Volunteers
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Worship & Music Committee
	10:15 a.m.	Westside Senior Center Volunteers
	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship & Potluck
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
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† *Prayer Concerns* †

OUR MEMBERS

Charlie Embich
Steve Clark
Joe Poretta
Linda Kimberling
Liz VanDeVeire

Linda Williams
Sandra Gilbert
Janet Page
Frank Howley
Donald Brumm

Marsha Gust
Jim Gilbert
Gene Page

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Edward Etter
Luke Hanke
Jim Smith
Charles McMullin
Todd Poretta
April Kroll
Kathy Taulbert
Ashley Cox
Shirley Rogers
Art McCray

Bill Walston
Tara Boos
Sarah Hellman
Blanche Lacroix
Bill Clevenger
Shane S.
Kathy Pipes
Pamela Funk
Jay Welshonse
Sydney Soderberg

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 8

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 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.

Holy Week at Kent Memorial

Palm Sunday, March 29 10am Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 2 6pm Worship

Good Friday, April 3 6pm Worship

Easter Sunday, April 5

8:30 a.m. 57th Annual Easter Pageant "*HE IS RISEN!*"

9:00 a.m. Easter Continental Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion