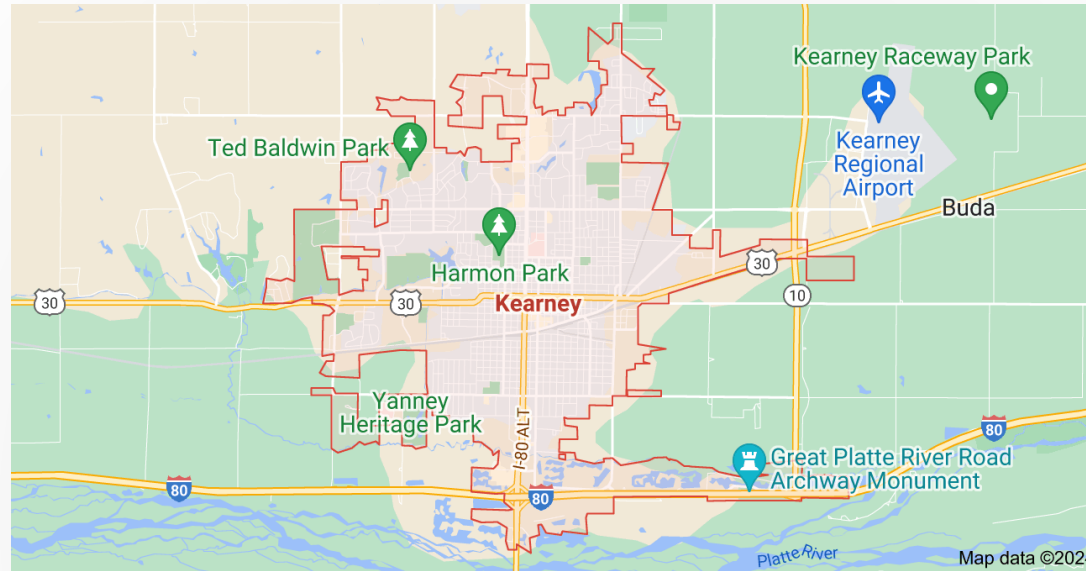


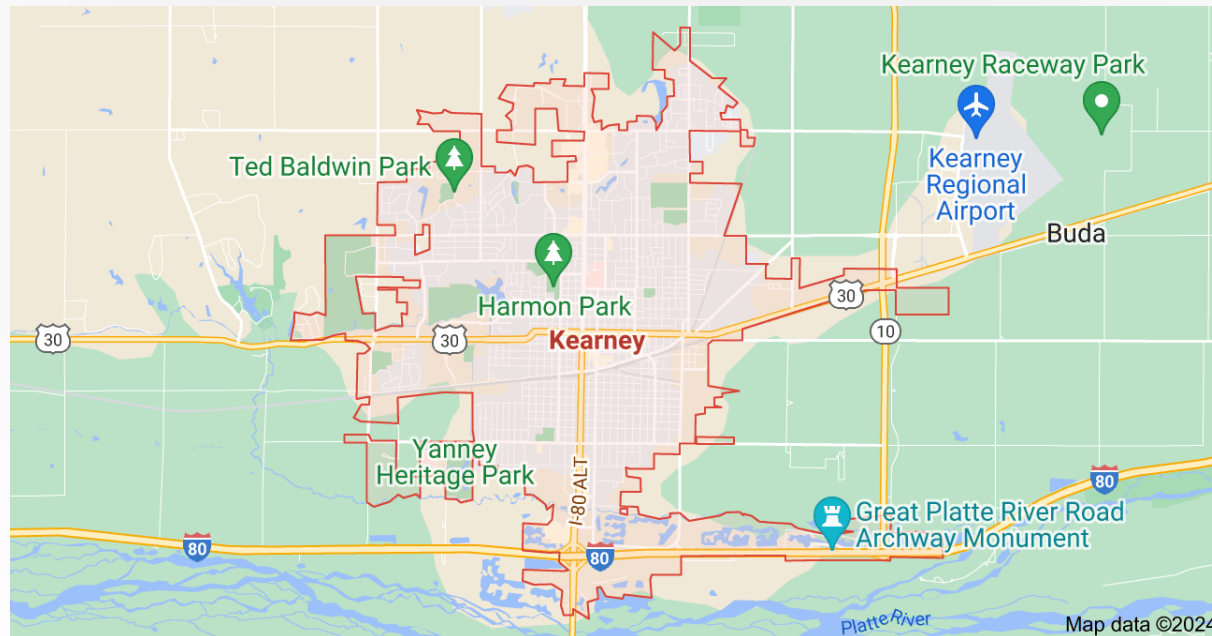
# Third Sunday of Easter



**April 14, 2024**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**11:00 am**  
**Holy Communion**

# Gathering Music

## *“This Little Light of Mine”* Sound Offering

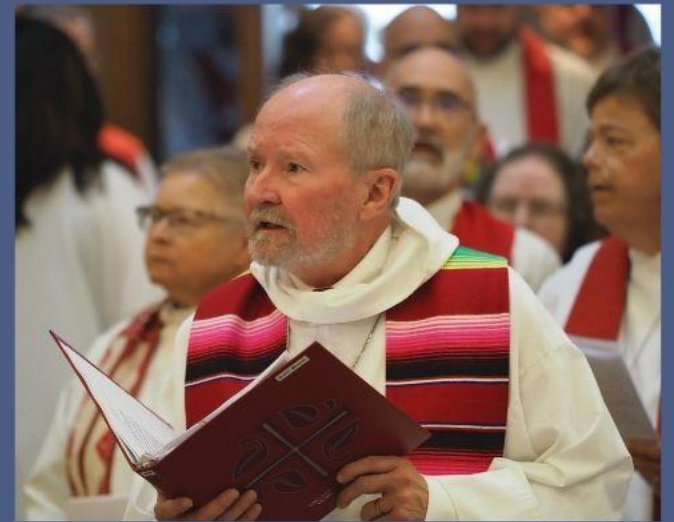


APRIL 13/14, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY  
OF EASTER

Rev. Dr. Michelle Holley Carlson,  
Presiding

Rev. Dr. Rick Carlson,  
Preaching





**S.A.F.E. Center**

Empower. Support. Educate.

**“Sharing Shelf”**

**April S.A.F.E. Center Donation:  
Women’s Deodorant**

**Please set donated items on the shelf in the  
Narthex.**

The S.A.F.E. Center is the Spouse/Sexual Abuse Family Education Center. The S.A.F.E. Center’s mission is to provide free and confidential services for those affected by dating violence, domestic violence, human trafficking, sexual assault, and stalking while bringing awareness and prevention efforts to all individuals across South Central Nebraska.



# Preschool Family Fun Night/Fundraiser

MONDAY, APRIL 15TH

FROM

5-9:00 PM

**Please join us and visit with other church members, and preschool families. This is a great chance to enjoy some yummy food! Everyone is welcome!**

# **WELCA Salad Luncheon**

## **“Lessons in God’s Love”**

### **April 20 - 10:30 am**

**ALL women are invited - bring a guest too!**



**Guest Speaker:**  
**Jason Owens**  
**from Hanny Arram Center**

**See the April Messenger for details!**

# Natalie & Friends

in concert

Sunday, April 21, 2024

3:00 PM

First Lutheran Church



Featuring Chancel Bells, Praiser Bells,  
UNK Flute Choir, Natalie Radcliffe-flute,  
multiple other soloists

# “Together for Joy” Unity Service

**Sunday, April 28**  
**12:00 Noon Potluck**



- **Sno Cones, Games & More!**
- **Fun for the whole family**
- **Members with last names A-L please bring a main dish.**
- **Members with last names M-Z please bring a salad, side or dessert.**
- **11:00 am service only. NO 8:45am service**
- **Bring a game to share!**





# **8th Grade Affirmation of Baptism**

**May 5  
8:45 am Service**

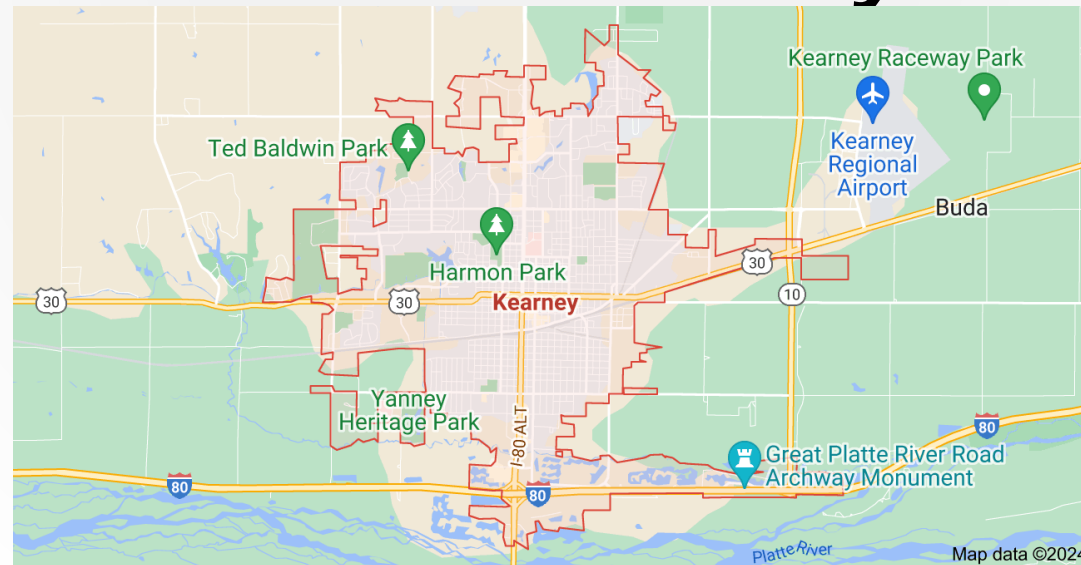
**9:45 am Reception in  
Centennial Hall**



# Greeting

## GREETING ONE ANOTHER

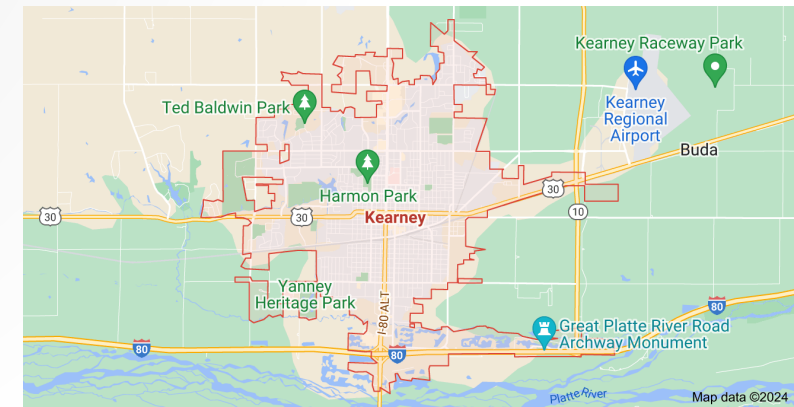
*We greet one another in the name of the Lord using words such as “Peace be with you.”*



# Greeting

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion of  
the Holy Spirit be with you all.

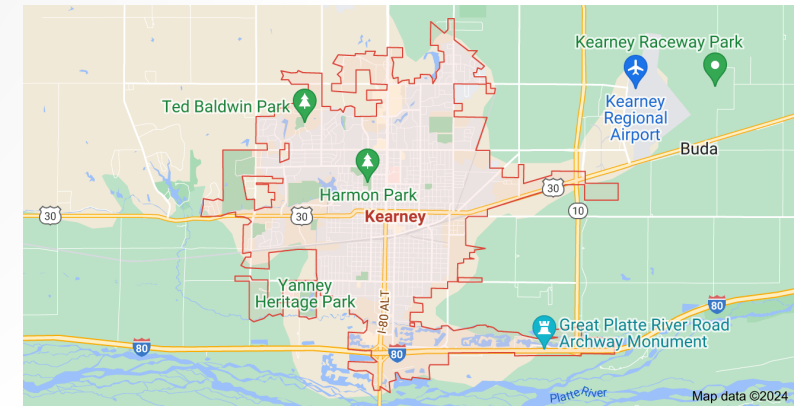
**C:** *And also with you.*



# Prayer of the Day

**L:** Let us pray.

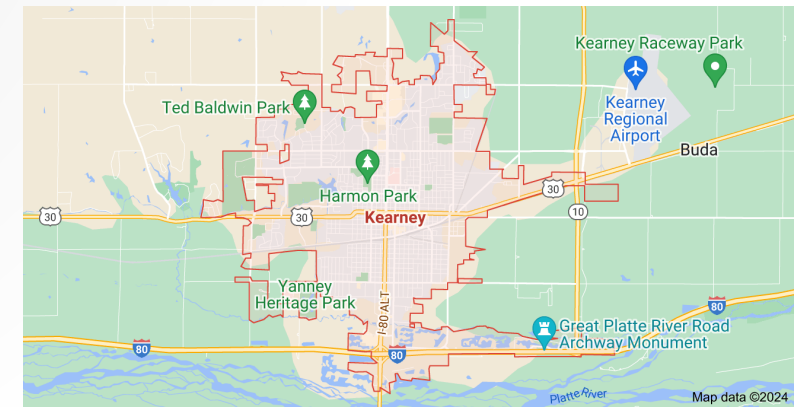
Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children.



