

Email Blast for May 15



## **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

### **Kent Memorial Lutheran Church**

184 Sunset Hill Drive  
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

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

**May 15, 2022**

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

#### **FROM PASTOR ED**

"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for another." It is a difficult thing that Jesus commands us. Love one another sounds all warm and fuzzy until we realize that the kind of love he commands, the kind of love that will show that we are his disciples, is the sacrificial and self-giving kind of love with which he loved us, a love that gave everything, even his life. As we consider what Jesus' resurrection means for us, it must surely mean that our lives are now caught up in the cycle of love that Jesus began, the neighbor loving, sin forgiving, life giving that defies even death so that others might live. It is this kind of love we are commanded. It is this kind of love that saves the world.

**WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY IS AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM:**

To join us, please contact the church at 573-374-5267 for assistance.

## Welcome to Worship

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

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**Prelude**

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Margo Strothmann

*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.*

**Litany of Commitment**

**P:** As we seek to relax our grip so that the earth, God's good creation, might rest from our labors, help us to see our world more vividly than we have done in the past.

**C: Grant us vision for the challenges of this age and give us hearts full of courage for the future.**

**P:** As we seek to be wise stewards of the gifts of the earth, help us to know your world more humanely than we have in the past.

**C: Make us learn the wisdom which we see among those wise and humble people of the earth, that we might walk with reverence in care of God's good creation.**

**P:** Sharing God, draw us to contemplation and silence so that we might see, in wonder, our lives intertwined with the squirrels and the cardinals, the creatures great and small, the beauty of each season. Help us to see the birth, growth, death, and rebirth so as to give us courage in the ongoing creation of our Creator.

**C: Deepen our faith and enliven our thinking, nourish our bodies and strengthen our souls, that we may be your message in the world, your servants for the common wellness of the earth. Make us weavers of a new order, crafters of a new earth.**

**P:** Grant us grace through the Christ of the Cosmos. Call us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, in love with the earth, and with our brothers, and sisters. Give us a measure of the Spirit that these commitments we make before you might make our work holy.

**C: Let us go forth from this sacred ark with steady hands, uplifted hearts, with clear eyes and alert minds, with firm steps and willing hands. May we arrive at fresh springs of renewal through God's holy Word, in our communities of faith, and in deep solidarity with all creation. Let all creation hear and bear witness. Amen.**

**Sharing of the Peace**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**Gathering Hymn**

*Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death*

Hymn #452

**Liturgy Setting 4**

ELW p. 147

**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 here 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:** Glory to God in the highest

ELW p. 148

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 sins 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 God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, 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

Pastor Ed

### Anthem

*A Joyful Alleluia*

Kent Handbells

### First Reading

Acts 11:1-18

Bible-Old Testament p. 123

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 148** (congregation reads responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

<sup>2</sup>**Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

<sup>3</sup>Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

<sup>4</sup>**Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,

<sup>6</sup>**who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

<sup>8</sup>**fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

<sup>9</sup>mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

<sup>10</sup>**wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**

<sup>11</sup>sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

<sup>12</sup>**young men and maidens, old and young together.**

<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD,

whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup>**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!**

**Second Reading**

Revelation 21:1-6

Bible-New Testament p. 249

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Announcement**

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to John, the thirteenth chapter

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

**Gospel Reading**

John 13:31-35

Bible-New Testament p. 102

P: The Gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon**

Pastor Ed Foster

**Hymn of the Day**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Hymn # 631, v. 1-3

**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: God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**Reception of Offerings** *Please fill out the red friendship pad and pass it to your neighbor*

**Offertory**

*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

Margo Strothmann

**Offering Prayer**

P: Living God,

**C: you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Holy Communion**

ELW p. 152

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...

