

Email Blast for May 2, 2021



## **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

### **Kent Memorial Lutheran Church**

184 Sunset Hill Drive  
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

**The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor**

**May 2, 2021**

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

#### **FROM PASTOR ED**

Jesus is the vine and we are the branches! We draw our life, our meaning, and our purpose from our Lord. While we know that this is true, how can we allow this truth to affect how we live our daily lives? How is Jesus' love and grace shaping us (pruning us)? How is the life we are being given bearing fruit for us and for the world?

With the outdoor chapel service starting up we will of course be needing more helpers. Would you be able to be a greeter or an usher, a lector or work in the sound room? Let us know!

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

To join a worship service, please contact our secretary, Tracy, at 573-374-5267 for the link.

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

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**Prelude**

*My Eternal Desire*

Vanessa Hebrank

*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 the Lord has made.

**C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Congregation please stand*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: The Lord is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed!**

P: Jesus Christ was the first to conquer death, the ruler of all the kings of the earth.

**C: He loves us, and by his blood he set us free from our sins.**

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.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are dead in trespasses and sins. We have failed to keep your commandments, and so have turned from your love. In your great mercy deliver us from the death we deserve, for the sake of Jesus Christ.**

P: Jesus Christ has chosen you; he calls you not servants but friends.

**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**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

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** 10am (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** (10am) (spoken)

L: This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.

**C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb, who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his.**

**Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**2. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**Final Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**All: O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, 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*

**“Children’s Sermon”**

Pastor Ed Foster

**Special Music** (8am)

*In This Very Room*

Vanessa Hebrank

(10am) *Sweet Hour of Prayer* Kent Handbells

**First Reading**

Acts 8:26-40

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 22:25-31** (*Congregation reads responsively*)

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,**

**Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow before God.

<sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs to the LORD,**

**who rules over the nations.**

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

<sup>30</sup>**Their descendants shall serve the LORD,**

**whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

**Second Reading**

1 John 4:7-21

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Congregation please stand*

**Gospel Announcement**

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to John, the fifteenth chapter

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

**Gospel Reading**

John 15:1-8

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–Nicene Creed**

**The Prayers**

P: Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**Presentation of Our Offerings**     *Congregation please stand*

**Offering Prayer**

P: Wellspring of joy,

**C: through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Holy Communion** (10am)

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 power 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** (10am)

**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.**

*Congregation may be seated*

*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.*

*Congregation please stand*

**Post-Communion Prayer**

**Benediction**

*Congregation may be seated*

**Announcements**

**Sending Hymn**

*Let All Things Now Living*

**The Dismissal**

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

**C: we share Jesus with all!**

**Postlude**

*Praise to the Lord Almighty*

Vanessa Hebrank

## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Pastor .....Ed Foster  
Organist/Pianist ..... Vanessa Hebrank  
Choir Director.....Tracy Garrett  
Handbells Director..... Katie Heaford

### **8:00 AM**

Greeters/Ushers ..... Ray & Kat Lacroix  
Lector..... Mary Foster  
Sound Technician .....Gail Kruse

### **10:00 AM**

Altar Guild..... Sheryl Boos  
 Greeters/Ushers ..... Ruth & Randy Osterbur  
 Lector..... Toni Wagner  
 Sound & Zoom Technician..... Michael Wagner

**COMING THIS WEEK**  
**May 2-9**

Today	8:00 a.m.	Worship (outside)
	9:00 a.m.	Husbands 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (inside)
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Evangelism
Tuesday	9:45 a.m.	Community for Christ
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
Thursday	9:45 a.m.	Community for Christ
	10:00 a.m.	Men’s Devotion
	11:00 a.m.	Laurie Care Center Guild Meeting
Saturday	9:45 a.m.	Community for Christ
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (outside)
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (inside)
	2:00 p.m.	Greater Lake Area Chorale in Concert

**† Prayer Concerns †**

**OUR MEMBERS**

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

**OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS**

FC Petty Officer 2 Class Matt Lee—COVID-19 (son-in-law of Jane Maher & Bill Work)  
 Kelsey Erickson—health concerns (daughter of Bob & Karole Karls)  
 The Newtons—health concerns (friends of Bill & Wendy Blomberg)  
 Georgi Anne—serious health concerns (Marsha Gust’s sister)  
 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)

*Congratulations to Bob & Karole Karls on the birth of their granddaughter, Nova Marie Karls on April 21.*

**CONTINUED PRAYERS**

Delaney Brumm  
 Pat Bywaters  
 Shirley Clark

Kelly Covey  
Jerry Green  
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 MAY 2**

**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 sanctuary sound room. First time here? Please introduce yourself to Pastor at the end of the service.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given by Altar Guild

**CARE CORE** for May is Sharon Ballard, 573-374-8974 or 573-280-5618

**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.

**WELCA MEETING MAY 7** Women of the ELCA will meet on May 4th at 11 a.m. for their monthly meeting.

**TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK:** Kent will provide breakfast on Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup> to help show our appreciation to the staff of Hurricane Deck School for all they do. We need Breakfast Casseroles (3), Fruit or Fruit Juice (2) and Muffins (3 doz.) The food must be at the school by 7:30 a.m. that day. A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

**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.

**BLUE BOX NEEDS FOR MAY**—These are things food stamps will not cover.

Shampoo & deodorant for men & women

Children's shampoo

Canned fruit in lite syrup

**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 10am service.
- Masks are requested when entering and leaving the church.
- Communion will be celebrated every Sunday with the pre-filled communion wafer/cup combination: 8am – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays; 10am – every Sunday (live-streamed)  
You may stop by the church to pick up a pre-filled communion set for the live-streamed 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.