

Email Blast for August 22, 2021



13th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Jesus offended a lot of people, including those who were following him. Not even the most amazing of miracles were enough to bring some to bet their lives on Jesus and believe. But for those who have been given the gift of faith, not even the hardest of Jesus sayings could turn them away. "Lord, to whom shall we go," Paul exclaims with all of us, "you have the words of eternal life." As we work our way through the struggles of living out our faith in our world and in our time with our own challenges and obstacles, it

is with this conviction we can persevere. The one who loves us, the one who has called in, the one in whom we have given ourselves to, this one has the words of eternal life.

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

To join a worship service, contact the church office, 214-206-5807.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

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Prelude

At the River

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.

Invocation and Opening Dialog

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

C: Amen.

All: "God gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord will renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." Let us worship God, so we may run with God and not faint or grow weary.

Prayer of Confession

All: Forgive us, O Lord, for the times we have been too busy to come to you, too preoccupied to focus on things of the Spirit, too self-centered to reach out to others in need, and too eager to please others rather than you. We come to you for in your words of eternal life, we hear words of forgiveness. Send us forth from here this day as your forgiven people.

Words of Absolution

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: 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.

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

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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: Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Congregation may be seated

"Children's Sermon"

Pastor Ed Foster

Special Music

*His Name Is Wonderful &
There's Something About That Name*

Chuck Wanamaker

First Reading

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:15-22 (*Congregation reads responsively*)

¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous,
and God's ears are open to their cry.

¹⁶**The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,
to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.**

¹⁷The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them
and delivers them from all their troubles.

¹⁸**The LORD is near to the brokenhearted**

and saves those whose spirits are crushed.

¹⁹Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers them from every one.

²⁰**God will keep safe all their bones;
not one of them shall be broken.**

²¹Evil will bring death to the wicked
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

²²O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

Second Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Congregation please stand

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to John, the sixth chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

John 6:56-69

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Congregation may be seated

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

Blessed Assurance

ELW # 638, v. 1 & 3

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

O Word of God Incarnate

Joyce Wanamaker

Congregation please stand

Offering Prayer

P: Jesus, Bread of life,

C: you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. 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

*Jesus, Come! For We Invite You
Beautiful Savior*

ELW # 312, v. 1, 3 & 4

ELW # 838

Congregation please stand

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Congregation may be seated

Announcements

Congregation please stand

Sending Hymn

On Our Way Rejoicing

ELW # 537

The Dismissal

P: Hearing God’s call and responding in love,

C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude

Stand Up for Jesus

Joyce Wanamaker

Fellowship Time (after the 8am service in the fellowship hall)

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

WORSHIP LEADERS

PastorEd Foster
 Organist/PianistJoyce Wanamaker
 Choir Director.....Tracy Garrett
 Handbells Director..... Katie Heaford

8:00 AM

Altar Guild.....Kandy Husbands
 Greeter/UshersBob & Karole Karls
 Lector..... Kathy Fair
 Sound TechnicianGail Kruse
 Coffee Fellowship..... Evangelism

10:00 AM

Altar Guild..... Ruth Osterbur
 Greeter/Ushers Peggy & Herb Worker, Sheryl Boos
 Lector..... Mary Foster
 Sound Technician Michael Wagner

COMING THIS WEEK

August 22-29

Today	8:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (outside)
	9:00 a.m.	50 th Anniversary Celebration (Cake & donuts)
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (inside, livestreamed)
	9:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men’s Devotion & Bible Study
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship (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

Hannah Whan (scholarship recipient)—thyroid cancer; prayer she be cancer free
Evelyn Beaver—health concerns (friend of Jerry & Kandy Husbands)
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 Howley)
Cyrus Carter—bladder cancer (friend of Dan & Tracy Garrett)
Linda Nielson—head injury (Karen Pragman’s sister)
Kelsey Erickson—health concerns (daughter of Bob & Karole Karls)
Ted Turner—serious health concerns (friend of Kimberlings)

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Georgi Anne
Joe Bauer
Jania Bauer
Marcille Bohling
Kelly Covey
Jerry Green
Shirley Hamm
Linda Harris
Marianne Howley
Linda Kimberling
The Newtons
Mike Page
Julie Patterson
Sandy Robinson
Loren Saathoff
Pat Shank
Brian Urbano
Ellie Torres
Cindy Wilde
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 22

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 Tom & Karen Ringsdorf. Happy Anniversary!

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

RINGSORF 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Join us this morning between services to celebrate with Tom & Karen on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

WESTSIDE SENIOR CENTER It's our turn to help out at lunch next week, August 30-September 3. Please sign up as you enter the fellowship hall.

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.

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER will be a bit different this year: the hosts and guests get to choose a date—dinner or lunch—that suits them & their guests best. Join your Kent friends, both new and "old" for a fun evening--or day--to socialize in a home and enjoy a meal together. Watch for the sign-up in the fellowship hall!

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. September 12 we will again join with Lutherans across the country as we strive to do God's work in our community with our own hands. We will be doing many of the same projects that we have been in years past, starting after the 10:00 service.

1. Community for Christ (3 or 4) to power wash (it could be done Sunday or Monday)
2. City of Laurie (3) to clean out stage storage area in the city park
3. Hurricane Deck School (6-8) Assembling Leadership Notebooks
4. Laurie Care Center (3-4) Ice Cream Store (Must wear masks and have had orientation)
5. Kent Memorial (3-4) Counting Best Choice UPC's
6. Other fun stuff TBA

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).

Canned Fruit

Condiments like Catsup, Mustard, Salad Dressings

Cleaning items such as Mr. Clean, Bleach, toilet bowl cleaners

Personal Items:

Deodorant – for women & men

Shampoo – for women & men

“JESUS” AT SIGHT AND SOUND IN BRANSON Please sign up today to join your Kent family on October 26 for “Jesus” at the Sight & Sound Theater in Branson. We need see if there's enough interest to get a bus. 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.

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FOR HAITI A devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck southwest Haiti on Saturday morning, August 14. Haiti was also hit by Tropical Storm Grace on Monday night, which caused severe flooding in communities already damaged by the earthquake.

Lutheran Disaster Response is collaborating with partner organizations in the communities of Haiti to meet relief needs, including food, water, medical supplies and temporary shelter. Gifts to "Haiti Crisis" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by the earthquake in Haiti. Checks may be written to Kent Memorial; be sure to write “Haiti Crisis” on the memo line.

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