

Email Blast for May 25



## **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

### **Kent Memorial Lutheran Church**

184 Sunset Hill Drive  
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

**The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor**

**May 25, 2025  
10:00 a.m.**

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

#### **FROM PASTOR ED**

Before his passion Jesus tells his disciples "do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." It seems like an impossible request. He is going to be tortured and killed and even though he will rise on Easter morning, he will soon ascend to be with his father and won't be with them. How can their hearts not be troubled? How can they not be afraid? But Jesus promises them, as he promises us, that we will not be left alone. He will send us the Holy Spirit, who will give us peace. Where have you felt that peace? How can we share that peace with one another and the world?

May God give you that peace today and always,  
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

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

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**Prelude**

*Strawberry Waves*

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.**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

*Silence for Reflection*

P: God of grace and glory,

**C: you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

P: Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

**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**

*When Peace Like a River*

ELW #785, v. 1 & 3

**Liturgy Setting 10**

ELW p. 203

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**

**C: Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer. We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.**

**Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart. Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts.**

### **Canticle of Praise, verse 1**

**C: Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth. Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth: we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

**All: Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, 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 Foster

### **Special Music**

*Just a Closer Walk With Thee*

Chuck Wanamaker

### **First Reading**

Acts 16:9-15

Old Testament

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 67** (*Congregation reads responsively*)

<sup>1</sup> May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

<sup>2</sup> **Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

<sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>4</sup> **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

<sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>6</sup> **The earth has brought forth its increase;  
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

<sup>7</sup> May God give us blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

### **Second Reading**

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

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 fourteenth chapter

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

### **Gospel Reading**

John 14:23-29

New Testament

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Ed Foster

**Hymn of the Day**

*Day by Day*

ELW #790, 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**

*God Is So Good*

Joyce Wanamaker

**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**

**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**

**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>Just As I Am, without One Plea</i>	ELW # 592
<i>Abide with Me</i>	ELW # 629
<i>Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer</i>	ELW # 618

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

### **Benediction**

### **Announcements**

### **Sending Hymn**

<i>O Beautiful for Spacious Skies</i>	ELW # 888
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### **The Dismissal**

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

**C: we share Jesus with all!**

### **Postlude**

<i>Battle Hymn of the Republic</i>	Joyce Wanamaker
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## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Pastor .....	Ed Foster
Organist/Pianist .....	Joyce Wanamaker
Choir Director.....	Tracy Garrett
Handbells Director.....	Toni Wagner

### **10:00 AM**

Altar Guild.....	Diane Ziehl
Greeter/Usher.....	Karen Stanze
Lector.....	Kathy Fair
Sound & Zoom Technician.....	Sam Foster

## **COMING THIS WEEK**

**May 25-June 1**

Today	8:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (outdoor chapel)
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	9:00 a.m.	Allen & Sally Burke 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary (cake & coffee)
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (inside, livestreamed)
Monday		MEMORIAL DAY
		Office Closed
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Devotions & Bible Study
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship (outdoor chapel)
	9:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (inside, livestreamed)

## ✠ *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

Larry Wilson  
Bill Peterson  
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  
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  
Steve Hughes  
Marcille Bohling

### CONTINUED PRAYERS

Evan Beaupre  
Michelle Becker  
Jessica Birdsong  
Shirley Clark  
Evelyn Clements  
Ron Ferguson  
Stacey Fleck  
Al Gann  
Ken Gerardy

Carla Glusing  
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  
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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 25

**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. If you are visiting for the first time or searching for a church home, please include your address, email and phone number on the Red Friendship Pad and let us know. First time here? Please introduce yourself to Pastor at the end of the service.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given by Don & Joan Wilken in loving memory of our parents.

**CARE CORE** for May is Sharon Ballard, 573-374-8974 or 573-280-5618; for June is Barb Yount, 573-374-8573.

**QUARTERS FOR QUALITY EDUCATION** Thank you for your donations to help the teachers attend the national “Leader in Me” conference. The \$525 you donated is greatly appreciated.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to those who were able to help at the Newcomers Spring Luncheon and to all those who brought salads and desserts. It was greatly appreciated!

**INTEREST IN SIGHT AND SOUND SHOW (DAVID)** The Evangelism Committee is planning another trip to Branson to see “David” at Sight and Sound Theater on Wednesday, September 24, 2025. We would like to gauge the interest in the trip. If we have enough people, we will be able to pay for a chartered bus to take us on our trip. You are welcome to invite friends and family. The price with the bus will be \$125 per person which would include the bus ride, the show, and a noon meal at Golden Corral. Sign up if you are interested, or call Cindy Mohling (319 269-9853).

**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.”

**COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST BLUE BOX 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. These are things that cannot be bought with food stamps and are so very much needed. Please put the items in the Blue Box in the narthex/entry.

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

## **MUSIC IN THE COMMUNITY**

**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. The remaining concerts are listed on the poster on the entry doors.

## 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.