# Prayer of the Day

Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**



# Chancel Choir & Sound Offering Cantata

# Chancel Choir & Sound Offering Cantata

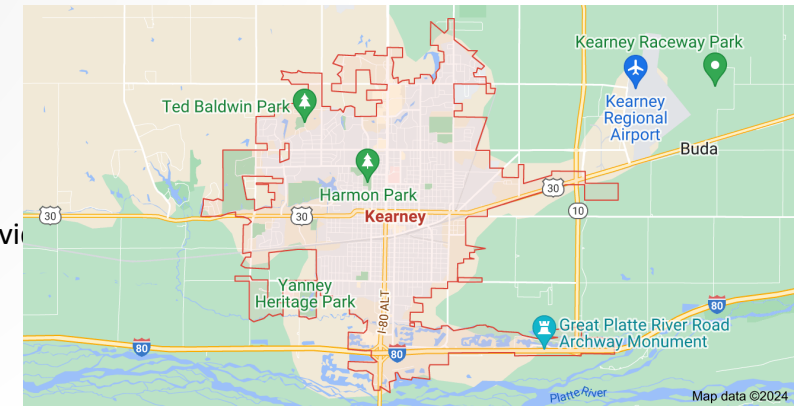
## *“The Hope of the Cross”*

Jay Rouse

**C.J. Sabah and Stacy Bean, directors**

**Narrator: Dave Behle**

Created by Jay Rouse, arranged and orchestrated by Cliff Duren, Marty Hamby, Jay Rouse, Daniel Semsen, David Wise, and David  
© 2024 Lorenz Pub. Co., a division of The Lorenz Corporation  
All Rights Reserved. Used by Permission of CCLI #1093735



# Chancel Choir & Sound Offering Cantata

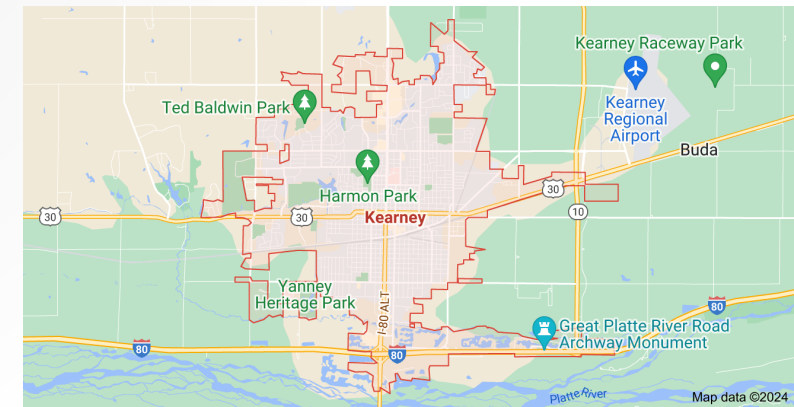
## ***“Shout Hosanna”***

### **Words and music by**

Kristian Stanfill, Brett Younker,

Ed Cash, Chris Tomlin

Arr. Daniel Semsen



# Chancel Choir & Sound Offering Cantata

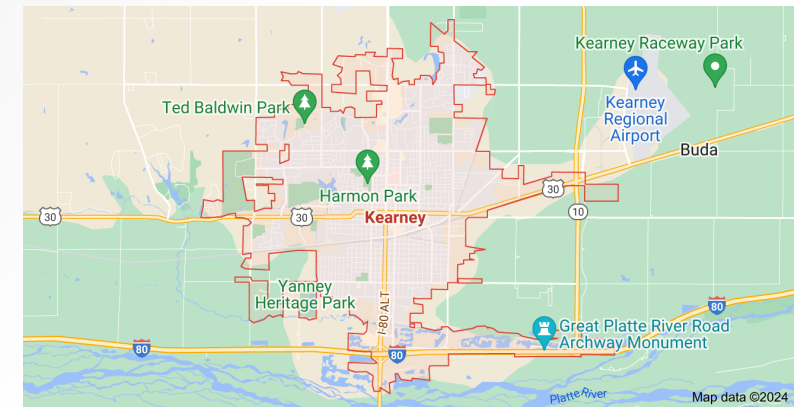
## ***“All Hail King Jesus”***

### **Words and music by**

Ran Jackson, Peter Mattis,  
Jeremy Riddle, Steffany Gretzinger

Arranged David Wise

***Mollie Akerson, Soloist***





# Chancel Choir & Sound Offering Cantata

## ***“God of Calvary”***

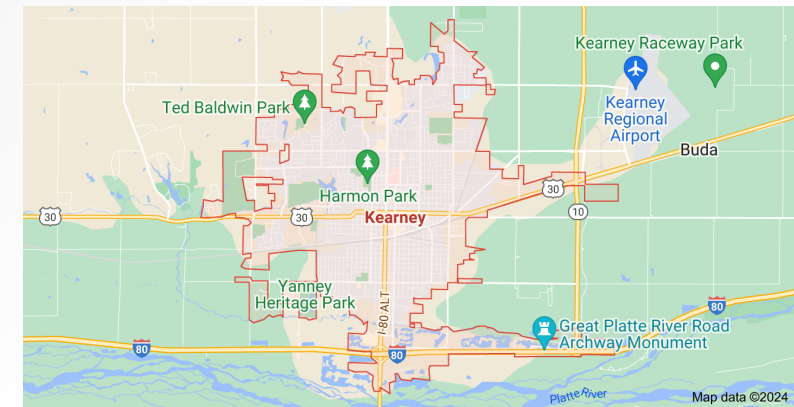
### **Words and music by**

Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin,

Matt Maher, Chris Tomlin

Arr. Jay Rouse

***Jonathan Reece, soloist***

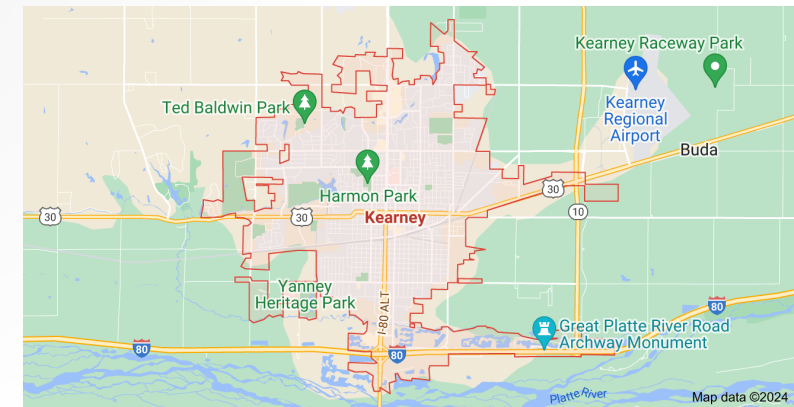


# Chancel Choir & Sound Offering Cantata

## ***“I Believe He’s Alive”***

Words and music by  
Tony Wood, Lyn Rowell  
Arr. Marty Hamby

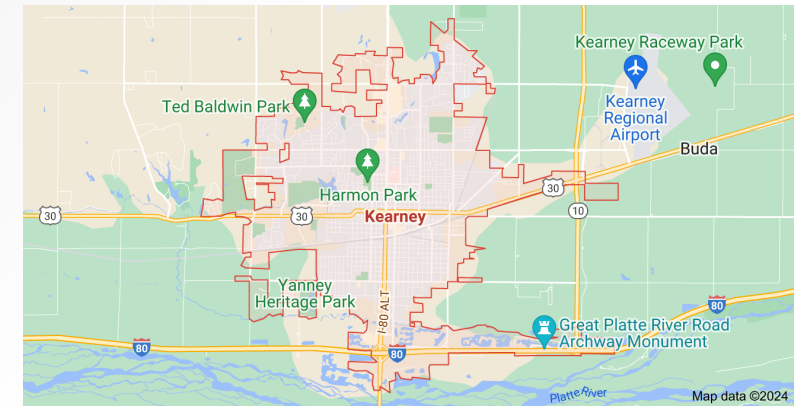
***Angela Wright, soloist***



# Chancel Choir & Sound Offering Cantata

## ***“Power to Redeem”***

Words and music by  
Justin Ebach, Lauren Daigle, Paul Mabury  
Arr. Jay Rouse

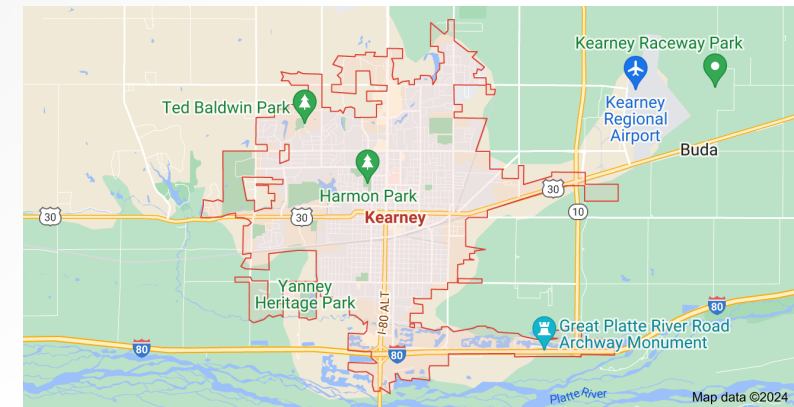


# Chancel Choir & Sound Offering Cantata

## ***“Here He Comes”***

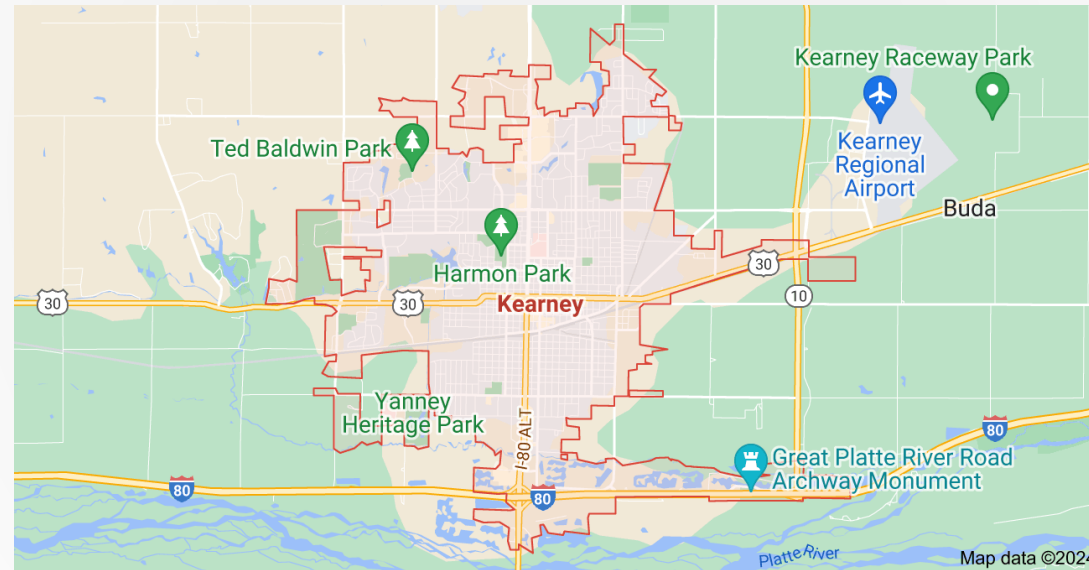
Words and Music by  
Tony Wood, Joseph Habedank  
Arr. Cliff Duren

