



Second Sunday of Easter

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

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

FROM PASTOR ED

The saying goes, "when something seems too good to be true, it usually is." Like Jesus, we can't be too hard on Thomas. What the disciples told him surely was too good to be true. The audacity of the Gospel's claims is astounding! Jesus was raised from the dead, and because he lives, we too, even if we should die, will be raised and will live forever. It defies logic and breaks all of the rules, and yet it is the audacious and wonderful truth that brings the very life it promises. Easter is too good to be true, but it is!

OUR 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM:

To join a worship service, contact the church at 573-374-5267 for the link.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

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Prelude

I Will Sing of My Redeemer, J. McGranaham, Joyce Wanamaker
arr. Cindy Berry

You are invited to use this time of musical offering to prepare for worship, to open yourself to God, our Father, his Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, present in this place.

Welcome

P: This is the day that the Lord has made.

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Congregation please stand

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord is Risen!

C: He is Risen indeed!

P: Jesus Christ was the first to conquer death.

C: The Ruler of the kings of the earth.

P: He loves us,

C: and by his blood he sets us free from our sins.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are dead in our trespasses and sins. We have doubted your promises, despaired of your presence, and denied your saving power. In your great mercy deliver us from the death we deserve, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

P: If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

C: In him we have forgiveness, life, and resurrection from the dead. By him we are redeemed and set at liberty.

P: If the Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from death, dwells in you, then he who raised Christ from death will also give life to your mortal bodies.

C: Alleluia! The Lord is Risen indeed!

Sharing of the Peace (We share the words, "Peace be with you" with one another)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Gathering Hymn

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

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.

Liturgy (spoken)

Kyrie

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house and for all who offer their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Canticle of Praise

L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

Prayer of the Day

All: Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Congregation may be seated

Special Music

As the Deer, arr. Kaleb Brasee

Katie Heaford

First Reading

Acts 4:32-35

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133 (*Congregation reads responsively*)

¹How good and how pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!

²**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

Second Reading

1 John 1:1—2:2

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Congregation please stand

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Congregation may be seated

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day (spoken) *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Congregation please stand

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.

Presentation of Our Offerings

Offering Prayer

P: God of love,

C: you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, 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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choir of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy (spoken)

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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.

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. All believers are welcome at the Lord's table.

Distribution (please open your communion packet)

P: The body of Christ given for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

Congregation please stand

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Congregation may be seated

Announcements

Sending Hymn

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

The Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

I Will Praise Him, M. J. Harris,
arr. Cindy Berry

Joyce Wanamaker

Fellowship Time

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

To maintain safe distancing, please wait for the ushers to release you.

WORSHIP LEADERS

PastorEd Foster
OrganistJoyce Wanamaker
Choir Director.....Tracy Garrett
Handbells Director..... Katie Heaford
Choir Accompanist.....Margo Strothmann

9:30 AM

Altar Guild..... Sheryl Boos
Lector..... Teri Stout
Greeter/Usher..... Randy & Ruth Osterbur
Sound TechnicianJim Saunders
Zoom Technician..... Al Mohling
Coffee Fellowship.....

COMING THIS WEEK

April 11-18

Today	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Social Ministry Committee
	6:00 p.m.	Chorale Rehearsal
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Worship & Music Committee
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Devotion
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)

† *Prayer Concerns* †

OUR MEMBERS

Marsha Gust—recovering from surgery for a broken hip
Bill Blomberg— recovering from abdominal surgery
Stephanie Ballard—health concerns
Ken Gerardy—health concerns

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Pat Bywaters—serious health concerns (friend of Dan & Tracy Garrett)
The Newtons—health concerns (friends of Bill & Wendy Blomberg)
Georgi Anne, Marsha Gust's sister – serious health concerns
Sofia Steale, age 16—brain surgery for hydrocephalus (granddaughter, Anita Hohnecker)
Bonnie Blafka—responding well to treatment for blood clots (choir member & friend of Kent)
Marcille Bohling – heart concerns (Eldeen Hanke's sister)
Lisa Lind—continued brain cancer reduction (Kat Lacroix's niece)
Jerry Green—serious health concerns (Carol Hanson's brother)

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Mary Bowton
Delaney Brumm
J.C. Buck
Shirley Clark
Jim Clements
Bill Corliss
Kelly Covey
Dave Deily
Shirley Hamm
Marianne Howley
Kay Hunt
Linda Kimberling
Kathy Kresse
Keith Kresse
Jim Lane
Jane Needles
Julie Patterson
Helen Pragman
Diane Reams
Sandy Robinson
Loren Saathoff
Pat Shank
Ellie Torres
Rose Marie Unrein
Joan Wilken
Clarion Winzenburg
Bob Worthley
Barb Yount

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Babcock
Eric Blomberg
Ben Brammeier

Shade Bullock
Aaron Davis
Tanner Glodt
Kristine Hubbard
Jason Ites
Jason Judge
Nathan Karls
Adam Kralina
Matt Lee
Jordan Lindeman
Glenn Maddock
Tristan Morgan
Adam Peterson

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 11

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. Personal hearing assistance devices are available in the sound room. 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 at the end of the service.

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

EASTER LILIES should be taken home today following worship. Thank you again for helping us to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

GREATER LAKE AREA CHORALE IN CONCERT The Greater Lake Area Chorale will present their Spring concert at Kent Memorial on Sunday, May 9, at 2:00 p.m. A reception will follow the concert.

BLUE BOX IN MARCH In March you donated 87 items plus 104 cans of soup to Community for Christ. Thank you for your continued generosity!

A TABLE between the main sets of doors into the church has individual communion servings, the latest newsletter, the phone directory, new daily devotional materials, and a lot more. Also, there is a basket for you to drop off your giving envelopes. If you need the door code, call Tracy in the church office, 573-374-5267, or on her cell at 214-206-5807. Or you may mail your offering to the church: Kent Memorial PO Box 155 Sunrise Beach, MO 65079

REMINDER--

- We are worshipping in-person again. We are also Zooming every service.
- Masks are requested when entering and leaving the church.
- Communion will be celebrated every Sunday with the pre-filled communion wafer/cup combination. You may stop by the church to pick one up for the on-line service.
- Bulletins are available in the entry during the week, beside the communion sets.
- Communication to members and friends will continue via weekly email blast concerning upcoming services and activities.

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL Our services are posted each week on Kent Memorial's YouTube channel. Go to YouTube.com, and search for "Kent Memorial Lutheran Church." Click on the red subscribe button and you'll be notified whenever something new is posted.