### **Holy, Holy, Holy**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, 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.**

#### **Distribution**

*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. Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. You may commune in place using a communion kit, if preferred.*

#### **Lamb of God**

#### **Communion Hymns**

*Jesus, Come! For We Invite You  
Where Charity and Love Prevail  
I Am the Bread of Life*

Hymn #312  
Hymn # 359  
Hymn # 485

#### **Post-Communion Prayer**

#### **Benediction**

#### **Announcements**

#### **Sending Hymn**

*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

Hymn # 367, v. 1 & 2

#### **The Dismissal**

P: Hearing God's call and responding in love,  
C: **we share Jesus with all!**

#### **Postlude**

*Amazing Grace*

Margo Strothmann

#### **Fellowship Time**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

### **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Pastor .....Ed Foster  
Organist/Pianist ..... Margo Strothmann  
Choir Director.....Tracy Garrett

Handbells Director..... Katie Heaford

**10:00 AM**

Altar Guild..... Ruth Osterbur  
Greeters/Ushers .....Eldeen Hanke & Karen Thompson  
Liturgist ..... Vanessa Hebrank  
Lector.....Judy Ward  
Sound & Zoom Technician..... Al Mohling  
Coffee Fellowship..... Evangelism

**COMING THIS WEEK**

**May 15-22**

Today	8:45 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & Bible Study for all ages
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Reception (coffee & cake) Young Living Missions conversation
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Church Council meeting
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Newcomers Luncheon
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Friday		Church Office Closed
Sunday	8:45 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & Bible Study for all ages
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)

**† Prayer Concerns †**

**OUR MEMBERS**

Patti Embich  
Don Stout  
Ken Gerardy

**OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS**

Marla Walsh—recovering from surgery (friend of Kent)  
Bob (friend of Kent)  
Pat Shank—hospice (friend of Wendy Blomberg)  
Karen Tischnor—breast cancer (friend of Karen Mellody)  
Kathy (Gerschevske) Hankins—broken leg, in ICU  
Steve Hoskins—leukemia, on home care (Peggy Worker's brother)  
Kayla LeBarge—cancer treatment (friend of Linda Williams)  
Terry Miller—on hospice (Carol Hansen's friend)

**CONTINUED PRAYERS**

Georgi Anne

Pam Babcock  
Bob Ballard  
Shirley Clark  
Evelyn & Dick Clements  
Ezra Elcock  
Mary Beth Fair  
Barbara & Bob Gislason  
Shirley Hamm  
Jerry Hansen  
Linda Harris  
Brian Hastings  
Mike Holmes  
Marianne Howley  
Tom Howley  
Linda Kimberling  
Steve O'Connor  
Mike Page  
Rev. Bill Peterson  
Ron Roberts  
Ellie Torres  
Bernie Wiegel  
Larry Wilson

#### **REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

Christopher Babcock  
Eric Blomberg  
Ben Brammeier  
Shade Bullock  
Aaron Davis  
Tanner Glodt  
Kristine Hubbard  
Jason Ites  
Jason Judge  
Adam Kralina  
Matt Lee  
Jordan Lindeman  
Glenn Maddock  
Tristan Morgan  
Adam Peterson  
Trent Simmons

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 15**

**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 Pat & Charles Embich in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (5/19).

**CARE CORE** for May is Sharon Ballard, 573-374-8974.

**GUEST SPEAKER** This morning Rev. Bruce Hedgepeth will join us to introduce us to Young Life Missions-Central America/Caribbean. YL works throughout the region to introduce adolescents to Jesus Christ and help them grow in their faith. Grab your cake and coffee and join us at the north end of the fellowship hall after worship to hear more about the great work they are doing spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. [www.younglife.org](http://www.younglife.org)

**CELEBRATE PAT & CHARLES EMBICH'S 50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** this morning with cake and coffee following worship.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. GITTA & DR. BRENNAN TOLNAY** Gitta (Reth) & Brennan graduated this week. Gitta received a Doctor of Pharmacy degree; Brennan received his Doctor of Dentistry degree. Our two newest doctors are relocating to Columbia for work.