***Jonathan Reece & Scott Wagner,  
soloists***



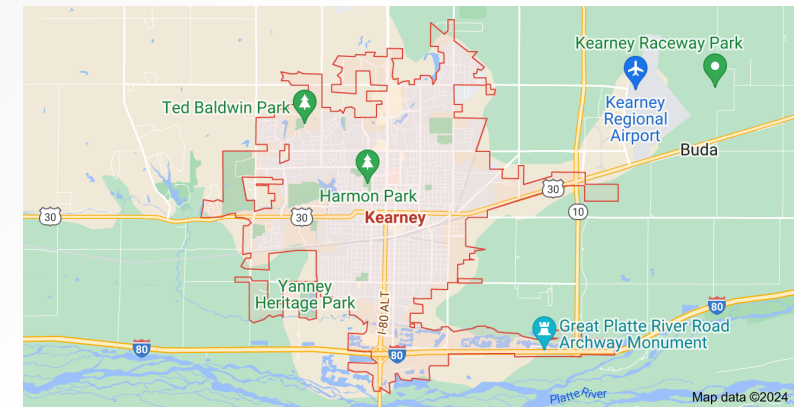
Word: 1 John 3:1-7

# A Reading from First John



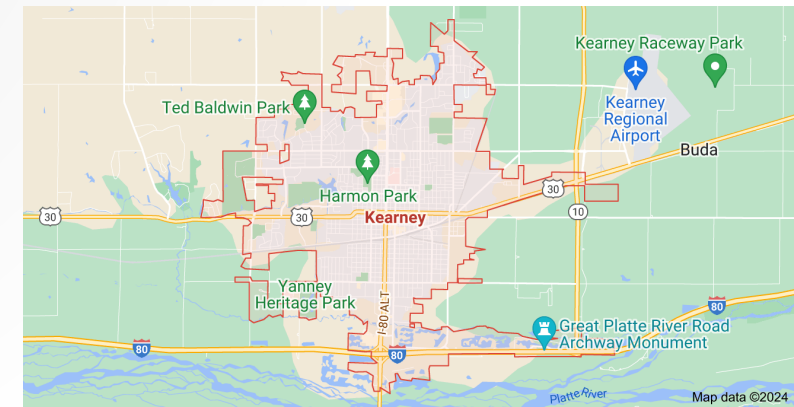
## Word: 1 John 3:1-7

**L:** <sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed.



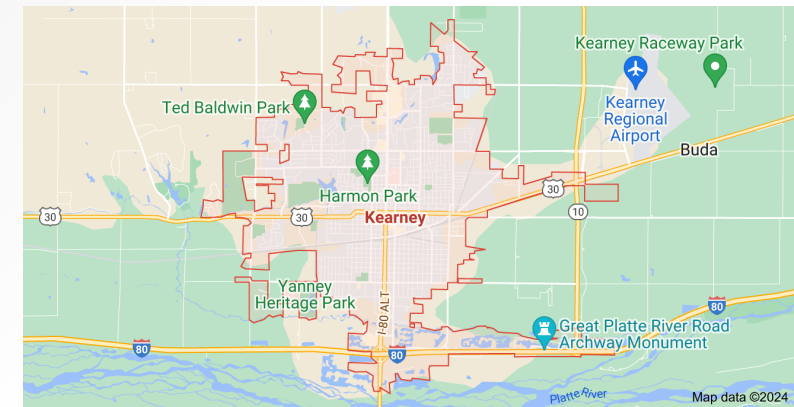
## Word: 1 John 3:1-7

What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.<sup>3</sup> And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.<sup>4</sup> Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.



## Word: 1 John 3:1-7

<sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. *(1 John 3:1-7)*

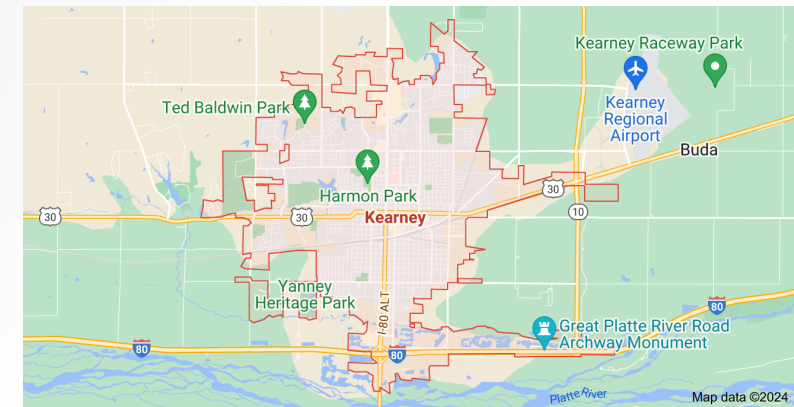




# Word: 1 John 3:1-7

**L:** Word of God. Word of Life.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

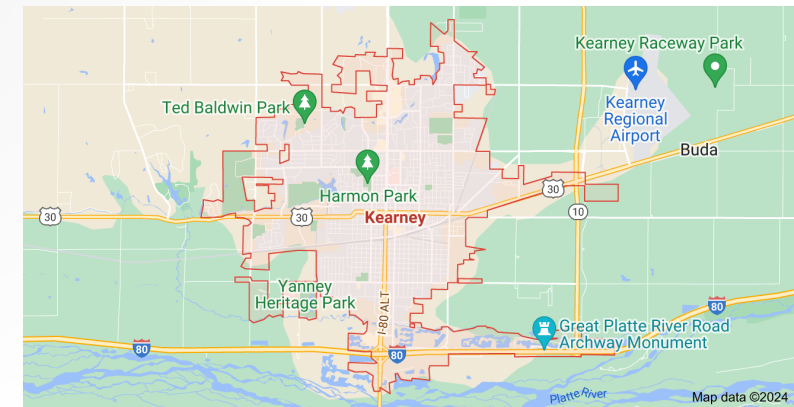


## Gospel : Luke 24:36b-49

*Please stand as you are able for the Gospel.*

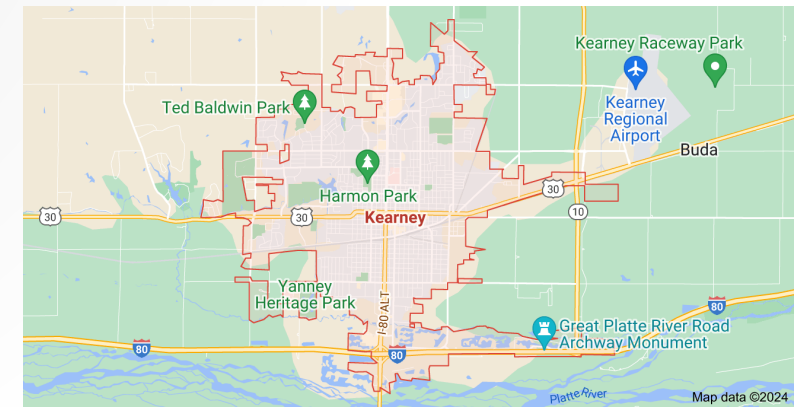
**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the Twenty-Fourth Chapter

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



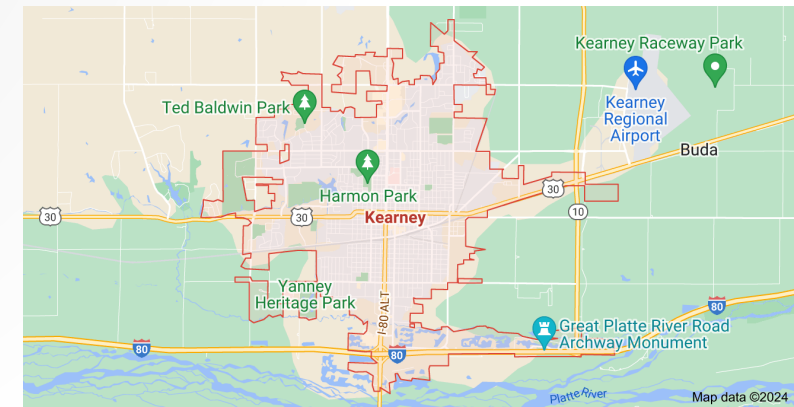
## Gospel : Luke 24:36b-49

**P:** <sup>36b</sup> Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup> They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?”



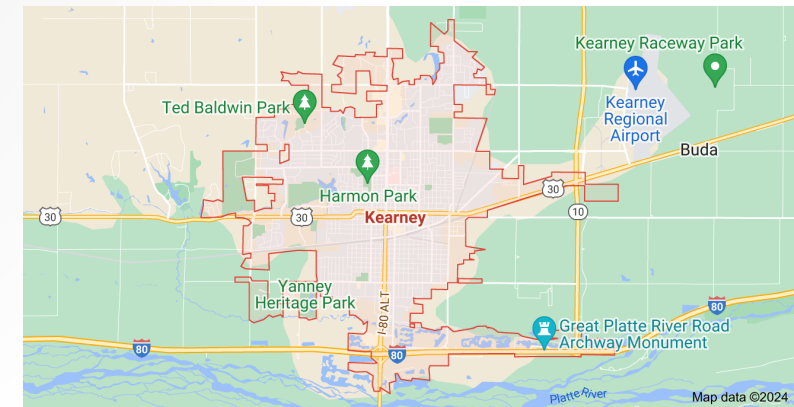
## Gospel : Luke 24:36b-49

<sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.



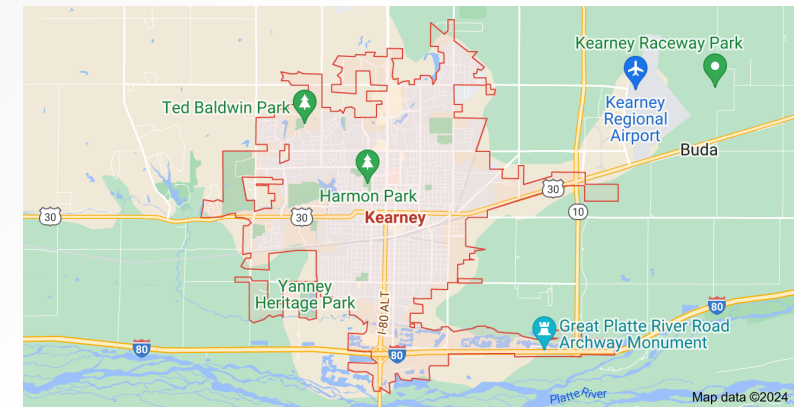
## Gospel : Luke 24:36b-49

<sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.



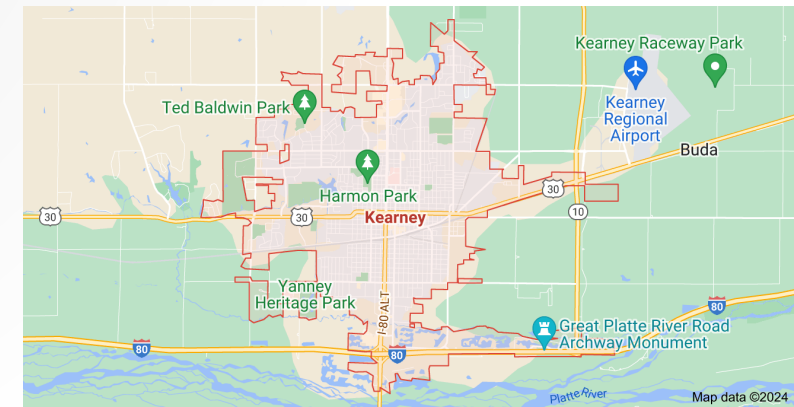
## Gospel : Luke 24:36b-49

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,



## Gospel : Luke 24:36b-49

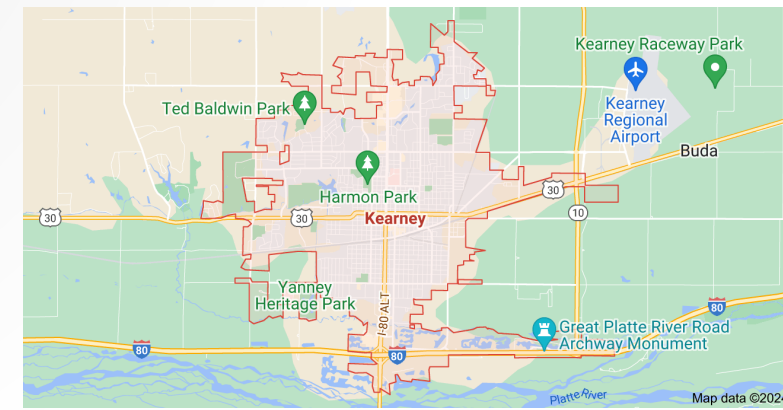
<sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. *(Luke 24:36b-48)*



## Gospel : Luke 24:36b-49

48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 I am sending the promise of my Father upon you, and you, you sit in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

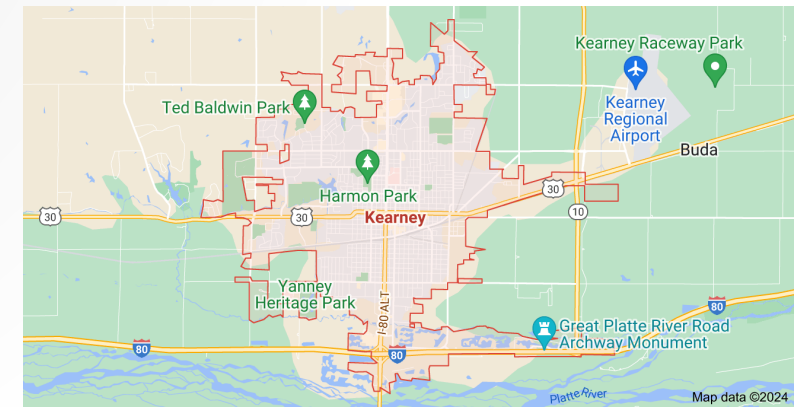
*(Luke 24:36b-49)*





# Gospel : John 20:19-31

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C:** Praise to you O Christ.



