

Email Blast for August 29



14th Sunday after Pentecost

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

August 29, 2021

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

FROM PASTOR ED

Where does evil come from? We have been asking this question since the very beginning, and there have been as many answers as there have been people asking. Is it Satan? Is it the serpent? Is it the rich and the powerful, or the culture or world? Whatever contributions those and a hundred other possibilities may add to the evil in the world, Jesus points us a little closer to home. Evil originates in the human heart, he says. The life of faith is a life of transforming hearts and minds. It is a life of being made new.

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

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

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Prelude

Clair de Lune

Vanessa Hebrank

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.

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

C: Amen.

P: Since we are assembled here to hear God's Word, and to call upon God in prayer, let us think of our unworthiness, confess before God that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and realize also that by our own strength we cannot free ourselves from our sinful nature. Therefore we take refuge in God's mercy, seeking and imploring God's grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ and say: God be merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

C: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to life everlasting.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father has had mercy on us and has given God's only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name he gives the power to become children of God and has promised them his Holy Spirit. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

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.

Gathering Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

ELW # 858, v. 1, 2 & 4

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.

ELW p. 204

Canticle of Praise

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: O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Congregation may be seated

“Children’s Sermon”

Pastor Ed Foster

Special Music

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Vanessa Hebrank

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15 (*Congregation reads responsively*)

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.
They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Second Reading

James 1:17-27

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Congregation please stand

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to Mark, the seventh chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Congregation may be seated

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

ELW # 864, v. 1 & 2

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

Deep Peace

Vanessa Hebrank

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

*Now We Join in Celebration
Around You, O Lord Jesus*

ELW # 462
ELW # 468

Congregation please stand

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Congregation may be seated

Announcements

Congregation please stand

Sending Hymn

God Be With You

ELW # 536, v. 1

The Dismissal

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

C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude

Rejoice! He is Lord of All

Vanessa Hebrank

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

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

WORSHIP LEADERS

PastorEd Foster
Organist/Pianist Vanessa Hebrank
Choir Director.....Tracy Garrett
Handbells Director..... Katie Heaford

8:00 AM

Greeter/Usher.....Gail Kruse
Lector..... Kathy Fair
Sound Technician Dan Garrett
Coffee Fellowship.....Al & Cindy Mohling

10:00 AM

Altar Guild..... Ruth Osterbur
Greeter/Usher..... Mary Evans, Karen Stanze
Lector..... Mary Foster
Sound & Zoom Technician..... Dan Garrett

COMING THIS WEEK

August 29-September 5

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| Today | 8:00 a.m. | Worship (outside) |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Fellowship (coffee & donuts) |
| Wednesday | 10:00 a.m. | Worship with Holy Communion (inside, livestreamed) |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Women's Bible Study |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Evangelism |
| Thursday | 10:00 a.m. | Men's Devotion & Bible Study |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Jazz Band Rehearsal |
| 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

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
Adam Kralina
Matt Lee
Jordan Lindeman
Glenn Maddock
Tristan Morgan
Adam Peterson

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 29

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 Michael & Toni Wagner.

CARE CORE for August is Sheryl Boos, 573-346-9778; for September is Carolyn Wiles, 913-488-8072.

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

THANK YOU Thank you for our wonderful 50th anniversary celebration. The delicious cake, lovely cards and warm wishes were very special to us. We feel blessed! Karen & Tom Ringsdorf

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— either September 17 or 18, 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. Want to attend? Want to host? Sign up in the fellowship hall today!

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. SIGN UP TODAY!

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 & shampoo for both 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