

Email Blast for May 5



Sixth Sunday of Easter

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

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

FROM PASTOR ED

Jesus invites us to "abide in his love." There is probably no more comforting description of the life of faith: we are abiding, living, thriving in God's love. It is the food that feeds us. It is the power that gives us life. It is our purpose and our meaning. It is our shelter from the storm and our defense from all that would harm us. It is Jesus' love for us, that compels us to love one another, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. It is Jesus' love for us that gives us courage to even love our enemies. Jesus chose us for this, that we might abide in his love and love one another.

Have a blessed week,
Shalom,
Pastor Ed

OUR WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM:

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

Welcome to Worship

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

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Prelude

Oh, How I Love Jesus

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

P: This is the day the Lord has made.

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

An Order of Confession and Forgiveness

P: The Lord is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

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!

What A Friend: A Little Litany

ELW #742

P: My brothers and sisters in Christ, Jesus said, "I call you friends," and so we are! From the time we were born he wanted to be with us and know everything about us. *Sing verse 1.*

C: We thank you, Lord Jesus, for being our friend.

P: In the toughest of times, Jesus has stood by us. He has spoken to the Father on our behalf and defended us against attacks from the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh.

C: We thank you, dear Jesus, for your help and comfort. *Sing verse 2.*

P: On this earth, we have felt the friendship of Jesus through the kind words, sympathetic tears, sincere sentiments, genuine generosity, and strong commitments of others. *Sing verse 3.*

C: We thank you, dear Jesus, for using other people to make your friendship known. *Sing verse 3.*

P: Jesus is the truest Friend there is.

C: And he will keep us ever close to his heart. *Sing verse 4.*

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.

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 have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Ed

Anthem

O God, Thy Hands the Heavens Made

Kent Choir

First Reading

Acts 10:44-48

Old Testament p. 123

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98 (congregation reads responsively)

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

New Testament p. 231

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 15:9-17

New Testament p. 104

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Hymn of the Day

In Heaven Above

ELW # 630, v. 1 & 2

Hymn of the month. Choir will sing verse 1, then the congregation will sing verses 1 & 2.

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

What Wondrous Love Is This

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

<i>Jesus Loves Me!</i>	ELW # 595
<i>Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love</i>	ELW # 708
<i>Beautiful Savior</i>	ELW # 838
<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	ELW # 631

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* ELW # 367, v. 1, 3 & 4

The Dismissal

P: Hearing God's call and responding in love,
C: **we share Jesus with all!**

Postlude *Walk Worthy* 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
Altar Guild.....Karole Karls
Greeters/Ushers Bob & Karole Karls

Liturgist Joyce Burke
 Lector..... Sally Burke
 Sound & Zoom Technician..... Sam Foster
 Coffee Fellowship.....Donna Young

COMING THIS WEEK
May 5-12

Today	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School VBS Meeting / Christian Education Meeting
	9:20 a.m.	Handbells Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Scholarship Reception
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Evangelism
	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center Volunteer
	6:00 p.m.	Chorale NYC Rehearsal (in Sanctuary)
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Altar Guild Meeting
	10:00 a.m.	WELCA Crafts
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	WELCA Meeting
	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Worship & Music Meeting
	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center Volunteer
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center Volunteer
Friday	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center Volunteer
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:20 a.m.	Handbells Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)

† Prayer Concerns †

OUR MEMBERS

Gerri Riley	Jim Gilbert	Judy Bradley
Stan Field	Marsha Gust	Joel Hellman
Pat Embich	Karen Thompson	Gene Page

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Trudy Hamilton	Tamara McClain	Vicki Sawyer
Scott Hamilton	Jeanne Hines	Ken Buckingham
Dianne Steingrubey	Mike Holmes	Marcille Bohling
Wayne Jackson	Steve Hughes	
Gil Wilde	Tom Simmons	

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Cheryl Anderson	Michelle Becker	Shirley Clark
Dana Anderson	Jessica Birdsong	Evelyn Clements
Evan Beaupre	Jennifer Blomberg	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
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 MAY 5

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 Al & Cindy Mohling in honor of their grandchildren.

CARE CORE for May is Sharon Ballard, 573-374-8974 or 573-280-5618.

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. The 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.

WESTSIDE SENIOR CENTER The week of May 6 – 10 is Kent's week to help out at the Senior Center and volunteers are needed. There is a sign-up sheet on the board in Fellowship Hall.

MAY WELCA MEETING Women of the ELCA will meet Tuesday, May 7th, at 11 a.m. for their monthly business meeting. Quilters will meet at 9:30 a.m. to work on quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Crafters will meet at 10 a.m. to stuff critters for Lake Regional Hospital. Please join us!!

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, SRG Financial Advisors, Sullivan Bank and more 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.

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.