**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND  
"NOISY" OFFERING**

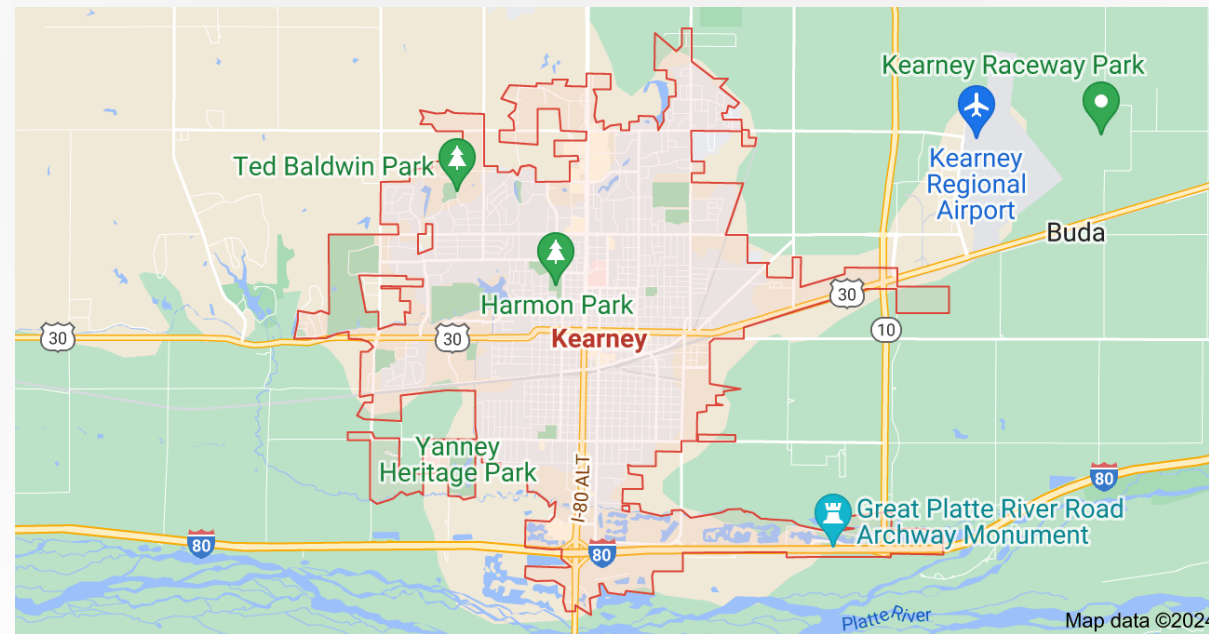
*Children's Offering goes to  
Royal Family KIDS in Kearney*



# Sermon

# SERMON

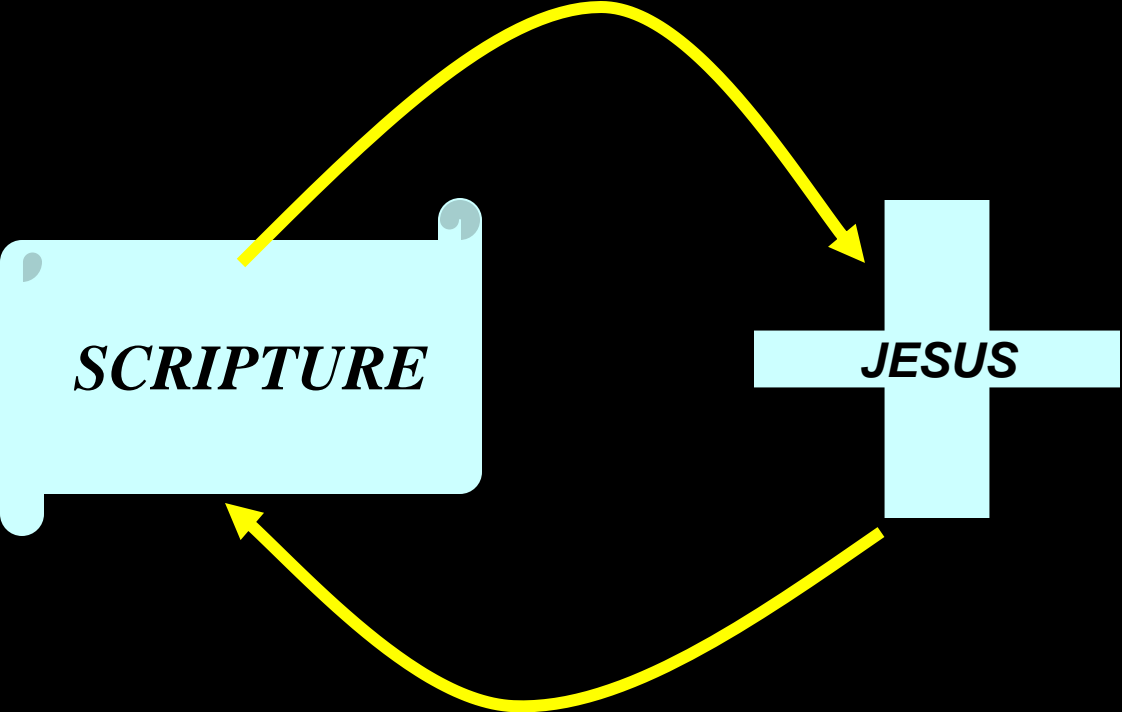
## Pastor Rick Carlson



# Map to God's Saving Mission in the World

- NOT: Popularity—Programs—Money
- Rather: Scripture—Jesus Christ—People

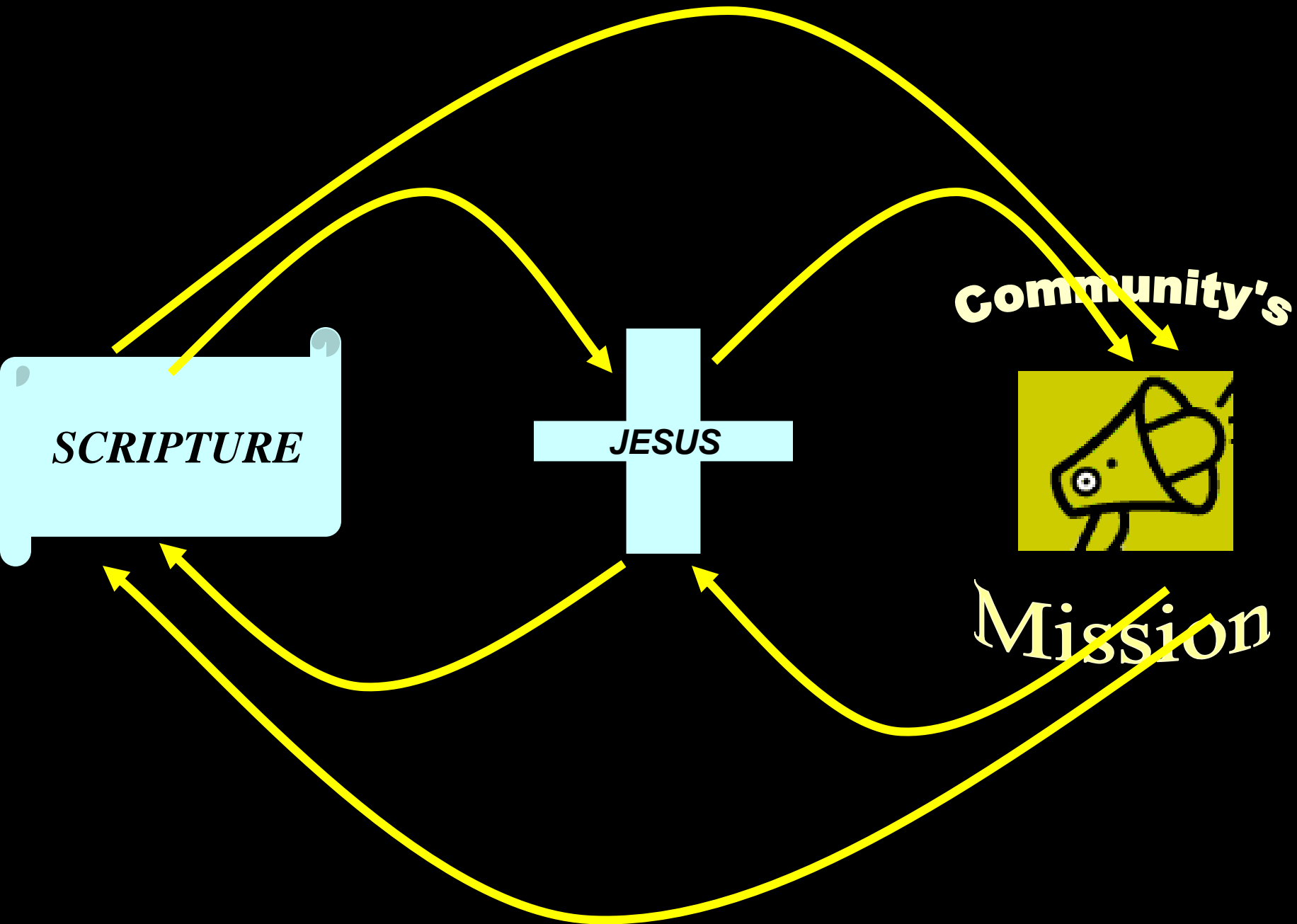
Luke 24:44-45 Jesus said to them, “These are my words which I spoke to you while I was still with you that it is necessary that all that has been written in the law of Moses and the prophets and psalms about me be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.



# Map to God's Saving Mission in the World

- Scripture—Jesus Christ—People

Luke 24:46-48 Jesus said to them, “Thusly it has been written that the Messiah suffer and be raised from the dead on the third day and radical reorientation in his name be preached for the goal of forgiveness of sins to all the nations beginning from Jerusalem. You, you are testifiers of these things.”



# Map to God's Saving Mission in the World

- Scripture—Jesus Christ—People

Luke 24:49 And I, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you, and you, you sit in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

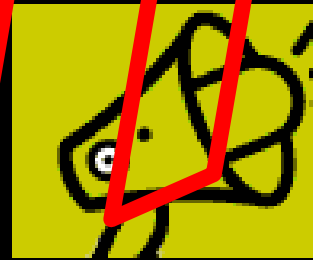
Luke 1:35 “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the most high will overshadow you.”



