

Email Blast for August 15, 2021



Mary, Mother of Our Lord Sunday

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

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

FROM PASTOR ED

Kent Family, we received a request this week from Bishop Candeia that we return to wearing masks in group settings, including worship. Our congregation is, as we have noted before, nearly completely vaccinated, but the latest guidance from the CDC indicates that even those who have been vaccinated may indeed carry and pass on this virus. As we chart our course through these ever confusing days, I invite you to once again wear a mask during worship, and if you would feel more comfortable, to sit in the section of the congregation that is still marked off for social distancing. I will be wearing my mask where it is appropriate, and I know we will all be praying that God brings a quick end to this virus and the havoc that it has caused in our lives.

Thank you to everyone who made the Rummage Sale such a success. From our fearless leaders to everyone who volunteered, donated, or shopped, it was a wonderful event and I hope as much of a blessing for all of you as it was for me. There are many things still on the calendar, lots to keep us busy and of service to our neighbors and our friends.

OUR 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM:

To join a worship service, contact the church office, 573-374-5267.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Mary's role is not limited to giving birth to Jesus and mothering him in his childhood. In John's gospel, she is among the women standing near the cross; in Acts, she is among the disciples awaiting the gift of the Spirit. Through all that happened she continued to see how God was at work through her son, keeping the ancient promises to her ancestors, brushing aside the rich and powerful, and focusing on those as poor and powerless as Mary herself.

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Prelude

Drei Intermezzo, Opus 117

Margo Strothmann

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 Absolution

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

C: Amen.

P: "I am the Bread of Life," says Jesus Christ. "Whoever eats of this bread will never die."

C: If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

C: Darkened by sin and deluded by Satan, we seek the wisdom which only you can give; we hunger and thirst for righteousness. 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: The Bread of Life was given for the life of the world. In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake our sins are forgiven. Whoever comes to him will never hunger; whoever believes in him will never thirst.

C: Lord give us this bread always! Amen.

Sharing of the Peace (We share the words, "Peace be with you" with one another)

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

C: And also with you.

Gathering Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

ELW # 634

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.

Liturgy (10am) Setting 10

ELW p. 203

Kyrie

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

ELW p. 204

1. 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.

2. Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.

Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;

on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.

Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in you promise firm we stand.

3. Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;

Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all;

Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.

For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

All: Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Congregation may be seated

"Children's Sermon"

Pastor Ed Foster

Special Music

Gospel of Grace

Vanessa Hebrank

First Reading

Isaiah 61:7-11

Bible p. 709 Old Testament

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-9 (*Congregation reads responsively*)

¹I will bless the LORD at all times;

the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

²**I will glory in the LORD;**

let the lowly hear and rejoice.

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;

let us exalt God's name together.

**⁴I sought the LORD, who answered me
and delivered me from all my terrors.**

⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

**⁶I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.**

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.

**⁸Taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!**

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

Second Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

Bible p. 181 New Testament

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Congregation please stand

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to Luke, the first chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:46-55

Bible p. 53 New Testament

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Congregation may be seated

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

C. Wesley; R.H. Prichard

Congregation please stand

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: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Congregation may be seated

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

Offertory

Spirit of God

Margo Strothmann

Congregation please stand

Offering Prayer

P: God of goodness and growth,

C: all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

Holy Communion (10am)

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 our 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.

Congregation may be seated

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

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
For the Beauty of the Earth*

ELW # 490, v. 1, 2 & 4
ELW # 879, v. 1, 2, 4 & 5

Congregation please stand

Thursday	9:45 a.m.	Community for Christ (mask required)
	10:00 a.m.	Men's Devotions & Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Jazz Band Rehearsal
Saturday	9:45 a.m.	Community for Christ (mask required)
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (outside)
	9:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (inside, livestreamed)

✠ *Prayer Concerns* ✠

OUR MEMBERS

Ken Gerardy—serious health concerns
 Shirley Clark—recovering from additional surgery (her room at Arrowhead is now #403)
 Diane Reams—in rehabilitation following surgery
 Lee Anne Brumm – continued healing from COVID
 Ingrid Niemann—blood clots

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Rev. Bill Peterson—stroke (friend of Wendy Blomberg)
 Ann Ellenson—Stage 4 pancreatic cancer (friend of Wiles & Glenice Gibson)
 Mr. Bebermeyer—health concerns (neighbor of Marianne Howly)
 Lisa Lind—peace for her and her family (Kat & Ray Lacroix's niece)
 Cyrus Carter—bladder cancer (friend of Dan & Tracy Garrett)
 Linda Nielson—head injury (Karen Pragman's sister)
 Linda Harris—cancer (former member)
 Cindy Wilde—cancer (sister-in-law of Melba Bangert)
 Ellie Torres—Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, not responding to treatment (Pragman's great-niece)
 Kelsey Erickson—health concerns (daughter of Bob & Karole Karls)

