

Email Blast for April 23



3rd Sunday of Easter

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

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

FROM PASTOR ED

In our gospel lesson for this week, Jesus meets two of his disciples on the road to Emmaus. He meets them there, not on a mountain top, not in a temple, not even in a private room, but out on the road in the midst of the everyday hustle and bustle of life. It isn't, of course, that Jesus never meets us in those places, but isn't it so often the case, that Jesus does indeed come to us in the unexpected often ordinary places in our lives, surprising us and blessing us when we realize that we are in the presence of God?

Have blessed week!
Shalom,
Pastor Ed

OUR WORSHIP & EVENING BIBLE STUDY are available via Zoom. To join us, contact the church office.

Welcome to Worship

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

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Prelude

The Risen Christ

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

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

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord + Jesus Christ by whose Spirit we have been reborn to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

C: Amen.

P: Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death, let us come before God who calls us to repentance.

God of life,

C: by the resurrection of your Son you make everything new. Newness scares us, and we confess to shutting our doors in fear. We have not listened to voices that challenge us. We have resisted the Holy Spirit moving us in new directions. Our hearts are slow to believe your promises. Forgive us, O God, and renew us to embrace without fear the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: People of God: Christ is alive, and death has lost its power. Through the waters of baptism you have been born anew by the living word of God. Know that your sins are forgiven in + Jesus' name and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you both now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

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

C: And also with you.

Gathering Hymn

Come You Faithful, Raise the Strain

ELW # 363, v. 1, 2 & 4

Come you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!

God has brought forth Israel into joy from sadness,
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;
led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ has burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has risen.
All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying
from the Light to whom we give laud and praise undying.

Neither could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,
nor the watchers, nor the seal, hold you as a mortal:
but today, among your own, you appear, bestowing
your deep peace, which evermore passes human knowing.

Liturgy Setting 4

ELW p. 147

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.

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 God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Ed

Anthem

Seek Ye First

Kent Handbells

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

New Testament p. 112

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (Congregation reads responsively)

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

²**for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave
came upon me;

I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴Then I called upon the name of the LORD:

"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

¹²How shall I repay the LORD

for all the good things God has done for me?

¹³I will lift the cup of salvation

and call on the name of the LORD.

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows to the LORD

in the presence of all God's people.

¹⁵Precious in your sight, O LORD,

is the death of your servants.

¹⁶O LORD, truly I am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;

you have freed me from my bonds.

¹⁷I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving

and call upon the name of the LORD.

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows to the LORD

in the presence of all God's people,

¹⁹in the courts of the LORD's house,

in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-23

New Testament p. 222

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:13-35

New Testament p. 85

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

Now the Green Blade Rises

ELW # 379, v. 1-3

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would never wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

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.

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

Offertory

He Leadeth Me

Joyce Wanamaker

Offering Prayer

P: Generous God,

C: in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our 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

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymns

As We Gather at Your Table

ELW # 522

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
Teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

Come, Let Us Eat

ELW # 491

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
Our Lord's body let us take together,
our Lord's body let us take together.

Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest,
in Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.
In the presence of our Lord we gather,
in the presence of our Lord we gather.

Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word,
rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word.
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom,
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

Christ Is Alive

ELW # 389

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now, and touching ev'ry place and time.

In ev'ry insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and ev'ry age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn *Abide, O Dearest Jesus* ELW # 539, v. 1, 2 & 4

Abide, O dearest Jesus, among us with your grace,
that evil may not harm us nor we to sin give place.

Abide, O dear Redeemer, among us with your word
and thus now and here-after true peace and joy afford.

Abide with richest blessings among us, bounteous Lord;
let us in grace and wisdom grow daily through your word.

The Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Jesus will meet you on the way.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude *All Creatures of Our God and King* Joyce Wanamaker

Fellowship Time EVERYONE IS WELCOME

WORSHIP LEADERS

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

10:00 AM

Altar Guild..... Katie Heaford
Greeters/UshersBarb & Vince Yount
Liturgist Pastor Ed Foster
Lector..... Sally Burke
Sound & Zoom Technician..... Al Mohling
Coffee Fellowship..... Evangelism

COMING THIS WEEK

April 23-30

Today 8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
11:00 a.m. Poretta 60th Anniversary Celebration
2:00 p.m. Greater Lake Area Chorale Concert

Monday	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
Friday	10:00 a.m.	Set-up for WELCA Cluster Meeting
	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	WELCA Cluster Meeting (-5pm)
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Wilken 60 th Anniversary Celebration