SCRIPTURE

JESUS

community's



Mission

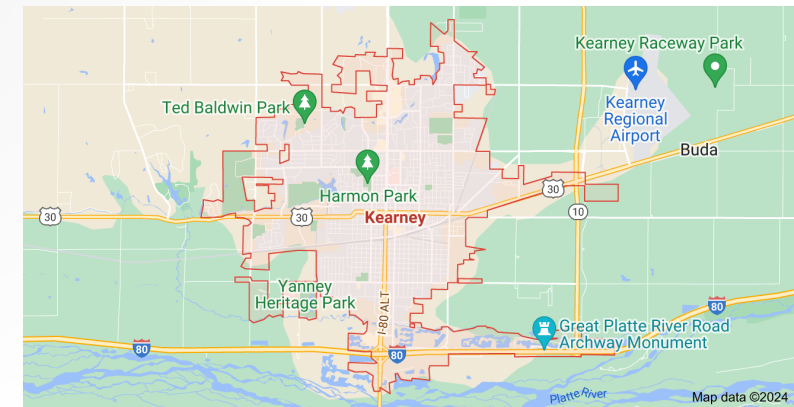


# Prayers of Intercession

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

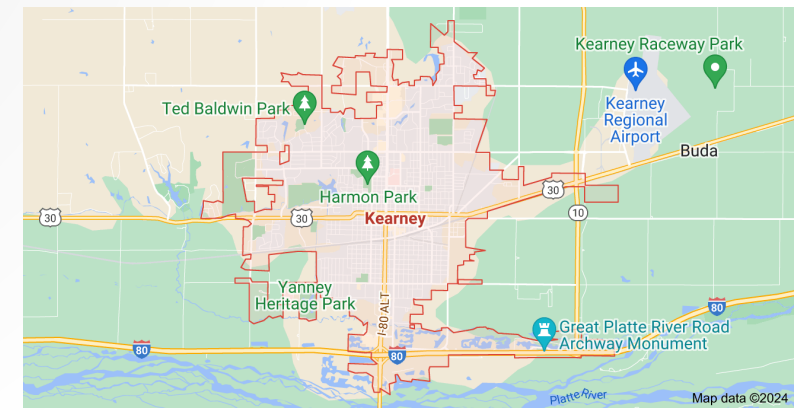
**L:** Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence for reflection*



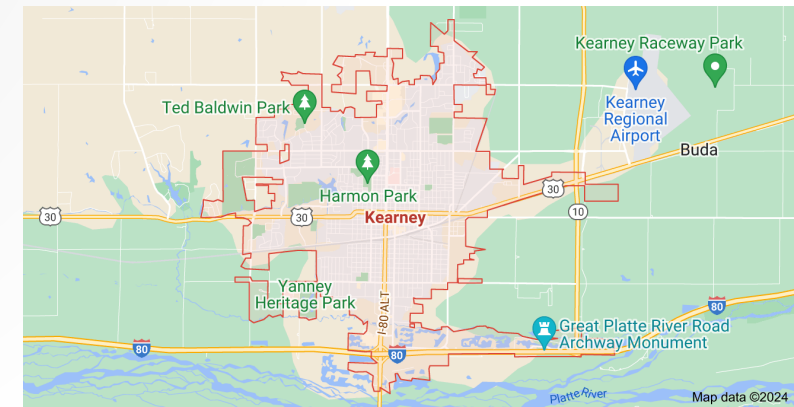
# Prayers of Intercession

**L:** O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life.



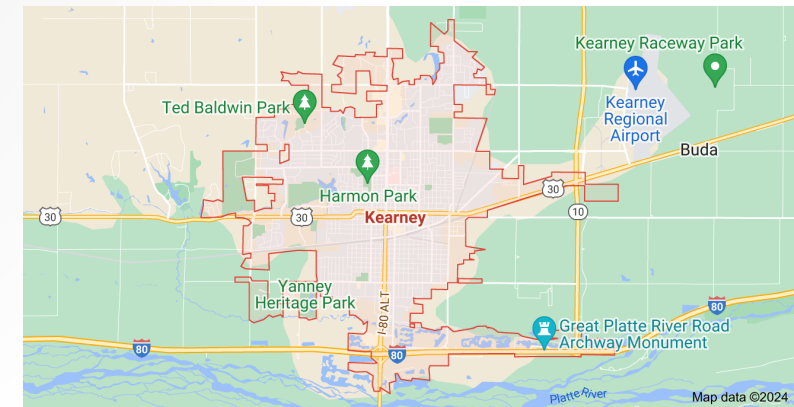
# Prayers of Intercession

**L:** O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people.



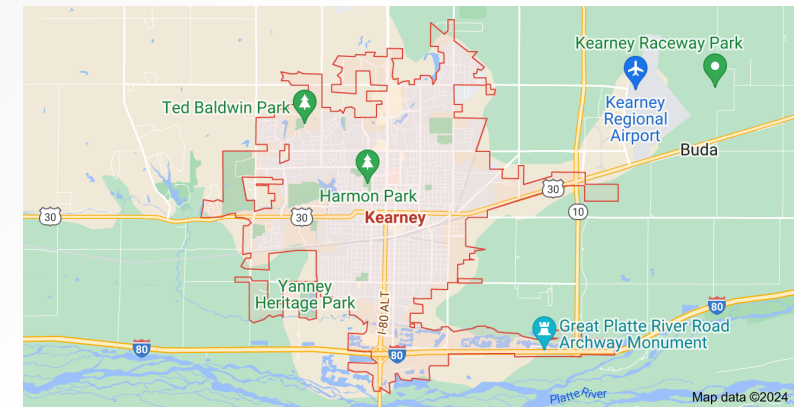
# Prayers of Intercession

**L:** O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community.



# Prayers of Intercession

**L:** O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty. We pray especially for...



# Prayers of Intercession

Skylar Marie Adams

Jim Anderson

Tom Anderson

Gerda Barbour

Bertha Boyer

Gregory Carrico

Alysha Cholas

Wayne Deterding

Tammy Edwards

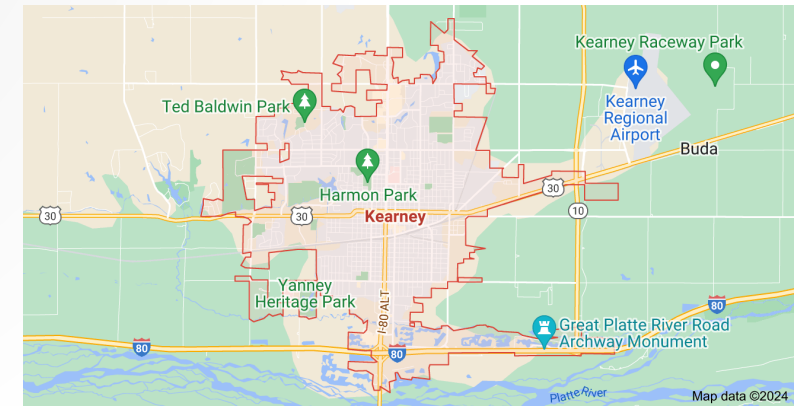
Cyndi Foresman

Arwyn & Briella Gosnell

Karen Hisket

Linda Holsten

Kylie Kotrc



# Prayers of Intercession

Lu Krueger

Ron Kruse

Jose Lara

Lil Larson

Monty Nelson

Joe Rall

Betty Rickard

Garth Scism

Sharon Siegel

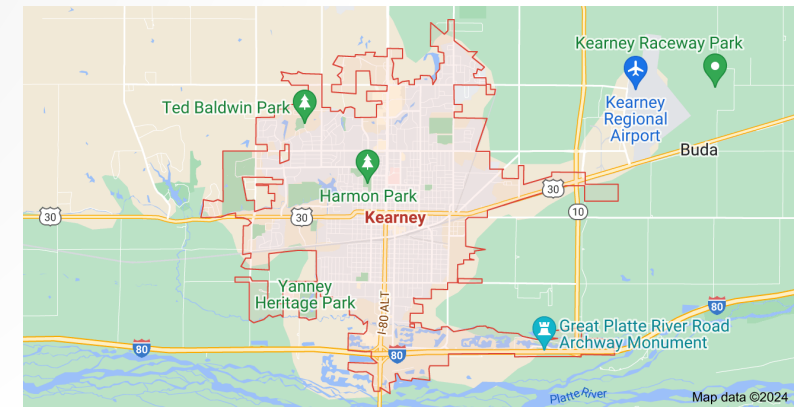
Charlotte Sitorus

Carl Weber

Misty White

Mary Wright

McKenzie Zimmerman

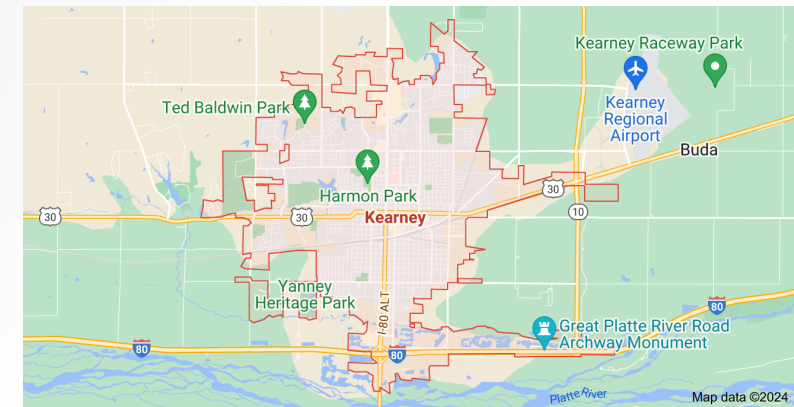




# Prayers of Intercession

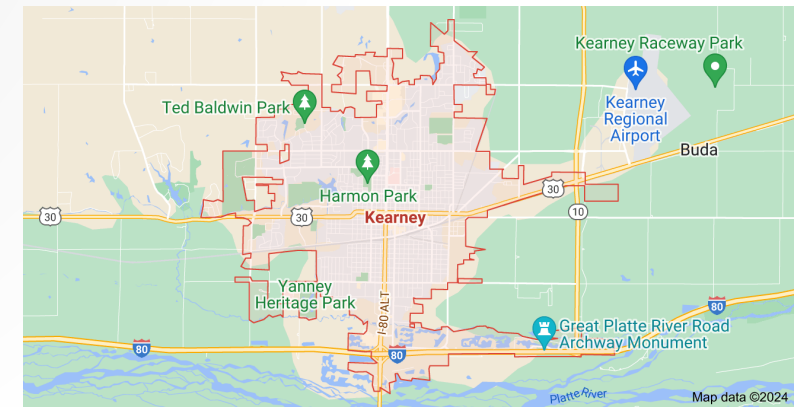
Prayers of comfort and peace for:

- Randy and Krista Fritson on the death of Krista's aunt, Doris Corder.
- Sonya Buskirk, Heather Weber and families on the death of their mother, Marla Weber.
- John and Judy Gosswein on the death of Judy's mother, Phyllis Sawyer.



# Prayers of Intercession

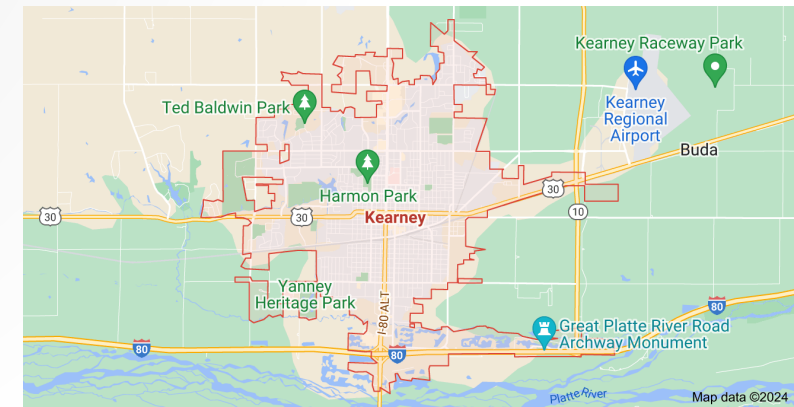
**L:** O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died. As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn.



# Prayers of Intercession

**P:** Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**C: Amen.**



# OFFERTORY

*“Holy and Anointed One”*

## Sound Offering

*Communion Servers,*

*please come forward at this time.*

ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS

**VANCO**  
FAITH

ON-LINE  
visit FLC's  
website

MOBILE  
APP  
iPhone & Android

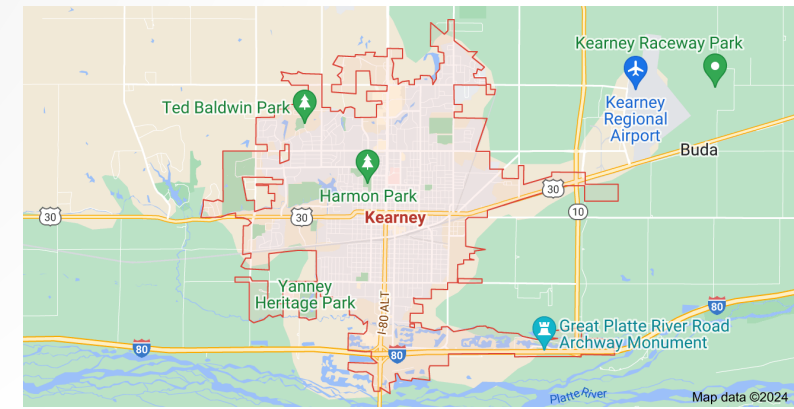
VANCO MOBILE IS SIMPLE AND SECURE.  
TRY IT TODAY!

