

Email Blast for April 28



## **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**

**April 28, 2024**

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

#### **FROM PASTOR ED**

As Jesus prepares his disciples for his coming arrest, trial, and crucifixion, he tells them not to let their hearts be troubled, to believe in God, and to believe in him. He then tells them that he is the vine and they are his branches. Jesus is indeed the source and essence of our lives, and as we all will learn on Easter morning, not even death can separate us from his life-giving care. Jesus followers are a part of and vitally connected to the source of life, and through him connected to one another.

Have a glorious and grace filled week,  
Peace be with you,  
Pastor Ed

**WORSHIP & WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** are available via Zoom. Please call the church office for assistance.

## Welcome to Worship

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

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### **Prelude**

*Trusting Jesus*

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 the Lord has made.

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

*Congregation please stand*

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

P: The Lord is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Jesus Christ was the first to conquer death, the ruler of all the kings of the earth.

**C: He loves us, and by his blood he set us free from our sins.**

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.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are dead in trespasses and sins. We have failed to keep your commandments, and so have turned from your love. In your great mercy deliver us from the death we deserve, for the sake of Jesus Christ.**

P: Jesus Christ has chosen you; he calls you not servants but friends.

**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 a sign of peace with one another.)

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

**C: And also with you.**

### **Gathering Hymn**

*Now the Green Blade Rises*

ELW # 379, v. 1-3

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

ELW p. 148

**Prayer of the Day**

**All: O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, 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

**Anthem**

*Jesus in the Morning*

Kent Handbells

**First Reading**

Acts 8:26-40

New Testament p. 120

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 22:25-31** (congregation reads responsively)

**Second Reading**

1 John 4:7-21

New Testament p. 230

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Announcement**

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to John, the fifteenth chapter

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

**Gospel Reading**

John 15:1-8

New Testament p. 104

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Ed Foster

**Hymn of the Day**

*Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!*

ELW # 377, 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 of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

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

**Offertory**

*Let It Be Said*

Joyce Wanamaker

**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**

*Come to the Table*

ELW # 481

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

ELW # 879

*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

ELW # 886

**Post-Communion Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Announcements**

**Sending Hymn**

*Let All Things Now Living*

ELW # 881

**The Dismissal**

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

C: we share Jesus with all!

**Postlude**

*This Is My Father’s World*

Joyce Wanamaker

**Fellowship Time**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Pastor .....Ed Foster  
 Organist/Pianist .....Joyce Wanamaker  
 Choir Director.....Tracy Garrett  
 Choir Accompanist..... Tracey Atzeni  
 Handbells Director..... Katie Heaford

**10:00 AM**

Altar Guild..... Ruth Osterbur  
 Greeters/Ushers ..... Randy & Ruth Osterbur  
 Liturgist ..... Al Mohling  
 Lector..... Kathy Fair  
 Sound & Zoom Technician..... Dan Garrett  
 Coffee Fellowship.....Al & Cindy Mohling

**COMING THIS WEEK**

**April 28-May 5**

Today	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)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Greater Lake Area Chorale concert & reception
	6:00 p.m.	Chorale NYC Rehearsal
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
Friday	11:00 a.m.	WELCA Spring Luncheon
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Share the Harvest Style/Fundraiser
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		VBS Meeting
	9:20 a.m.	Handbells Rehearsal
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## † *Prayer Concerns* †

### **OUR MEMBERS**

Geri Riley  
Stan Field  
Pat Embich

Jim Gilbert  
Marsha Gust  
Karen Thompson

Judy Bradley  
Joel Hellman  
Gene Page

### **OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS**

Trudy Hamilton  
Scott Hamilton  
Dianne Steingrubey  
Wayne Jackson  
Gil Wilde

Tamara McClain  
Jeanne Hines  
Mike Holmes  
Steve Hughes  
Tom Simmons

Vicki Sawyer  
Ken Buckingham  
Marcille Bohling

### **CONTINUED PRAYERS**

Cheryl Anderson  
Dana Anderson  
Evan Beaupre  
Michelle Becker  
Jessica Birdsong  
Jennifer Blomberg  
Cindy Campbell  
Shirley Clark  
Evelyn Clements  
Lance Craft  
Chuck Cuthbertson  
Ron Ferguson  
Stacey Fleck  
Shane Foster  
Al Gann

Ken Gerardy  
Carla Glusing  
Ruth Goddard & family  
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  
Jodi (Ziehl) Redmond  
Ron Roberts  
Marcia Robbins  
Dan Rogers  
Pat & Shirley Rogers  
Michele Schafer  
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 28**

**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 Tracy Garrett – Happy #65, Dan!

**CARE CORE** for April is Mary Evans, 816-506-7995; for May is Sharon Ballard, 573-374-8974 or 573-280-5618.

**CONCERT TODAY AT KENT** The Greater Lake Area Chorale will present their spring season concert this afternoon, 2:00 p.m., here at Kent. Admission is free; donations are gratefully accepted.

**UNSUNG HERO MOVIE DAY** Lake West Theater will be showing the movie *Unsung Hero* for a week. The Evangelism Committee would like to invite Kent members to join us Tuesday, April 30 to attend the 4:00 showing at the Lake West Cinemas for only \$5.50. Please plan to meet at the theater around 3:45 to buy our tickets for the 4:00 show. After the movie, we will eat dinner and have fellowship at Carmelita's. Call or text Cindy Mohling (319 269-9853) if you are interested in going to the movie and dinner so we know how many to expect for the Meal. Thanks.

**READY, SET...PREPARE** On Sunday, May 19, following our fellowship time, we will host "Ready, Set...Prepare", a workshop on making end-of-life decisions and preparation before it's needed. Presenters from Kidwell-Garber, Andrew Renken Law Firm, SRG Financial Advisors, Sullivan Bank and our own Pastor Ed will join us to share information and answer questions. Lunch will be provided. Please sign up so we know how many we need to feed.

**QUARTERS FOR QUALITY EDUCATION** Camdenton School District decided not to fund the Leader in Me program that Hurricane Deck uses for part of its curriculum. It is a wonderful program that many of us have seen in action. Laurie-Sunrise Beach RotarY Club has decided to help fund the program for the 2024-2025 school year. We thought we could help out too, by collecting quarters (or any amount) in the Quarters for Quality Education Jar by Pastor Ed's office. Thank you for any help you can give. Questions – see Wendy Blomberg.

**CAMDEN COUNTY PROPERTY TAX FREEZE** If you are 62 years of age or over, are the owner of a homestead in Camden County, and are liable for the payment of real property taxes on such homestead, you may qualify for the freeze. The amount of the taxes will freeze, and not increase, when the taxpayer becomes age 62. Only taxes will be frozen, not assessments or levees. For example, remodeling which expands square footage and results in a 50 percent increase in the assessment will trigger a reassessment of the property taxes. Individuals will need to apply annually (prior to June 30) at the Camden County Assessor, 50 Roofener Street, Camdenton to have their taxes frozen. If you have questions about this, please contact Al Mohling.

**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