

Email Blast for April 27



2nd Sunday of Easter

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

April 27, 2025

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

FROM PASTOR ED

Jesus first appearances to his disciples established for them the truth of the resurrection. Jesus was indeed alive, just as he had promised them. The first of his gifts to them was "peace," "shalom." The resurrection of Jesus offers us the goodness of God in ways beyond our comprehension. It gives us peace. Beyond that the freshly resurrected Jesus gives the disciples a new job, to forgive. Jesus resurrection, his life will be revealed in the forgiveness of sins, the forgiveness of their sins against God, but maybe just as importantly their forgiveness of their sins against us. Our graciousness proclaims that Christ is risen. It proclaims that he lives. Our forgiveness

can only come from knowing Jesus has truly forgiven us.

Have glorious Easter week!

God bless you all,
Pastor Ed

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

In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

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Prelude

Ode to Joy

Tracey Atzeni

Welcome

P: Alleluia! Christ has risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

P: When we were baptized, we died and we were buried with Christ.

C: We were baptized so that we might have a new life, as Christ was raised to life by the glory of God the Father.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us confess our sins to God, so that we may receive the outcome of our faith, the salvation of our souls.

Silence for Reflection

P: Almighty and merciful God,

C: We are dead in trespasses and sin; we have no power to rise. We have offended your majesty and denied your divinity; we have brought death and darkness where you once said, "Let there be light." We deserve the doom you have decreed. We are dead in trespasses and sin; we have no power to rise.

P: But Christ is risen.

C: He is risen Indeed!

P: Since we have been united with him in a death like his,

C: we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. For his sake, we implore you: forgive our sins and free us from all doubt and disbelief. Let us be raised with Christ!

P: "Thus it is written, that the Messiah had to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins must be proclaimed in his name." That Word is now proclaimed to you.

C: We have seen the Lord! Alleluia! Amen.

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

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

ELW #384, v. 1, 2 & 4

Liturgy Setting 4

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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

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Prayer of the Day

All: O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, 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

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth, from The Messiah

Joyce Burke

First Reading

Acts 5:27-32

Old Testament

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 150 (congregation reads responsively)

1 Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple;
praise God in the mighty firmament.

2 **Praise God for mighty acts;
praise God for exceeding greatness.**

3 Praise God with trumpet sound;
praise God with lyre and harp.

4 **Praise God with tambourine and dance;
praise God with strings and pipe.**

5 Praise God with resounding cymbals;
praise God with loud clanging cymbals.

6 **Let everything that has breath
praise the Lord. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading

Revelation 1:4-8

New Testament

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: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

Be Thou My Vision

ELW # 793, v. 1 & 2

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

Jesus Paid It All / Lamb of God

Tracey Atzeni

Offering Prayer

P: Risen One,

C: **you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.**

Holy Communion

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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

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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

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Communion Hymns

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing
As We Gather at Your Table*

ELW # 392
ELW # 393
ELW # 522

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

ELW # 389, v. 1, 2 & 5

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

The Trumpet Shall Sound

Tracey Atzeni

Fellowship Time

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor.....Ed Foster
Organist/Pianist..... Tracy Atzeni
Choir Director Tracy Garrett
Choir Accompanist..... Tracey Atzeni
Handbells Director Toni Wagner

Altar Guild Joan Wilken
Greeters/UshersMike & Lee Ann McClain
Liturgist.....Ed Foster
Lector Mary Foster
Sound & Zoom Technician Sam Foster
Coffee Fellowship Evangelism

COMING THIS WEEK
April 27-May 4

Today 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion (livestreaming)

Monday	11:00 a.m.	Wanamaker's 60 th Anniversary Celebration
	7:00 p.m.	Symphony of the Magic Dragon Concert
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15 a.m.	Children's Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts) Handbells Rehearsal

† *Prayer Concerns* †

OUR MEMBERS

Sandra Gilbert	Joe Poretta	Jim Gilbert
Janet Page	Donald Brumm	Gene Page
Frank Howley	Marsha Gust	
Karen Thompson	Geri Riley	

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Keith & Kathy Ballenger Shane S.	Bonnie Shipman	Brandon Rodewald
Bruce Hedgepeth	Daria Scheuerman	Doug Jones
Pat Handt	Dave Newton	Patrick Parkhurst
Cindy Hoch	Tara Boos	Stacy Carey
Casi Johnston	Jennifer Blomberg	Trudy Hamilton
Elvis F.	Eleanor Garrison (age 7)	Wayne Jackson
Ron Wagner	Cooper Cupp (age 6)	Mike Holmes
Kelly Covey & family	John Welsh	Steve Hughes
Pam Vaught	Tom Williams	Marcille Bohling
Stanley Pearson	Mary Ann Carter	

