

Email Blast for April 30



## **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

### **Kent Memorial Lutheran Church**

184 Sunset Hill Drive  
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

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

**April 30, 2023**

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

#### **FROM PASTOR ED**

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly," Jesus declares. When everything is said and done, it really does come down to this, Jesus came to give us this abundant life. How can we tune out all of the competing voices that seek to lead us away from our Good Shepherd and the life he has prepared for us? Hear his voice and follow him. He is our savior. He is our shepherd.

Have a blessed week!  
Shalom, Pastor Ed

**OUR WORSHIP & EVENING BIBLE STUDY are available via Zoon.** To join us, please contact the church at 573-374-5267 for assistance.

## Welcome to Worship

Today is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep in today’s gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world’s violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God’s tender care to all creation.

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**Prelude** *He Leadeth Me* 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.*

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the life beyond all death, the joy beyond all sorrow, our everlasting home.

**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** *Good Christian Friends Rejoice and Sing* ELW # 385, v. 1, 3 & 4

**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 our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through 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

**Anthem**

*Deep, Deep Love*

Pastor Ed  
Kent Choir  
Vanessa Hebrank, soloist

### First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

Old Testament p. 113

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 23** (congregation reads responsively)

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures**

**and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O Lord,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**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.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>**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 Peter 2:19-25

New Testament p. 223

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.**

**Gospel Reading**

John 10:1-10

New Testament p. 98

P: The Gospel of the Lord  
C: Praise to you, O Christ

**Sermon**

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**Hymn of the Day**

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

ELW # 789, v. 1, 2 & 4

**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** *Softly and Tenderly* Vanessa Hebrank

**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**

<b>Communion Hymns</b>	<i>The King of Love My Shepherd Is</i>	ELW # 502, v. 1, 2, 5 & 6
	<i>Have No Fear, Little Flock</i>	ELW # 764
	<i>You Satisfy the Hungry Heart</i>	ELW # 484

**Post-Communion Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Announcements**

<b>Sending Hymn</b>	<i>At the Lamb’s High Feast</i>	ELW # 362, v. 1, 2 & 7
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**The Dismissal**

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

**C: Thanks be to God!**

<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Sweet Hour of Prayer</i>	Vanessa Hebrank
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<b>Fellowship Time</b>	EVERYONE IS WELCOME
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**WORSHIP LEADERS**

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

**10:00 AM**

Altar Guild.....	Judy Ward
Greeters/Ushers .....	Judy Ward
Liturgist .....	Tracy Garrett
Lector.....	Sally Burke
Sound & Zoom Technician.....	Michael Wagner
Coffee Fellowship.....	Evangelism

## COMING THIS WEEK

April 30-May 7

Today	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Wilken Anniversary Celebration Handbells Rehearsal
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Altar Guild Meeting
	10:00 a.m.	WELCA Crafts
	11:00 a.m.	WELCA Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Lake Jazz Band Rehearsal
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Scholarship Reception Handbells Rehearsal

## † *Prayer Concerns* †

### OUR MEMBERS

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

### OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Leslie Foster & Owen (Mary Foster's friend)  
Jennifer Pedersen—serious health concerns (Allan & Sally Burke's daughter)  
Adam Craig—serious health concerns (Karen Mellody)  
Cheryl Anderson—serious heart issues (Karen Mellody)  
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  
Pam Babcock  
Cody Blasberg  
Marcille Bohling  
Shirley Clark  
Evelyn Clements  
Mary Beth Fair  
Ron Ferguson  
Stacey Flect  
Shane Foster  
Barbara & Bob Gislason

Carla Glusing  
Debbie Hanshaw  
Linda Harris  
Bryan Hastings  
Mike Holmes  
Marianne Howley  
CF Huff  
Teresa Joslin  
Marsha Kidwell  
Blanch Lacroix  
Barry Mabe

Larry Mausbach  
Steve O'Connor  
Mike Page  
Rev. Bill Peterson  
Ron Roberts  
Marcia Robbins  
Dan Rogers  
Karen Tischnor  
Bernie Wiegel  
Larry Wilson

## REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 30

**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 Don & Joan Wilken in celebration of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (4/8)

**CARE CORE** for April is Mary Evans, 816-506-7995; for May is Sharon Ballard, 374-8974.

**DON & JOAN WILKEN** will celebrate 60 years of marriage this morning during the fellowship time. Please join them.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED** make the audience and Chorale welcome at Kent Memorial. From ushers, to chair carriers, to cookie bakers and reception hostesses, your love shone brightly on all who were there.

**PASTOR ED'S PHONE NUMBER** will now be 785-404-8831.

**EVENING BIBLE STUDY** will meet on Wednesdays at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to join in at any time. The Bible study will be livestreamed on Zoom. See the weekly blast for the link.

**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. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. 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 MAY:**  
Shampoo, Men's & Women's Deodorant, Body Wash & Soap

**QUEEN ESTHER AT SIGHT & SOUND** **Save the date:** On Wednesday, October 11, Kent will be sponsoring a trip to Branson to see the Queen Esther Show at the Sight and Sound Theater. We will leave the church at 8:30 on a chartered bus, eat lunch at the Branson Golden Corral, attend the 3:30 showing of Queen Esther, and then travel home after the show (with a quick stop at Braum's in the Springfield area). The price will be \$105 per person which includes the show ticket, the bus ride, and the Golden Corral Lunch. There will be a sign-up sheet posted. We hope you will join us for a wonderful day! If you have any questions, contact Cindy Mohling (319-269-9853).

**THANK YOU** We want to thank Evangelism Committee for our wonderful reception last Sunday. Things couldn't have been nicer and we appreciate all your efforts. Also thank you to our church family for all the cards and good wishes. The Poretas