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Georgi Anne
 Joe Bauer
 Jania Bauer
 Marcille Bohling
 Shirley Clark
 Kelly Covey
 Jerry Green
 Shirley Hamm
 Marianne Howley
 Linda Kimberling
 The Newtons
 Mike Page
 Julie Patterson
 Sandy Robinson
 Loren Saathoff
 Pat Shank
 Ted Turner
 Brian Urbano
 Joan Wilken
 Judy Winter
 Clarion Winzenburg

Bob Worthley

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Babcock
Eric Blomberg
Ben Brammeier
Shade Bullock
Aaron Davis
Tanner Glodt
Kristine Hubbard
Jason Ites
Jason Judge
Nathan Karls
Adam Kralina
Matt Lee
Jordan Lindeman
Glenn Maddock
Tristan Morgan
Adam Peterson

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 15

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 at the end of the service.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Mike and Judy Ward.

CARE CORE for August is Sheryl Boos, 573-346-9778.

WELCA BAKE SALE is today, August 15. Empty that piggy bank and score some goodies!

RINGSDORF 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION will be next Sunday, August 22, between services. Everyone is invited to celebrate with them and enjoy cake and coffee.

CRUISE WORSHIP for August is Wednesday, August 18. We'll meet at Captain Ron's at 4:00 p.m., boat, worship, and return there for a meal together. Sign up in the fellowship hall! Questions? See Barb & Vince Yount, or Al & Cindy Mohling.

OUR CURRENT BLUE BOX CHALLENGE is the "Best Dam Birthday Bash" Blue Box Challenge. Our best month on record was 253 items. In August, let's BEAT THAT RECORD! and fill the Blue Box to overflowing.

BLUE BOX NEEDS FOR AUGUST—This month's goal is 254 items! Let's beat our highest ever giving month (that was 253 items).

Cleaning items such as

Mr. Clean

Bleach

Toilet Bowl Cleaners

Kitchen

Personal Items:

Deodorant – for women & men

Shampoo – for women & men

B.I.N.G.O. Join us on Friday, September 10, for Social Ministry's fundraiser... BINGO night! Buy your ticket beginning August 15 for only \$10 and bring an hors d'oeuvre to share. You may also donate items, new or "like new" for the silent auction: suggestions are bakery items, a group dinner, a service you can offer, etc. Bid forms are in the fellowship hall for your donations. Just sign up, fill out the bid form and bring your items to the Faith Room by September 1 (after the rummage sale, please). All monies raised will go to help our community through the year. Questions? See Judy Ward or Sharon Ballard.

"SAVE THE DATE" SEPTEMBER 13th to 18th: "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" in September 2021, with a choice of day during the week of 13th to 18th. This year hopefully everyone who wishes will have a chance for a fun evening--or day--to socialize in a home, with a meal and with new & "old" Kent friends. More information coming soon!

"JESUS" AT SIGHT AND SOUND IN BRANSON Join your Kent family on October 26 for "Jesus" at the Sight & Sound Theater in Branson. We'll meet at Kent at 8:30 a.m. to board the bus. Cost: Show, bus & lunch=\$94 per person, \$188 per couple; Show & Lunch only = \$73 per person. See Jan Gauck if you have questions.

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST Kent congregation, our help is needed at Community for Christ! Kent has pledged to help those in need, Tue. Aug. 17, Thur. Aug. 19 and Sat. Aug. 21st. Signup sheet is posted. Thanks to the many folks that have volunteered so far in 2021. However, we need some new volunteers to assist. Some of the regular folks that would help have moved out of the area or now helping us from heaven. Please sign up to help those in our community and continue this important mission. During 2021 CFC has helped 400 families with monthly expenses and 200 families with food assistance. Thanks to all that will sign up for this next opportunity, especially those for the first time. If you have questions, ask Jim Mellody or Chuck Wanamaker or the many that have volunteered. Always a great time to spend in fellowship with friends.

A TABLE between the main sets of doors into the church has individual communion servings, the latest newsletter, the phone directory, new daily devotional materials, and a lot more. Also, there is a basket for giving envelopes. If you need the door code, call Tracy in the church office, 573-374-5267, or on her cell at 214-206-5807. Or you may mail your offering to the church: Kent Memorial PO Box 155 Sunrise Beach, MO 65079

REMINDER--

- We are worshipping at 8am outside and 10am inside
 - We will continue to live-stream our 10am service via Zoom.com
 - Masks are again invited. We continue to provide an opportunity for social distancing in the sanctuary
 - Communion will be celebrated every Sunday:
 - 8am – 2nd and 4th Sundays
 - 10am – every Sunday (live-streamed)
- If you prefer, you may continue to commune using the pre-filled communion wafer/cup combination
- We will resume singing the liturgy and hymns, and passing the offering plates
 - Please fill out the red communion register and pass it to the person next to you. Then take time after worship to introduce yourself
 - Please continue to be COVID safe
 - Stay home if you are sick or not feeling well
 - Masks and social distancing are encouraged for those who have not been vaccinated