

Pastor Kent Krumwiede to Roseni & Union Creek Lutheran Churches

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I will briefly tell you about myself.

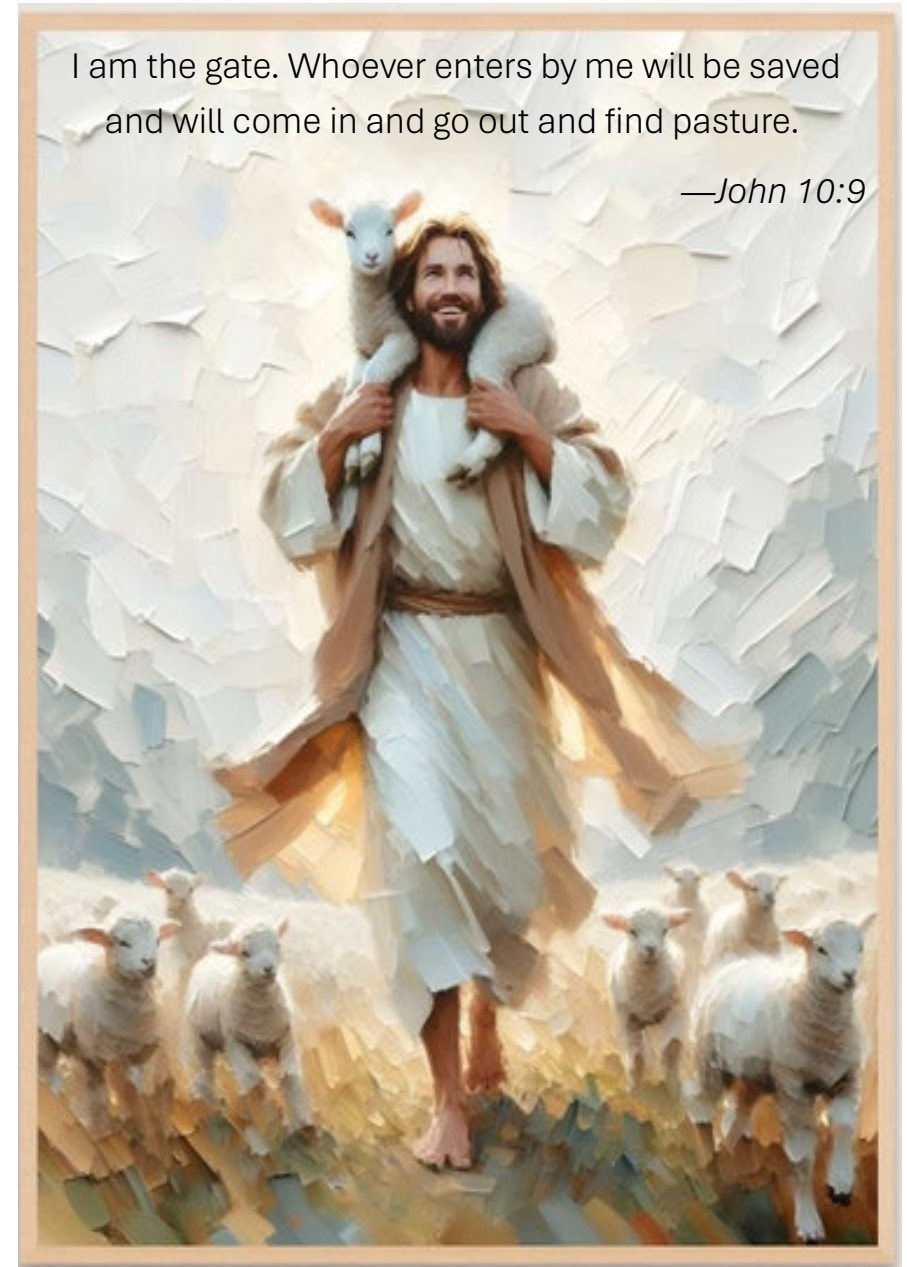
Raised on a farm in south-central Minnesota, about 17 miles north of Estherville, IA. My home church in the middle of a cornfield, about 22 pews, was my introduction to the Christian faith. Teachers and a pastor who gave me a vision of how the church functions as a family and a community.

I am an MDiv graduate from Luther Seminary-St. Paul in 2016. I was ordained January 2017. I have served four interim positions during my seminary days, with an internship at Winds of the Prairie Parish (five-point parish in Southwestern Minnesota). My first call was a two-point parish in the Northwestern Minnesota Synod. I then served a two-point parish in the Southwestern Minnesota Synod in Fairfax, MN, which became a three-point experience when I was asked to walk with the local United Methodist Church. I spent about 8 years there.

My family consists of my wife, Lisa (a retired LPN and great cook), and four adult sons: Joshua (former manager at a Dollar General), Phillip (a veteran and OTR truck driver), Jacob (retired Army and pastor in Ohio), and Peter (a veteran and a construction worker). I have an older sister (retired Spanish teacher) and brother (works in Sioux Falls), and live in Sioux Falls. My mother lives in an assisted living facility in Fairmont, MN, and turns 99 this July.

As your new pastor, I am hoping, trusting, and believing that will be our experience as I do ministry among you and as we do ministry together. May we share a holy journey.

Pastor Kent



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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.

