



Fourth Sunday of Easter

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

April 25, 2021

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

FROM PASTOR ED

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we are reminded that in Jesus' death, he truly was our shepherd, laying down his life to save ours. What does it mean to be a part of Jesus' flock? How should we respond to our Shepherd? To one another? To those of other flocks? The power of Easter and the resurrection brings new life and transformation to us, to our communities, and to all of those who are the sheep of Jesus' pasture.

We have a few openings for service in our Sunday Morning worship schedule. Let us know if you would be willing to help!

God bless us all,
Pastor Ed

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

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Prelude

Joyce Wanamaker

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

Congregation please stand

Call to Worship

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Confession & Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who calls us beloved children, who gathers us into one flock, who guides us into all truth.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Faithful and just God,

C: we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death.

We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy.

Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

P: In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent the Son to atone for our sins. In the name of + Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others.

Sharing of the Peace

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

C: And also with you.

Gathering Hymn (spoken)

Now the Green Blade Rises

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: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Congregation may be seated

Special Music

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Chuck Wanamaker

First Reading

Acts 4:5-12

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 (*Congregation reads responsively*)

¹The 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.**

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

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.**

⁵You 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 John 3:16-24

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to John, the tenth chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Congregation please stand

Gospel Reading

John 10:11-18

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) *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

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

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)

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

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

The Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

WORSHIP LEADERS

PastorEd Foster
Organist/PianistJoyce Wanamaker
Choir Director.....Tracy Garrett
Handbells Director..... Katie Heaford

10:00 AM

Altar Guild.....Kandy Husbands
Greeters/Ushers
Lector..... Teri Stout
Sound & Zoom Technician..... Al Mohling
Coffee Host.....Scholarship Committee

COMING THIS WEEK

April 25-May 2

Today	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Scholarship Reception (cake & coffee)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Devotion & Bible Study
Saturday	2:00 p.m.	Chorale Rehearsal in Sanctuary
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship outdoors with Holy Communion
	9:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)
	9:15 a.m.	Handbells Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion

† *Prayer Concerns* †

OUR MEMBERS

Marsha Gust—recovering from surgery for a broken hip

Stephanie Ballard—health concerns

Ken Gerardy—health concerns

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Pat Bywaters—health concerns (friend of Dan & Tracy Garrett)

The Newtons—health concerns (friends of Bill & Wendy Blomberg)

Georgi Anne—serious health concerns (Marsha Gust's sister)

Sofia Steale, age 16—brain surgery for hydrocephalus (granddaughter, Anita Hohnecker)

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

Delaney Brumm

Shirley Clark

Kelly Covey

Shirley Hamm

Marianne Howley

Linda Kimberling

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 25

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.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Bruce & Linda Jacobson.

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

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.

COOKIES If you would like to help make cookies for the Chorale Concert, please sign up on the WELCA bulletin board.

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!

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST Kent's week for volunteer help is May 4, 6 & 8. Those of you returning from your winter journey, please help those in need on Tue. May 4, Thur. May 6 and Sat. May 8. The store is featuring clothing for spring and summer. You may find something to add to your wardrobe! Please sign up to help those in our community. The April newsletter contains examples of families assisted this year. Thanks to all that have helped during fall and winter, thanks to all that will sign up for this next opportunity.

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.