# Confession and Forgiveness

*Please stand as you are able.*

**P:** Blessed be the holy trinity, † one  
God, who creates, redeems, and  
sustains us and all of creation.

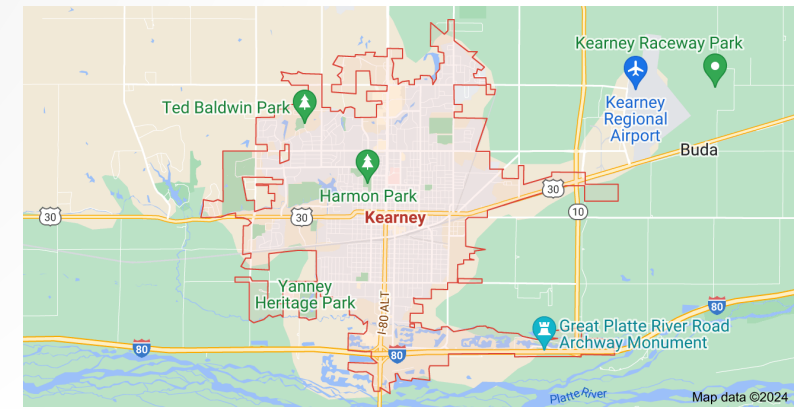
**C: Amen!**



# Confession and Forgiveness

**P:** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

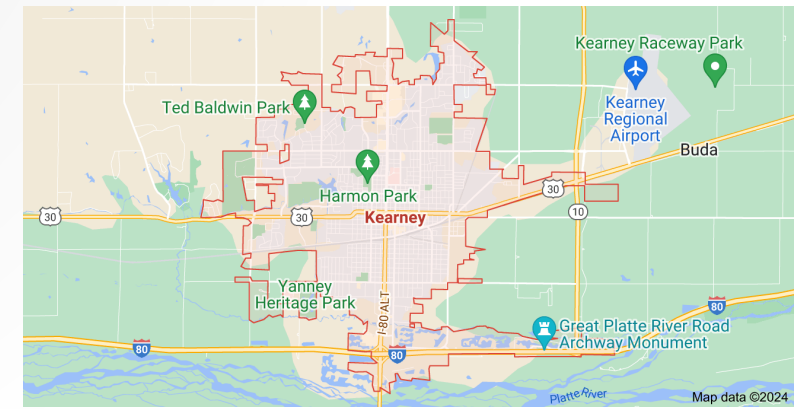
*Silence is kept for reflection.*



# Confession and Forgiveness

**P:** To you, O God,

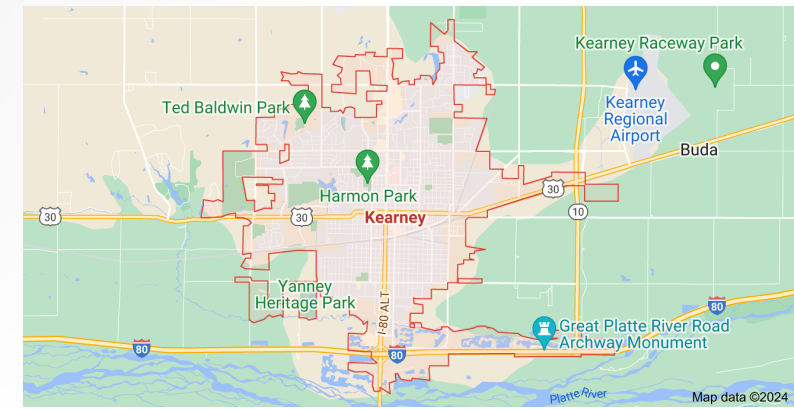
**C:** all hearts are open, to you all  
desires known. We come to you,  
confessing our sins.



# Confession and Forgiveness

**Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior.**

**Amen.**

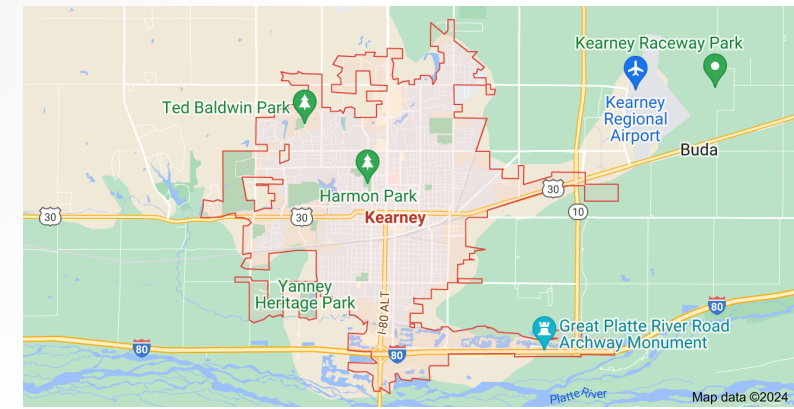




# Confession and Forgiveness

**P:** By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of † Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

**C: Amen.**

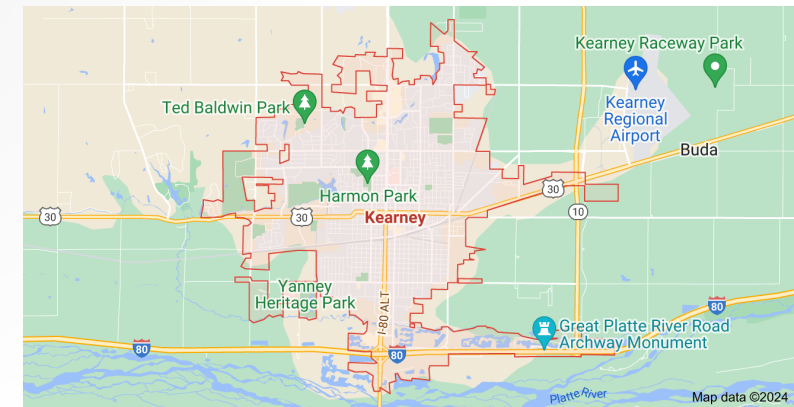


# Offertory Prayer

**L:** Let us pray.

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

**C: Amen.**



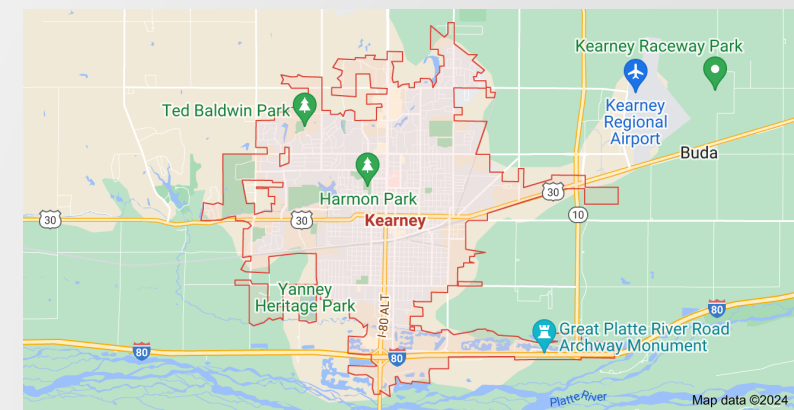
# The Great Thanksgiving

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

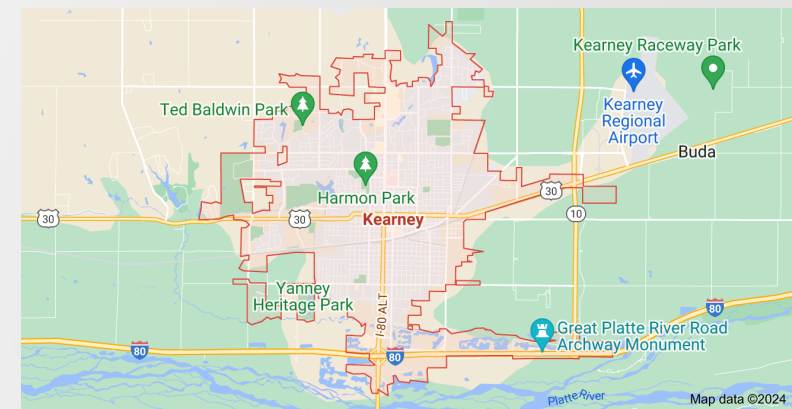
**C:** We lift them to the Lord.



# The Great Thanksgiving

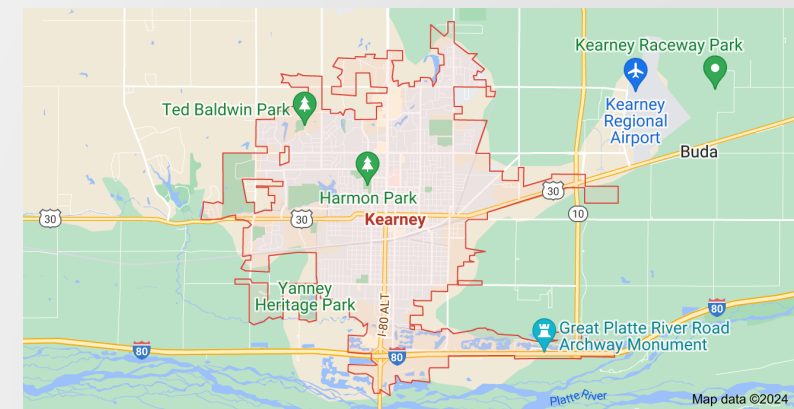
**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.



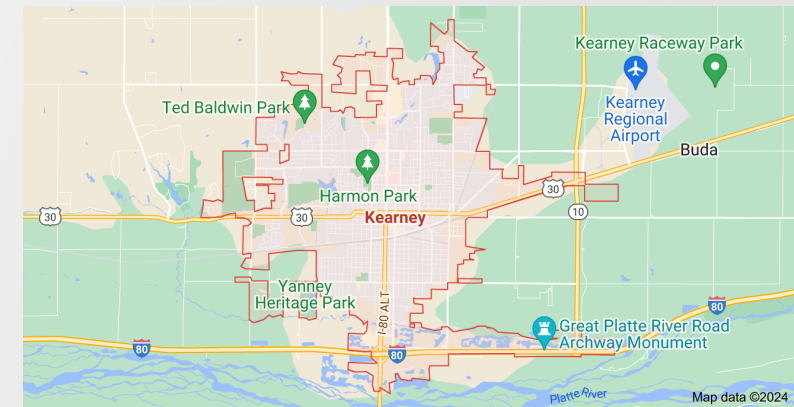
# Words of Institution

**P:** In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.



# Words of Institution

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.