* Indicates congregation stands as you are able

Italics = Pastor

Bold = Congregation

Prelude

Announcements

Birthday Wishes

Nolan Johnson-27; Hudson Hohenstein-28; Sienna Doty-30;
Berklie Jacobson-1; Waylon McKee-1

(Sung to the tune of Happy Birthday)

**God bless you today, God bless you always,
God bless you and keep you, another year through.**

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Ringling of the Bell

** Thanksgiving for Baptism*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Our Prayer Concerns

Family of Ione Jucht, Joann Hedeby, Elaine Swift, Ron Siemers, Becky Kjose, PeeWee Kincaid, Duane Forslund, Marilyn Heeren, Dylan Haverhals, Penny & Richard Britt, Doug Eckmann, and Netti Dunham

Meat Sticks Sale

The youth are selling their remaining meat sticks for \$1.25 each.

Offering & Attendance

Sunday, April 19

Attendance: 32 / Offering: \$650

We are always grateful for your continued offerings and support!

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<p>04.26.26 Greeters: Rob/Deb Usher/Bell: Rob Lector: Sherri Fellowship: Rob/Deb</p>	<p>05.03.26 Greeters: Carol Usher/Bell: Dene Lector: Carol Communion: Patti Fellowship: Dene/Jean</p>
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Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 26

Pastor Kent Krumwiede / Mike Pedersen, Organist
8:30 a.m. Worship Service
Noisy Offering: ELCA Good Gifts, Fish Farm
9:30 a.m. Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesday, April 29

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

Sunday, May 3

Pastor April Peterson / Mike Pedersen, Organist
9:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. Congregational Vote on calling Pastor Kent Krumwiede
10:15 a.m. Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Notice of Congregational Vote

The Union Creek Lutheran Church Congregation will vote to extend a call to Pastor Kent Krumwiede on Sunday, May 3, 2026 immediately following worship. Only full members present that day may vote. The sole purpose of the meeting will be this vote and no other business.

Our Condolences

We extend our sincere condolences to the family of Ione Lucht. Burial services will be held later this summer at Union Creek.

*Salvation belongs to our God
who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!*
Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Merciful God,
You are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.
You lead us beside still waters.*

*We thank you for the waters of creation:
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.
We thank you for the water that nourishes us.
Blessed are you.*

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

*Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
who accompanies us on our journeys.
We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.
Blessed are you.*

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

*Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.
Break down barriers that divide us.
Fill us with the breath of peace.
Blessed are you.*

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

*Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever. **Amen.***

* *Gathering Hymn #385*
“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”

* *Pastoral Greeting*
*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*
And also with you.

**Prayer of the Day*

O God our Shepherd,

You know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, 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 with Pastor Kent

Noisy Offering: ELCA Good Gifts, Fish Farm

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

(Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained to worship and fellowship, share what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.)

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23

¹ *The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.*

² **The Lord makes me lie down
in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³ *You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways
for your name's sake.*

Righteous Judge, strengthen and uphold those who work for justice and advocate for human rights. Bring an end to oppression and save us from the temptation of violence or vengeance. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Great Physician, walk with those who are grieving, and anoint those who are ill or injured. We pray especially for the Family of Ione Lucht, Joann Hedeby, Elaine Swift, Ron Siemers, Becky Kjose, PeeWee Kincaid, Duane Forslund, Marilyn Heeren, Dylan Haverhals, Penny & Richard Britt, Doug Eckmann, and Nettie Dunham. Restore them to health of body, mind, and spirit. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Good Shepherd, continually seek us out as lambs of your flock, and form us into a community where all are honored and cared for. Spread a feast before us and fill our cups to overflowing. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Living God, we praise you for the saints who have died in faith and now dwell in your love. At our end, bring us, with them, to our heavenly home. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.

Our Lord's Prayer

** Benediction*

*God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.*

** Closing Hymn #774 "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"*

** Dismissal*

*Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!*

Please join us for fellowship following worship

- 4** **Though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff they comfort me.**
- 5** *You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.*
- 6** **Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell
in the house of the Lord forever.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25

(Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid adversity.)

¹⁹ For it is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²² "He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

* *Gospel Acclamation #377*

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

**Walking the way, Christ in the center
telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10

(Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.)

Spoken response after the announcement:

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁰ “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Spoken response after the conclusion:

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Message

Hymn of the Day #502

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

* *Nicene Creed*

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* *Presentation of our Offerings*

* *Offertory Response*

“Because He Lives”

**God sent his Son, they called him Jesus,
He came to love, heal, and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.
Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;
Because he lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know he holds the future,
and life is worth the living just because he lives.**

* *Offertory Prayer*

Giving and loving God,

**As the Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep,
may we, too, strive to serve our neighbors.
Whether next door, across town, or around the world,
may God bless our prayers, our gifts, and our ministries.
In Christ’s name, we present these gifts. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Trusting in the power of Christ’s resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Shepherding God, draw all people to yourself and lead them in paths of righteousness. Embolden your church to enter the valleys of the world and guide us beside the still waters of your grace. We pray for military and prison chaplains serving near and far. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Creator God, as we celebrate you as the Good Shepherd who watches over his flock, we ask you to protect our farmers. Guard them against fatigue, injuries, and the heavy burdens of their work. Give them strength for long days and peace for their weary hearts. Merciful God, receive our prayer.