✠ *Prayer Concerns* ✠

OUR MEMBERS

Geri Riley—health concerns
 Pat Embich—health concerns
 LeeAnne Brumm—health concerns
 Linda Kimberling
 Ken Gerardy

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

The Family of Sandy Rutledge on her death (Jane & Ron Kornfeind)
 Christy Moulder—(Hurricane Deck)
 Dave & Sara Newton—health concerns (friends of Wendy Blomberg)
 Dave Huntley—on hospice (friend of Wendy Blomberg)
 Kylie LaBelle—shoulder surgery 3/29 (Diane Ziehl's granddaughter)
 Cindy Campbell—health concerns (former secretary at Hurricane Deck)

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Dana Anderson	Carla Glusing	Larry Mausbach
Pam Babcock	Debbie Hanshaw	Steve O'Connor
Cody Blasberg	Linda Harris	Mike Page
Marcille Bohling	Bryan Hastings	Rev. Bill Peterson
Shirley Clark	Mike Holmes	Ron Roberts
Evelyn Clements	Marianne Howley	Marcia Robbins
Mary Beth Fair	CF Huff	Dan Rogers
Ron Ferguson	Teresa Joslin	Karen Tischnor
Stacey Flect	Marsha Kidwell	Bernie Wiegel
Shane Foster	Blanch Lacroix	Larry Wilson
Barbara & Bob Gislason	Barry Mabe	

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 23

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 Ed at the end of the service.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Mary Evans; and by Pat & Joe Poretta to commemorate their 60th wedding anniversary.

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

PORETTA 60TH CELEBRATION is this morning after worship. Join us!

DON & JOAN WILKEN will celebrate 60 years of marriage next Sunday, April 30, during our fellowship time. Please join them.

PUT FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR Would you like to give flowers for the altar in celebration of an anniversary or a graduation, in honor of or in memory of a loved one? The Flower Chart is on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Choose a date, write your name and how you want it to be dedicated on the line. Flowers are \$20 and are yours to take home after the service.

GREATER LAKE AREA CHORALE will be in concert at Kent Memorial TODAY at 2pm. Admission is free, donations gratefully accepted. A reception will follow the concert.

EVENING BIBLE STUDY will resume on Wednesday, April 26, at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to join in at any time. The Bible study will be livestreamed on Zoom.

MID MISSOURI CLUSTER MEETING OF THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA will be held at Kent Memorial this Saturday, April 29th, beginning at 9 AM with registration and refreshments. The theme will be "The Lord is My Light." Pastor Ed Foster will lead the morning Bible study. Principal Christy Moulder of Hurricane Deck School will be the afternoon speaker, presenting information on "The Leader in Me" program and also the school's support from the community, including Kent Memorial. Other activities will include a business meeting, morning and afternoon hymn sings and prayer partner exchanges. Lunch will be served. There is a \$5.00 registration fee. In kind gifts are designated for Hurricane Deck School – Black Expo dry erase markers, Kleenex, Disinfecting wipes, Paper towels, Ziplock bags (Sandwich and gallon). There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or phone Melba Bangert, 573-836-5030 to make a reservation. Deadline is April 23rd.

WELCA ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON WELCA's Annual Spring Luncheon is May 5th, 2023. We are honoring Mothers & Daughters. There will be a \$10 donation for the nursing scholarship to at Lake Regional Hospital. You are welcome to bring your mother, daughter or a special guest of your choice as well as pictures of their earlier yrs. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin. RSVP by April 21st. Call Eldeen Hanke or Joan Wilken if you have questions.

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST VOLUNTEER DAYS Kent's week to volunteer at Community for Christ is coming Tues. May 9, Thur. May 11 and Sat. May 13. As always, many volunteers are needed. Please sign up to help those in need by volunteering.

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST NEEDS FOR APRIL:

Shampoo, Men's & Women's Deodorant, Body Wash & Soap

A GIANT THANK YOU to our Scholarship Committee this year for many hours of deliberation on the numerous applications - you are so appreciated!! This year's recipients are Joshua Curley, Arianeli Rodriguez and Nicholas Roettgen from Camdenton HS; Olivia Torimino from Climax Springs HS; Vanessa Christian from Macks Creek HS; Joseph Courter and Mason Johnson from Versailles HS. Our Scholarship Reception is May 7th, following 10am worship service. Please mark your calendars and we'll see you there. Blessings - Kat Lacroix