

Email Blast for September 5



15th Sunday after Pentecost

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
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The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

September 5, 2021

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

FROM PASTOR ED

Surprisingly, even to Jesus it seems, his power to give life and salvation isn't limited to the just the people of Israel, but even the scraps of his grace are more than enough to save and heal those everyone thought were less worthy. Wherever, it seems, we think the love of God can't reach, whatever seems too difficult or too far, it turns out that God's love is greater still. This is truly good news for those who wonder if God could possibly love and save them, and a challenge to truly "Share Jesus with all."

There are plenty of activities for us all to get involved with, from baking cookies to hollering "Bingo" and plenty more--the month of September is full. Check out the announcements at the end of the bulletin and mark your calendars so you don't miss out on any of the fun or service.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY KENT FAMILY!

We have been together for a whole year! Thank you all so much! We are truly blessed!
Pastor Ed, Mary and Sam!

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

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

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

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Prelude

God Leads Us Along

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

Confession and Forgiveness

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

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

ELW # 883, v. 1 & 3

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

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

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: Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life.

Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.

Congregation may be seated

“Children’s Sermon”

Pastor Ed Foster

Special Music

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Katie Heaford

First Reading

Isaiah 35:4-7a

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146 (*Congregation reads responsively*)

¹Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,**

and in that day their thoughts perish.

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,

whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;**

who keeps promises forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the captive free.

**⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.**

**⁹The LORD cares for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

**¹⁰The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading

James 2:1-17

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 7:24-37

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Congregation may be seated

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

We Give Thee But Thine Own

ELW # 686

Congregation please stand

Profession of Faith–Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* Vanessa Hebrank

Congregation please stand

Offering Prayer

P: God of abundance,

C: you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 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

Today	8:00 a.m.	Worship (outside)
	9:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (inside, livestreamed)
Monday		LABOR DAY – Office Closed
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Altar Guild
	11:00 a.m.	WELCA Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
	5:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men’s Devotion & Bible Study
	11:30 a.m.	Worship & Music Committee
Friday	5:30 p.m.	BINGO! Social Ministry Community Fundraiser
Saturday		GWOH Cookie Distribution
Sunday		“GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.” SUNDAY
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	9:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (inside, livestreamed)
		God’s Work. Our Hands. Community Activities

✠ *Prayer Concerns* ✠

OUR MEMBERS

Ken Gerardy—serious health concerns
Diane Reams—in rehabilitation following surgery
Lee Anne Brumm – continued healing from COVID

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Carrie Eggers—undergoing chemo for breast cancer (friend of Sally & Allan Burke)
Cyrus Carter—joy for successful cancer surgery (friend of Dan & Tracy Garrett)
Sandy Robinson—health concerns (Barb Gidley’s sister)
Kyle Zygmund—health concerns (Barb Gidley’s nephew)
Hannah Whan (scholarship recipient)—thyroid cancer; prayer she be cancer free
Evelyn Beaver—health concerns (friend of Jerry & Kandy Husbands)
Kelsey Erickson—health concerns (daughter of Bob & Karole Karls)

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Georgi Anne
Joe Bauer
Jania Bauer
Mr. Bebermeyer
Marcille Bohling
Shirley Clark
Kelly Covey
Ann Ellenson
Jerry Green
Shirley Hamm
Linda Harris
Marianne Howley
Linda Kimberling
The Newtons
Ingrid Niemann

Mike Page
Julie Patterson
Rev. Bill Peterson
Sandy Robinson
Loren Saathoff
Pat Shank
Ted Turner
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 SEPTEMBER 5

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 Lynn & Joyce Burke in celebration of their wedding anniversary (9/1).

CARE CORE for September is Karen Stanze, 573-286-2625.

OUR BLUE BOX CHALLENGE – NEW RECORD The “Best Dam Birthday Bash” Blue Box Challenge blasted through old record and brought in 479 items! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! For your generosity and for sharing God’s love, thank you.

SOUND TECHS NEEDED There are immediate openings for folks to run the sound board inside for the 10am services. If you can use a joystick and push sliders up and down, we can teach you how to do this job. See Dan Garrett or Pastor Ed if you’re interested.

WELCA will have their monthly business meeting on Tuesday, September 7th at 11 A.M.

COOKIES! COOKIES! COOKIES! In honor of 9-11, and to thank those on the front line for their service, we will be delivering cookies to our police, firefighters, ambulance/EMTs and the hospital. 46 dozen cookies, to be exact. If you would like to bake cookies or bars or brownies for these heroes, please sign up in the fellowship hall on Sunday. Goodies must be at the church by noon on Thursday, September 9. Questions? See Wendy Blomberg.

B.I.N.G.O. Join us this Friday, September 10, for Social Ministry's fundraiser... BINGO night! Buy your ticket 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. Next Sunday, 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, cut & turn stuffed animals for LRH
6. Other fun stuff TBA

"JESUS" AT SIGHT AND SOUND IN BRANSON Please sign up BY SEPTEMBER 26 to join your Kent family on October 26 for "Jesus" at the Sight & Sound Theater in Branson. Cost: Show, bus & lunch=\$94 per person, \$188 per couple; Show & Lunch only = \$73 per person. Give Checks or Cash to Jan Gauck or Wendy Blomberg as soon as possible and write Check number on List on Bulletin Board. Make your check payable to Kent Memorial Lutheran Church...Memo: Branson Bus 10-26-21. Three seats available as of 9/1/21. We will be taking names as Backup for any Cancellations. See Jan Gauck if you have questions.

BLUE BOX NEEDS FOR SEPTEMBER—This month's goal is 200 items.

Cleaning items such as

- Mr. Clean
- Bleach
- Toilet Bowl Cleaners
- Kitchen cleaners

Personal Items:

- Deodorant – for women & men
- Shampoo – for women & men

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

THANK YOU KENT FAMILY for the beautiful get well cards while I was in the hospital for Vertigo, as well as blood clots in my left leg. Also, appreciated all the calls and visits from Pastor Ed and food from Care Core. Thanks to Sheryl Boos for driving me to Columbia for a yearly breast exam after surgery. Thanks to God no sign of any cancer ! Now need prayers to get rid of blood clots. Thank you!
Ingrid Niemann.