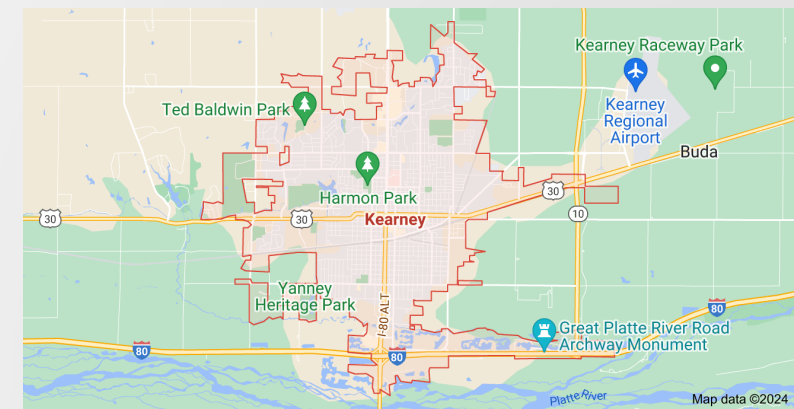
# Words of Institution

**P:** Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C:** Christ has died.

**Christ is risen.**

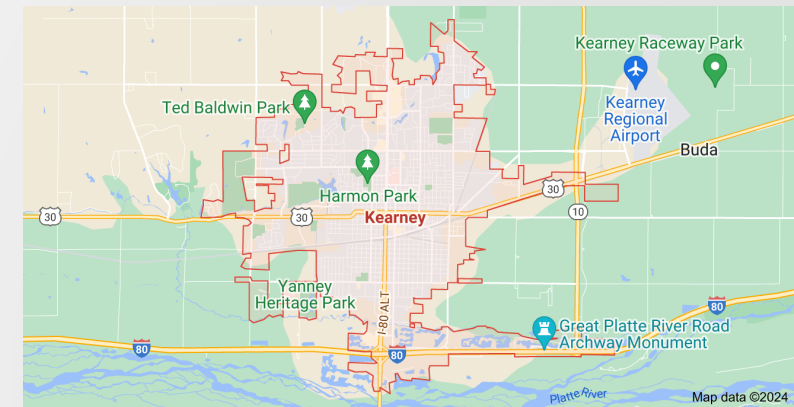
**Christ will come again.**



# The Lord's Prayer

**P:** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

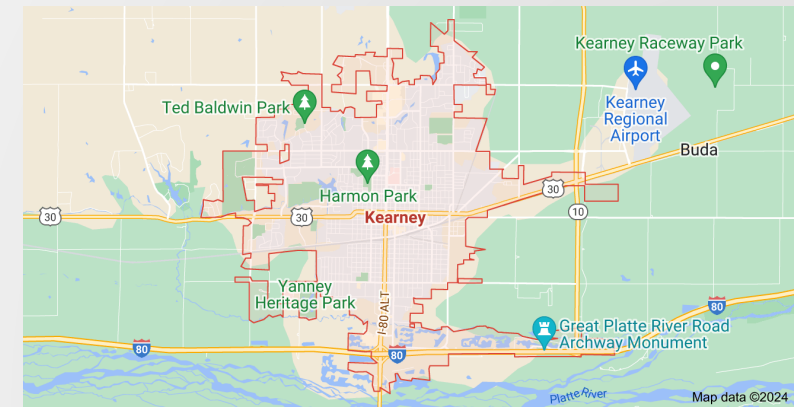




## The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

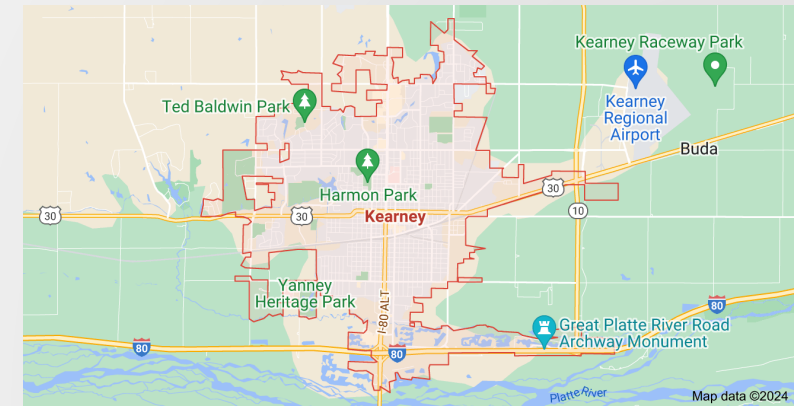
**Amen.**



# Invitation to Communion

**P:** The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

*Please be seated.*

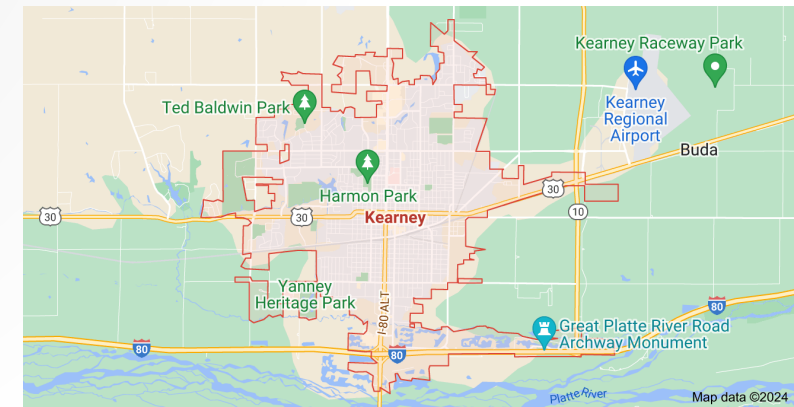


# Communion

*We practice open communion at First Lutheran.  
All are welcome to receive the elements. Please let  
the Pastor know if you need a gluten-free wafer.  
The wine is red, and the grape juice is clear in the trays.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*“The Blessing”*  
**Sound Offering**

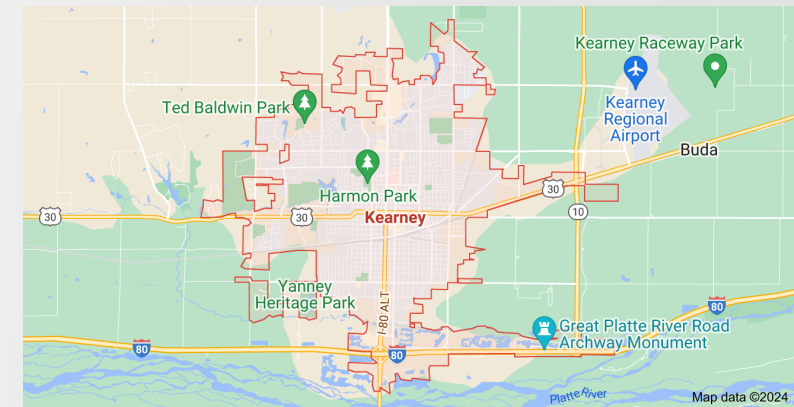


# Table Grace

*Please stand as you are able.*

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C:** Amen.

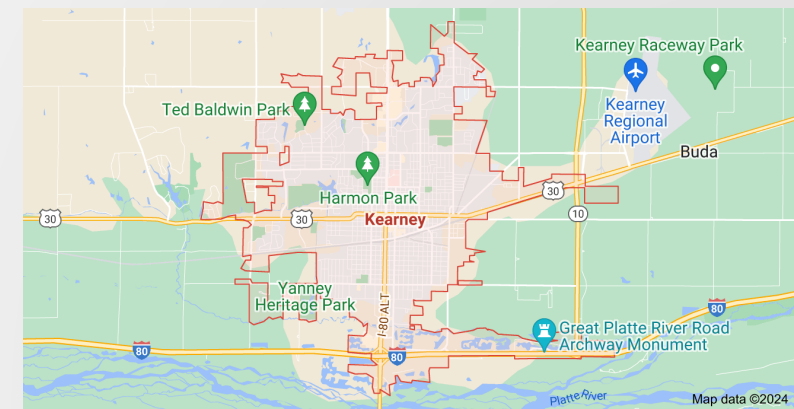


# Prayer after Communion

**L:** Let us pray.

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

**C:** Amen.



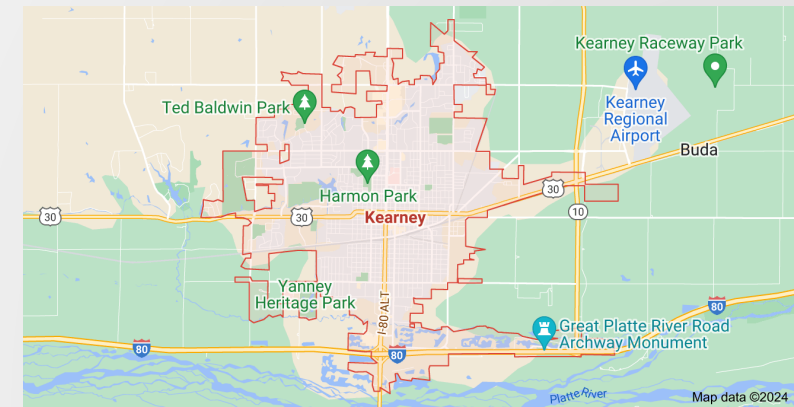
# Blessing

**P:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

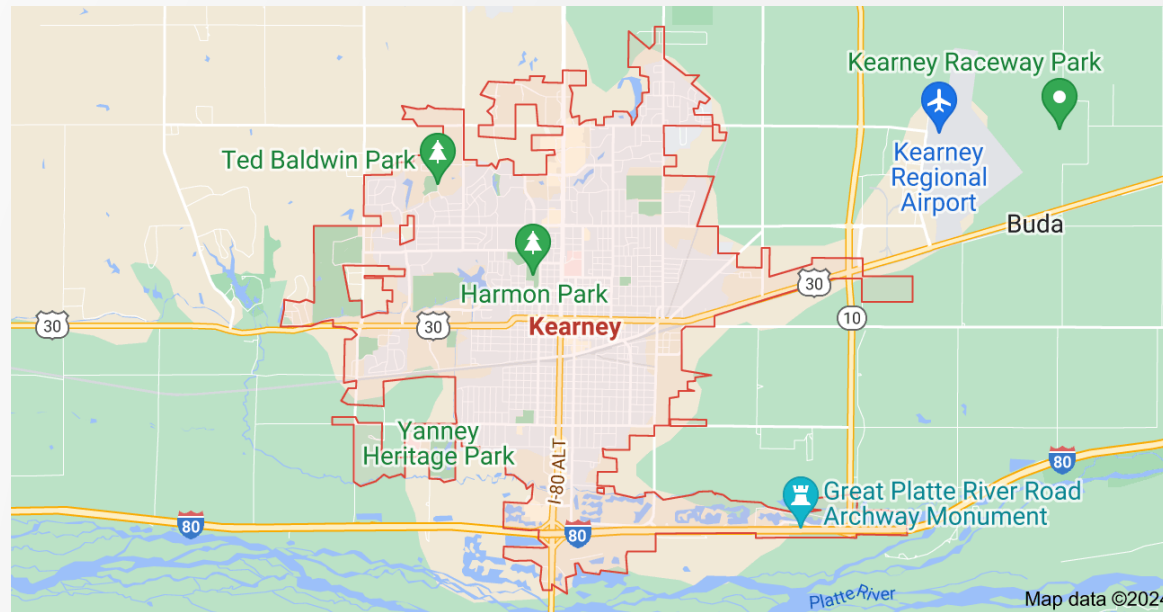
**P:** The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✝️ bless you now and always.

**C: Amen.**



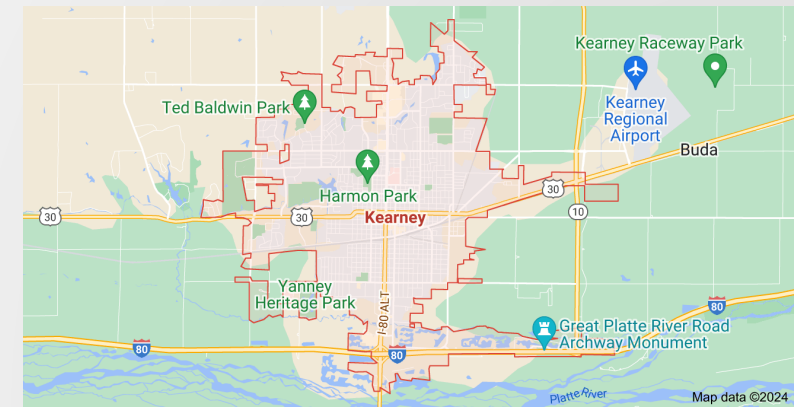
# Worship Song

*“All the People Said Amen”*



# “All the People Said Amen”

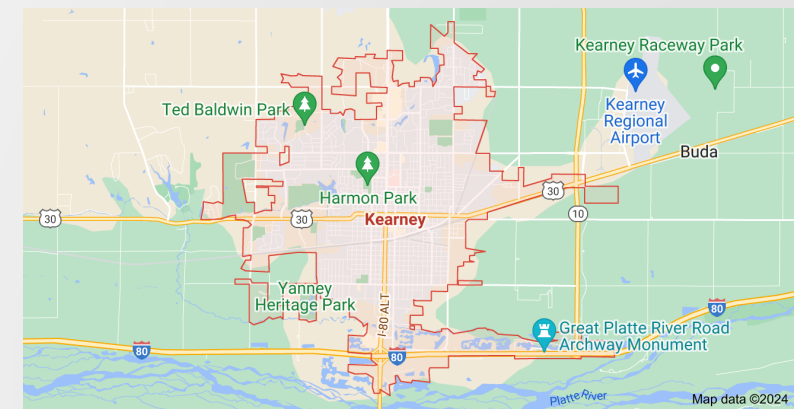
**You are not alone if you are lonely.  
When you feel afraid  
you're not the only.**





# “All the People Said Amen”

**We are all the same, in need of mercy;  
To be forgiven and be free  
It's all you've got to lean on  
but thank God it's all you need.**