**WELCA LUNCHEON THANK YOU!** The Spring luncheon was a wonderful event enjoyed by our area church ladies. We want to thank the Kent ladies for providing all the delicious salads & desserts. Thanks also to those who helped set up, serve & clean up. Our work was easier because of you. Mary Evans & Karen Ringsdorf

**THANK YOU FROM THE CHORALE** The Greater Lake Area Chorale send a big thank you to all who made the reception after our concert so special. You know people enjoyed it because they stayed to enjoy it. Thank you, especially to Kathy Fair for organizing the event.

**SYMPHONY OF THE MAGIC DRAGON IN CONCERT** Mark your calendar for a great evening of entertainment with the Symphony of the Magic Dragon (was Lake Area Strings). Concerts are Thursday May 12, 7pm, Harper Chapel in Osage Beach; Sunday May 15, 2pm, Christ the King Lutheran in Lake Ozark; & Monday May 16, 7pm, Westlake Christian Church in Laurie. Questions? Ask Sally Burke.

**GREATER LAKE AREA CHORALE** If you missed the concert at Kent, The Chorale is performing this afternoon at New Life Nazarene, Bear Paw Road, in Camdenton, at 2pm. The final concert of the season will be Sunday, May 22, 2pm at Our Savior's Lutheran, Camdenton.

**COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST** Our volunteer help is needed at Community for Christ on Tues. May 24, Thur. May 26, and Sat. May 28. Please sign up. Come and help us help others. Who knows you may find some new clothing for spring or summer?! Thanks to all that have volunteered and to those who want to try for the first time. There are opportunities for both women and men. An enjoyable time will be had by all!

**GOLF TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** On June 5, area churches are sponsoring a 4-person scramble tournament at Indian Rock Golf Course, benefitting the Community Children's Vacation Bible School. Entry forms are available in the office and the fellowship hall.

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN THROUGH FATHER'S DAY** Every year, from Mother's Day through Father's Day The Pregnancy Help Center runs their Baby Bottle Campaign. Take a baby bottle home, fill it with pocket change, check or cash, and return it to the church by Father's Day, June 19. All donations go to support the Help Center and their clients. Bottles are on the table by the windows in the Gathering Place.

**CAMP TOMAH SHINGA'S AMAZON WISHLIST** Camp Tomah Shinga is gearing up for the Season. They have started to put together an Amazon Wishlist which will allow us to be better prepared for the summer and for our campers! Sports equipment, co-op items, kitchen gear, and so forth are included and will be continuously added throughout the month of May. To help, visit this link:

**MID-MISSOURI ELCA BIBLE CAMP 2022** Mid-MO Bible Camp is back! July 17-21 at Camp Rising Sun, Lake of the Ozarks State Park. It's a Lutheran Bible Camp for youth who have completed Grade 4 but not yet entered Grade 10. Know someone who would like to attend camp? Cost for the week is only \$100. The forms are in the church office.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** meets at 6pm. Pastor Ed will lead our study on Exodus. Bring your dinner, if you'd like. Sandwich fixings will also be available. The sessions will be on Zoom if you are unable to attend in person.

**SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY** What did Paul bravely tell the Romans about how they should live their lives? We will discuss it and how it applies to our lives today in a new discussion group at 9 AM at the north end of the Fellowship Hall. Please join us. The coffee will be ready. Led by Gerry Williams

**COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST NEEDS FOR MAY:**

Cereal

Canned Fruit

Deodorant for men and women

Cleaning supplies: bleach, floor, toilet, kitchen or window cleaners

Taco & Chili Seasoning

**A TABLE** between the main sets of doors into the church has individual communion servings, the latest newsletter, new daily devotional materials, and a lot more. Also, there is a basket for your offering envelopes. If you need the door code, call Tracy in the church office, 573-374-5267, or on her cell at 573-502-9219. Or you may mail your offering to the church: Kent Memorial P.O. Box 155 Sunrise Beach, MO 65079

**REMINDER--**

- We are worshipping at 10am and live-streaming via Zoom.com
- Communion will be celebrated every Sunday. If you prefer, you may commune using the pre-filled communion wafer/cup kits available in the Gathering Place.
- Please continue to be COVID safe: Stay home if you are sick or not feeling well; masks and social distancing are encouraged for those who have not been vaccinated