

Email Blast for May 7



5th Sunday of Easter

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
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The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

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

FROM PASTOR ED

As Jesus prepares his disciples for his coming passion, he tells them, "Let not your hearts be troubled." It seems like an incredible thing to say, knowing what is to come. But the Easter Promise of new and eternal life is indeed incredible. God's love for us, God's love for the world is greater than anything, greater even than death. As we consider all of the ways Jesus' resurrection impacts our lives every day, it is this promise which finally that comes to the forefront. Jesus is preparing mansions in God's kingdom for us. Our hearts need not be troubled for Jesus has us in his eternal care.

Have a glorious week!
Pastor Ed

NO BIBLE STUDY TONIGHT, MAY 3.

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

To join a worship service, please contact the church at 573-374-5267 for assistance.

Welcome to Worship

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

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Prelude

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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.

Welcome

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

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

Call To Worship

P: Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous;

C: **It is good for us to sing praises.**

P: Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord.

C: **Happy are the people chosen by God.**

P: Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us.

C: **As we put our trust in you.**

Prayer of Confession

P: You have called us, O Lord, to be your holy priesthood,

C: **witnessing to your grace and love for all. We confess to abusing our status as your chosen people. We love to think of ourselves as holier than others. We promote our own personal and corporate agendas rather than your vision of peace and justice for all. We have not adequately safeguarded the earth and its resources for future generations. By words and deeds, by what we have done and what we have left undone, we have failed to love you with all our hearts, minds and strength. Have mercy on us, we pray. Forgive us and renew us in our commitment to embody the way, the truth, and the life revealed in your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Announcement of Forgiveness

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

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

C: And also with you.

Gathering Hymn

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives

ELW # 380, 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: This is the feast

ELW p. 149

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 and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

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

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

All: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Ed

Anthem

In Remembrance

Kent Choir

First Reading

Acts 7:55-60

Old Testament p. 119

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:1-5. 15-16 (congregation reads responsively)

¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

²**Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

⁴**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.**

⁵Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

¹⁵**My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.”

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

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 fourteenth chapter

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

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-14

New Testament p. 103

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

You Are the Way

ELW # 758

Profession of Faith– Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers

P: Here 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

The Church's One Foundation

Margo Strothmann

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

Communion Hymns

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

ELW # 619

Blessed Assurance

ELW # 638

Just As I Am Without One Plea

ELW # 592

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

Now All the Vaults of Heaven Resound

ELW # 367, v. 1 & 2

The Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff

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 Melba Bangert
Greeters/Ushers Barb & Vince Yount
Liturgist Joyce Burke
Lector Kathy Fair
Sound & Zoom Technician Mike Ward
Coffee Fellowship Scholarship Committee

COMING THIS WEEK

May 7-14

Today	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Scholarship Reception Handbells Rehearsal
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Social Ministry
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Community for Christ
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Evangelism
	10:00 a.m.	Worship & Music
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Community for Christ
Saturday	6:00 p.m.	Lake Jazz Band rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Community for Christ
Sunday		MOTHER'S DAY
	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts) 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

Joan Schuitema (Dan & Tracy Garrett's friend)
Leslie Foster & Owen (Mary Foster's friend)
Jennifer Pedersen—breast cancer (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)
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	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 MAY 7

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 Bill & Katie Heaford in honor of their families.

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY IS MAY 28 During the first reading at both services, we will share some of the verses in other languages, so we hear, as those listening to the disciples heard the word in their own language. If you speak (or read) in a language other than English, we welcome your help at either service. Contact Tracy in the church office, 573-374-5267, and choose your language.

PASTOR ED IS GOING DOWN TO ONE PHONE His number will be 785-404-8831.

EVENING BIBLE STUDY meets 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.

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).

OUTDOOR WORSHIP BEGINS MAY 28 On Pentecost Sunday we will begin our summer schedule, worshipping outside in the Ireland Chapel at 8:00 a.m. and in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. (livestreaming).

THANK YOU to all our Kent family for your cards & Anniversary wishes! The cake was delicious! You made our day special! Don & Joan Wilken