**“All the People Said Amen”**

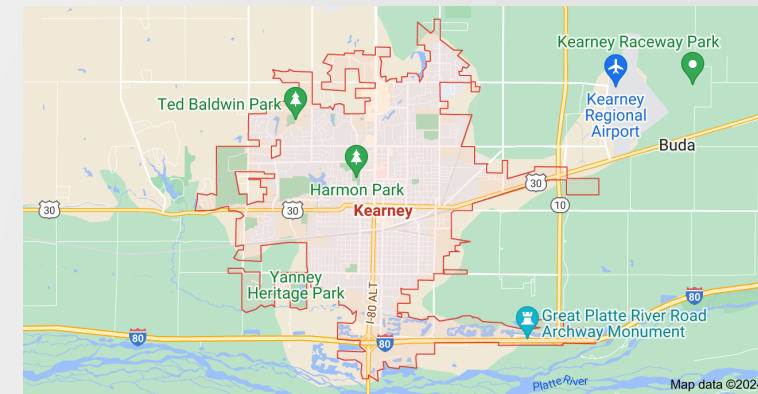
**And all the people said Amen.**

**Whoa-oh.**

**And all the people said Amen**

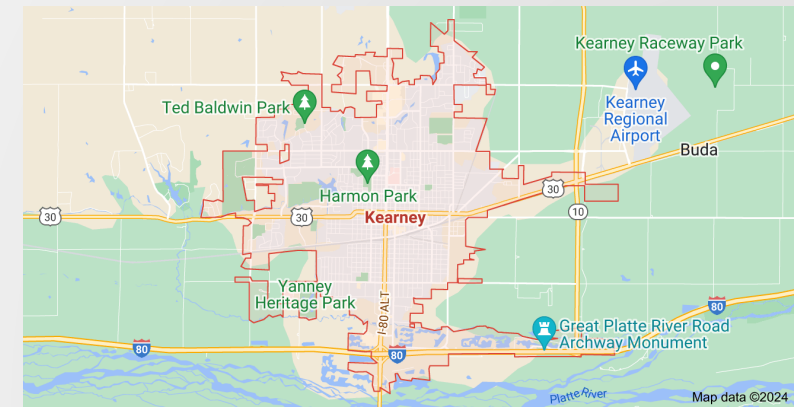
**Give thanks to the Lord  
for His love never ends.**

**And all the people  
said Amen.**



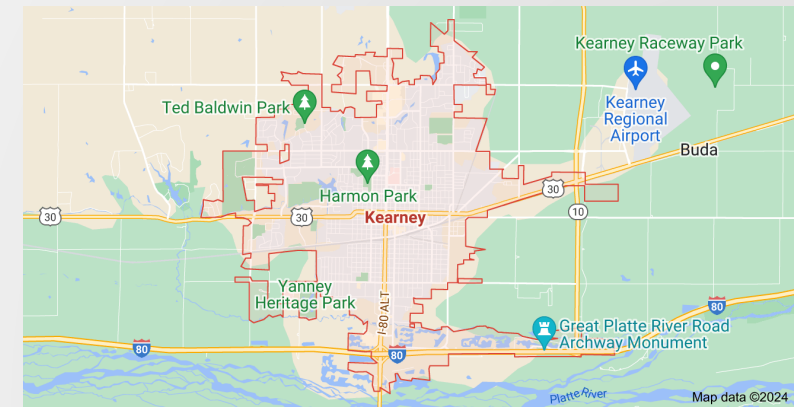
# “All the People Said Amen”

**If you're rich or poor,  
well it don't matter.  
Weak or strong, you know,  
love is what we're after.**



# “All the People Said Amen”

**We're all broken  
but we're all in this together.  
God knows we stumble and fall  
and He so loved the world  
He sent His Son to save us all.**



**“All the People Said Amen”**

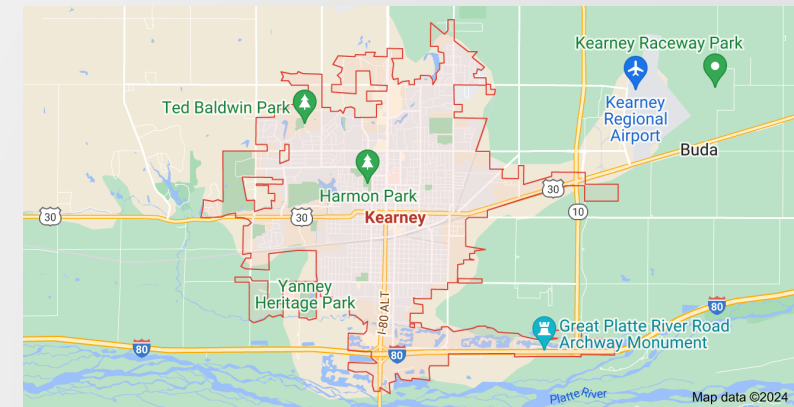
**And all the people said Amen.**

**Whoa-oh.**

**And all the people said Amen**

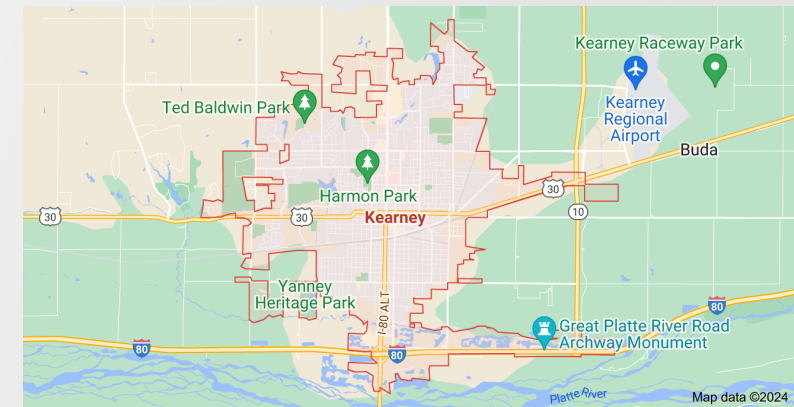
**Give thanks to the Lord  
for His love never ends.**

**And all the people  
said Amen.**



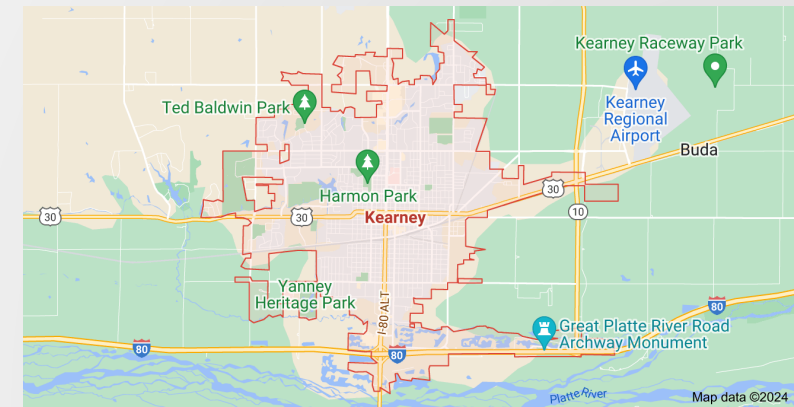
# “All the People Said Amen”

**Blessed are the poor in spirit  
who are torn apart.  
Blessed are the persecuted  
and the pure in heart.**



# “All the People Said Amen”

**Blessed are the people hungry  
for another start.  
For this is the kingdom,  
the kingdom of God.**



**“All the People Said Amen”**

**And all the people said Amen.**

**Whoa-oh.**

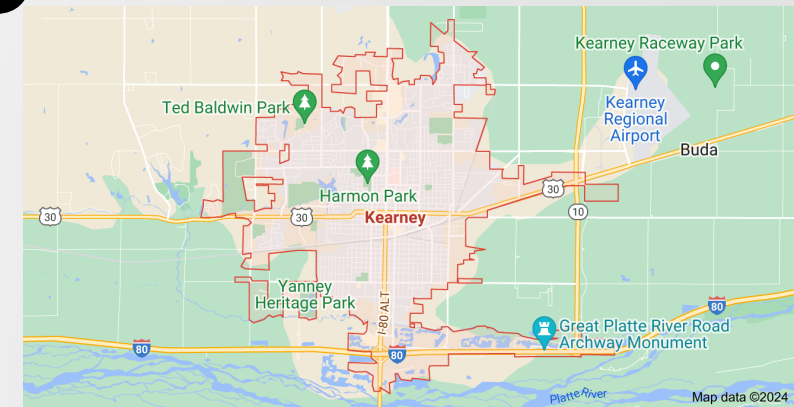
**And all the people said Amen**

**Give thanks to the Lord  
for His love never ends.**

**And all the people**

**said Amen.**

**Yeah!**





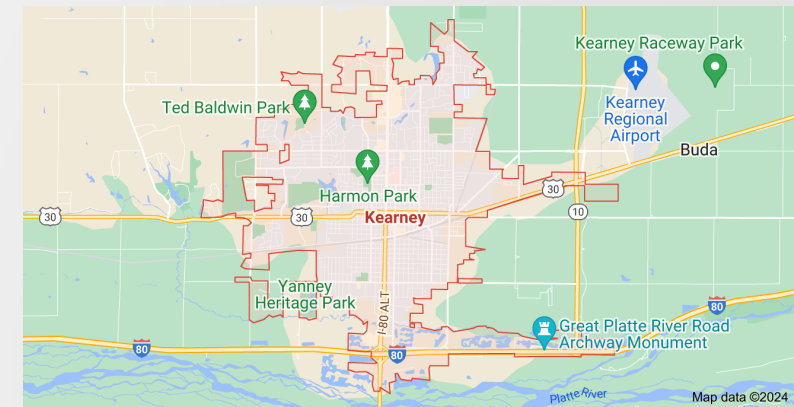
**“All the People Said Amen”**

**And all the people said Amen.**

**Whoa-oh.**

**And all the people said Amen**

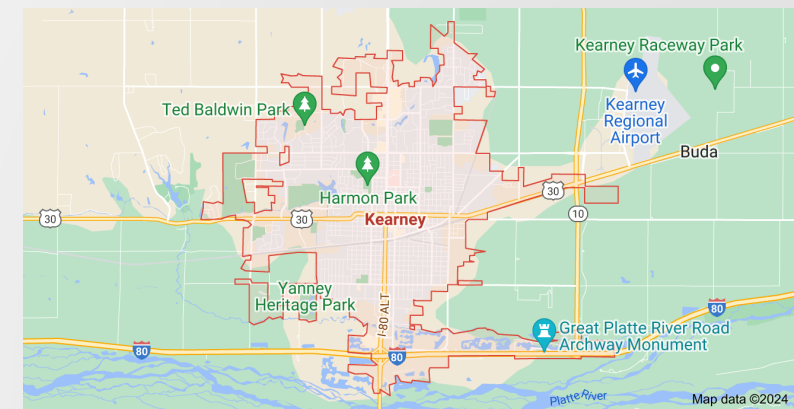
**Give thanks to the Lord  
for His love never ends.**



# “All the People Said Amen”

**And all the people said Amen.  
And all the people said Amen.**

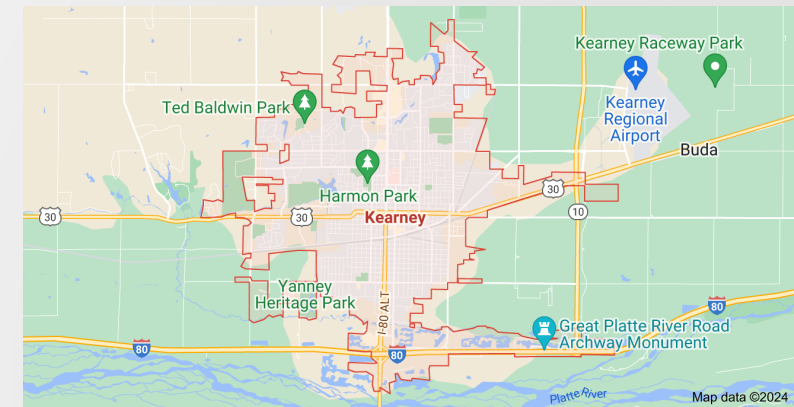
Test and Music by Paul Moak, Trevor Morgan and Matt Maher. Arranged by Dan Galbraith.  
CCLI Song #6518275  
© 2013 Thankyou Music Ltd. Valley of Songs Music 9admin EMI CMG) Trevor Morgan Music.  
All Rights Reserved. Used by permission of CCLI License #1093735



# Dismissal

**L:** Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**C:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



# Sending Music

## Sound Offering