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Evan Beaupre	Ken Gerardy	Michele Schafer
Michelle Becker	Carla Glusing	Dave Shaver
Jessica Birdsong	Ruth Goddard & family	Dianne Steingrubey
Cindy Campbell	Jeanne Hines	Karen Tischnor
Shirley Clark	Teresa Joslin	Pat Vielhauer
Evelyn Clements	Linda Kimberling	Theresa White
Chuck Cuthbertson	Ed Krueger	Bernie Wiegel
Ron Ferguson	Blanche Lacroix	Jerry Williams
Stacey Fleck	Ron Roberts	
Al Gann	Marcia Robbins	

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 27

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. 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.

CELEBRATE CHUCK & JOYCE'S 60TH Join Joyce & Chuck Wanamaker after worship today to celebrate the 60th wedding anniversary (4/18).

EVENING BIBLE STUDY resumes Wednesday, April 30, at 6pm.

SYMPHONY OF THE MAGIC DRAGON will present a concert here tomorrow, Monday, April 28, at 7pm. The concert is free. A donation will be accepted at the concert to benefit the Symphony.

GREATER LAKE AREA CHORALE will present their Spring concert at Kent on Sunday, May 4. Please plan to have some lunch, then come back to enjoy some wonderful choral music.

LILIES Feel free to take your lily home after worship today. If you would like to donate flowers for the altar sign up on the (big) flower chart in the fellowship hall.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA – Mid Missouri Spring Gathering will be held on April 26, 2025, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Cole Camp, beginning at 9:00 a.m. with registration and refreshments. Business and program begin at 10:00 a.m. Registration is \$5.00. Lunch will be provided. The theme for the gathering is "Faith working through love" (Galatians 5:6b). Bible study will be led by Pastor Stephen Zeller. The afternoon program will be given by Connie McCray, Director of Hope5One Ministry, a faith-based organization dedicated to giving hope and freedom from human trafficking. All are welcome to be a part of this day of learning and sharing. A sign-up sheet is posted on the WELCA board in the fellowship hall. For more information contact Melba Bangert 573-836-5030.

WELCA SPRING LUNCHEON May 2nd is the WELCA Annual Spring Luncheon! We'll begin at 11:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. The theme is "Once Upon an Apron" - wear your special apron or bring one to share! \$10 donation at the door goes to the Nursing Scholarship Program at Lake Regional. There will be an Apron Raffle Basket & Placements, etc. Tickets are \$1 each or 8 tickets for \$5. Invite your neighbors and members of other churches to join us. Please RSVP by April 25 to Joan Wilken or to the Church office.

KENT WEEK AT COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST Time to volunteer at Community for Christ on Tues. May 13th, Thur. May 15th and Saturday May 17th. A reminder that each day a minimum of 5 ladies are needed, selling and sorting clothing, plus 2 gentlemen in the basement area. An opportunity to work and shop for something to add to your wardrobe! Signup sheet on the infamous bulletin board. This is truly neighbors helping neighbors. Won't you please consider volunteering?

QUARTERS FOR QUALITY EDUCATION Our friends at Hurricane Deck have received an incredible honor. As most of us know, the Leader In Me program at Hurricane Deck is a fantastic program that makes a huge difference in the lives of the children and the families in our neighborhood. Others are recognizing how outstanding they are as well. The two Kindergarten teachers have been asked to come to the Leader in Me training event and teach others how they make leadership a part of their everyday instruction with their young students. It is a great honor and a great opportunity, but as you might have guessed the cost of attending the event isn't paid for. If you would like to support our friends, please consider donating in the Quarters jar outside of Pastor Ed's office. Quarters, dollars and other denominations of cash will help make attending this conference possible.

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST NEEDS Hello to All!! First of all, I want to thank everyone who gave their time to help CFC during our change over last week. The store is now full of Spring and Summer clothing, hats, shoes and all kinds of accessories. Plus, things have been moved around a bit so come see us when you are able. The CfC board members express our full appreciation for everyone's efforts. So many showed up that our work was done in no time at all.

Our food pantry is doing pretty good right now, however, what we are really needing are personal hygiene items, for both men and women. Here is a list of things we could really use. Please let folks know, these are things that cannot be bought with food stamps and are so very much needed:

- Soap bars
- Deodorant
- Body wash
- Shampoo
- Razors & shaving cream
- Toilet paper
- Tissues
- Women's personal products
- And any household cleaning products