



Fifth 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

Jesus commands us to love one another. He commands us to love our enemies. He commands us to love our neighbors, and defines neighbor to include the most unlikely of people. We are even told that God loves the entire world. But as Jesus prepared his disciples for life after he ascended into heaven, he commanded us to love one another as he has loved us. Indeed, he says that this is the trait by which the world will know us, our love. What does that love look like? How does that love happen, when it is hard to love, when we are hurt, when we are angry, when we don't feel loved and accepted ourselves? How can we truly love one another ?

Have a blessed week!

Shalom
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

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

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Prelude

Nearer, My God, to Thee

Vanessa Hebrank

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. By grace you have been saved. In the name of the Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: 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

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

ELW # 389, v. 1, 4 & 5

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

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: Glory to God in the highest

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L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

All: O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through 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

Anthem

Fairest Lord Jesus

Kent Handbells

First Reading

Acts 11:1-18

Old Testament

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148 (congregation reads responsively)

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

² **Praise the Lord, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

³ Praise the Lord, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴ **Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded, and they were created,

⁶ **who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸ **fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

⁹ mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰ **wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**

¹¹ sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

¹² **young men and maidens, old and young together.**

¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord,

whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴ **The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

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 thirteenth chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

John 13:31-35

New Testament

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW # 836, 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: 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

God Is Love

Vanessa Hebrank

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		ELW p. 154
Communion Hymns	<i>Blest Be the Tie That Binds</i>	ELW # 656
	<i>In Heaven Above</i>	ELW # 630
	<i>O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts</i>	ELW # 658

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn	<i>Lift High the Cross</i>	ELW # 660, v. 1, 3 & 4
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The Dismissal
P: Hearing God’s call and responding in love,
C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	Vanessa Hebrank
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Fellowship Time	EVERYONE IS WELCOME
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WORSHIP LEADERS

- Pastor Ed Foster
- Organist/Pianist.....Vanessa Hebrank
- Choir Director Tracy Garrett
- Choir Accompanist Tracey Atzeni
- Handbells Director Toni Wagner
- Altar Guild Karole Karls
- Greeters/Ushers..... Lee Ann & Mike McClain
- Liturgist..... Katie Heaford
- Lector Mary Foster
- Sound & Zoom Technician Sam Foster
- Coffee Fellowship..... Scholarship Committee

COMING THIS WEEK
May 18-25

Today	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Scholarship Reception & Bob Brumm Celebration
Monday	5:15 p.m.	Endowment Committee

Tuesday	5:00 p.m.	Christian Education Committee
	6:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Newcomers Luncheon
	3:00 p.m.	Grief Group
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (Outdoor Chapel)
	9:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)

✠ *Prayer Concerns* ✠

OUR MEMBERS

Loren Lorenzen
Sandra Gilbert
Janet Page
Frank Howley

Karen Thompson
Joe Poretta
Donald Brumm
Marsha Gust

Geri Riley
Jim Gilbert
Gene Page

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Jacquelin Allen
Mark Schaub
Keith & Kathy Ballenger
Bruce Hedgepeth
Shane S.
Pat Handt
Cindy Hoch
Casi Johnston
Elvis F.
Ron Wagner

Pam Vaught
Stanley Pearson
Daria Scheuerman
Dave Newton
Tara Boos
Jennifer Blomberg
Eleanor Garrison (age 7)
Cooper Cupp (age 6)
John Welsh
Tom Williams
Mary Ann Carter

Brandon Rodewald
Doug Jones
Patrick Parkhurst
Stacy Carey
Trudy Hamilton
Wayne Jackson
Mike Holmes
Steve Hughes
Marcille Bohling

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Evan Beaupre
Michelle Becker
Jessica Birdsong
Cindy Campbell
Shirley Clark
Evelyn Clements
Chuck Cuthbertson
Ron Ferguson
Stacey Fleck
Al Gann

Ken Gerardy
Carla Glusing
Ruth Goddard & family
Jeanne Hines
Teresa Joslin
Linda Kimberling
Ed Krueger
Blanche Lacroix
Ron Roberts
Marcia Robbins

Michele Schafer
Dave Shaver
Dianne Steingrubey
Karen Tischnor
Pat Vielhauer
Theresa White
Bernie Wiegel
Jerry Williams

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Babcock
Eric Blomberg
Ben Brammeier
Dylan Craig
Salathiel (Sal) Caudill
Aaron Davis

Tanner Glodt
Kristine Hubbard
Jason Ites
Jason Judge
Adam Kralina
Matt Lee

Jordan Lindeman
Glenn Maddock
Tristan Morgan
Adam Peterson

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 18

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.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Dennis & Sheryl Boos.

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

SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION Join us after worship today to welcome and celebrate the 2025 recipients of the Steward-McFaden scholarships.

BOB BRUMM'S 95TH CELEBRATION This morning following worship we will celebrate Bob Brumm's 95th birthday (5/17). Join us to wish him happy birthday.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS MAY 25 Beginning next Sunday we will add our 8:00 a.m. worship outside in the Ireland Chapel. Fellowship time will be between services at 9:00 a.m. and our 10:00 a.m. worship will be in the Sanctuary.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN Every year from Mother's Day to Father's Day the Pregnancy Help Center conducts their Baby Bottle Campaign to support their efforts. Empty baby bottles are set out in the Gathering Place. Take one home, fill it with change – or dollar bills or a check – and bring it back by Father's Day. Make checks out to "Pregnancy Help Center."

NEWCOMERS SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON The Newcomers group will be here on Wednesday, May 21, for their Spring Salad Luncheon and meeting. There is a sign-up sheet for both helpers and those bringing salads and desserts. If you can help, please sign up. If there are any questions contact Sally Burke, 573-480-7815.

LAST SUNDAY FOR 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 by the Baby Bottles. Quarters, dollars and other denominations of cash will help make attending this conference possible. Thank you for your contributions.

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST NEEDS 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
- Household cleaning products

MUSIC IN THE COMMUNITY

Greater Lake Area Chorale will present their final concert Sunday, May 18, 2pm, at First Baptist Church, Eldon.

Lake Area Community Orchestra will open their Spring/Summer season on Tuesday, May 27, 7pm, at Trinity Lutheran in Russellville. They will be in concert at West Lake Christian Church in Laurie on June 24 at 7pm.

SOCIAL MINISTRY STORIES

This story is about how we helped the Cupp family earlier this year. They have 3 children, both parents work, the two youngest are twins (6 yrs old). They are both autistic. One of the twins has brain cancer and needs to do treatments in Columbia. He has to be put under sedation each time and it takes up to 3 days to handle these treatments due to being autistic. Both parents are missing a lot of work. They needed help with their bills. We helped with their house payment and their CoMo bill. You, the people of Kent, helped them in a very critical time of need. This is also the name on our prayer list. Thank you for what you do and keep them in your prayers.