

Email Blast for April 7



Second Sunday of Easter

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

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

When Jesus appears to the disciples in the upper room they are hiding, afraid that they will experience the same fate as their friend and Lord. But with a word, "peace" (or almost certainly shalom) the fear and sadness disappears and in their joy they finally begin to understand. Jesus really is the Son of God, and he really does have the power to bring life out of death. For them seeing was believing. Jesus goes on to bless us who have not seen him (at least in that way) and yet have come to believe. Where does our faith come from? How have we come to believe this wonderful amazing Good News? Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia

Have a blessed week,
Shalom,
Pastor Ed

OUR 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP AND WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY ARE AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM:

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

Welcome to Worship

The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

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Prelude *Holy Spirit, Breath of Heaven* 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

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord is Risen!

C: He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Jesus Christ was the first to conquer death.

C: The Ruler of the kings of the earth.

P: He loves us,

C: and by his blood he sets us free from our sins.

Confession and Forgiveness

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.

Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are dead in our trespasses and sins. We have doubted your promises, despaired of your presence, and denied your saving power. In your great mercy deliver us from the death we deserve, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

P: If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

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 always.

C: And also with you.

Gathering Hymn

I Come with Joy

ELW # 482, v. 1, 3 & 5

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

Canticle of Praise: This is the feast

ELW p. 149

Prayer of the Day

All: Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord’s resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, 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

Pastor Ed

Special Music

Prelude XXII from Suite 108

Margo Strothmann

First Reading

Acts 4:32-35

New Testament p. 115

L: The Word of the Lord
C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133 (congregation reads responsively)

¹How good and how pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!

²**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

Second Reading

1 John 1:1—2:2

New Testament p. 228

L: The Word of the Lord
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

New Testament p. 109

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

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

That Easter Day with Joy was Bright

ELW # 384

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: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

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

Offertory

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Vanessa Hebrank

Offering Prayer

P: Risen One,

C: you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. 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, our duty and our joy...

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.

Communion Hymns

*Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!
As We Gather at Your Table
God Is Here*

ELW # 380
ELW # 522
ELW # 526

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

Thine Is the Glory

ELW # 376, v. 1 & 2

The Dismissal

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

C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude

Rejoice! He Is Lord of All

Vanessa Hebrank

Fellowship Time

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

WORSHIP LEADERS

PastorEd Foster
Organist/Pianist Vanessa Hebrank
Choir Director.....Tracy Garrett
Choir Accompanist..... Tracey Atzeni
Handbells Director..... Katie Heaford

10:00 AM

Altar Guild.....Melba Bangert, Karole Karls
Greeters/UshersBob & Karole Karls
Liturgist Katie Heaford
Lector..... Kathy Fair
Sound & Zoom Technician..... Al Mohling
Coffee Fellowship..... Randy & Ruth Osterbur

COMING THIS WEEK

April 7-14

Today	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Social Ministry Committee
	10:30 a.m.	Evangelism Committee
	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center volunteers
	6:00 p.m.	Choral Rehearsal
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Mutual Ministry
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center volunteers
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center volunteers
Friday	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center volunteers
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:20 a.m.	Handbells Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
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† *Prayer Concerns* †

OUR MEMBERS

Pat Embich
Jim Gilbert
Larry Fair

Marsha Gust
Karen Thompson
Judy Bradley

Bill Work
Joel Hellman
Gene Page

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Gil Wilde

Chris Stanze

Tamara McClain

Jeanne Hines
Mike Holmes
Payton Foster
Steve Hughes

Tom Simmons
Vicki Sawyer
Ken Buckingham
Jennifer Blomberg

Marcille Bohling
Jodi (Ziehl) Redmond
Michele Schafer
Evan Beaupre

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Cheryl Anderson
Dana Anderson
Michelle Becker
Jessica Birdsong
Cody Blasberg
Cindy Campbell
Shirley Clark
Evelyn Clements
Lance Craft
Chuck Cuthbertson
Mary Beth Fair
Ron Ferguson
Stacey Fleck
Shane Foster
Ginger Frazier

Al Gann
Ken Gerardy
Carla Glusing
Ruth Goddard & family
Lyn Golvig
Gary Hansen
Debbie Hanshaw
Bryan Hastings
Rod Hayes
Jacque Ray Higgenbotham
CF Huff
Beth Jackson
Teresa Joslin
Linda Kimberling
Ed Krueger

Blanch Lacroix
Dave & Sara Newton
Jennifer Pedersen
Doris Peterson
Zach Rezac
Ron Roberts
Marcia Robbins
Dan Rogers
Pat & Shirley Rogers
Dave Shaver
Karen Tischnor
Theresa White
Bernie Wiegel
Jerry Williams
Larry Wilson

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Babcock
Eric Blomberg
Ben Brammeier
Shade Bullock
Salathiel (Sal) Caudill
Dylan Craig

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 APRIL 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.

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

EVENING BIBLE STUDY RESUMES on Wednesday, April 10 at 6:00 p.m.

EASTER GARDEN Thank you to everyone who brought flowers for our Easter Garden. Feel free to take them home today. The lilies need to remain until next week.

LILIES may be taken home next week.

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST NEEDS FOR APRIL

Condiments (catsup, mustard, mayo)
Salad dressings
Any kind of juice
Taco seasoning

Cereal (cold)

Paper towels

Cleaning products for bathroom & kitchen

PERSONAL CARE KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF Cleanliness may not actually be next to godliness, but it certainly helps a person feel more human. To go with our Mission Quilts in 2024, WELCA is collecting items for personal care kits to be shared with Lutheran World Relief in October. Each kit will include the following:

- One lightweight cotton or cotton blend bath-size towel (20x40" to 52x27")
- Two or three bath-size bars of soap (totaling 8-9 oz.)
- One adult-size toothbrush in original packaging
- One sturdy comb (not a pick or fine-toothed) – remove packaging
- One metal nail clippers – remove packaging

See the sample kit set out in the fellowship hall for an example. Bring your donations to the box in the fellowship hall.