

Email Blast for October 3, 2021



19th Sunday after Pentecost

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

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October 3, 2021

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

FROM PASTOR ED

Political infighting, power struggles, and hot button issues were just as real and just as contentious during Jesus' time as they are now. It seems everyone was interested in Jesus and what he was up to. Was he on their side? Was he a threat? Could they trip him up? Jesus rarely plays their game though. In this week's Gospel lesson Jesus turns questions about the legality of divorce into an affirmation of God's loving gift of marriage. The family remains a special and holy institution created and given to us by God to be a blessing. How can we support and strengthen the relationships between husbands and wives, parents and children, and extended family, so that this gift can continue to be the blessing that God intends?

We welcome our newest members this Sunday. Joining our congregation are Herb and Peggy Worker, Pauline Evans, and reinstating their membership are Don and Joan Wilken. Come and celebrate our church family this Sunday, during worship and at our New Member Harvest Brunch following worship!

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

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

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

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Prelude *The Thankful Heart Rejoices*, L. Smith 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.

Invocation and Opening Dialog

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

C: Amen.

P: Give thanks to God with all your heart.

C: Tell of God's wonderful deeds in Christ.

P: God of heaven and earth, bless us according to the riches of your glory. Make us strong by the might of your indwelling Spirit. May Christ grow within our hearts by faith, even as we are planted in the fertile soil of our savior's love. Stretch our minds to comprehend the measureless love of Christ that surpasses all limits, and fill us with the fullness of your presence so we may praise and glorify you forever and ever.

C: Amen.

Confession and forgiveness

P: Good and loving God,

C: have mercy on me according to your loving kindness, in your great compassion blot out my offenses. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

P: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness. He will not always accuse us, nor will he keep his anger forever. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so is his mercy great upon those who fear him. As a father cares for his children, so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

C: Glory to the Father, and to the +Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. 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

Let the Whole Creation Cry

ELW # 876, 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.

Liturgy Setting 4

ELW p. 147

Kyrie

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious lord.

C: Amen.

Canticle of Praise: This is the feast

ELW p. 149

L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

All: Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Special Music

His Eye Is On the Sparrow

Vanessa Hebrank

First Reading

Genesis 2:18-24

Bible-Old Testament p. 2

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8 (congregation reads responsively)

¹O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,**

human beings that you should care for them?

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:**

⁷all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸**the birds of the air, the fish ^l of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

⁹O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Bible-New Testament p. 208

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to Mark, the tenth chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:2-16

Bible-New Testament p. 43

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

ELW # 769, v.1, 2 & 4

New Members

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.

Reception of Offerings *Please fill out the red friendship pad and pass it to your neighbor*
Offertory *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*, arr. R. Lau Margo Strothmann

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 right...

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.

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.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymns

Jesus Love Me
I Am the Bread of Life

ELW # 595

ELW # 485

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

ELW # 634

The Dismissal

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

C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary, arr. G. Edwards

Margo Strothmann

Fellowship Time

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Ed Foster
 Organist/Pianist Margo Strothmann
 Choir Director Tracy Garrett
 Handbells Director Katie Heaford

10:00 AM

Altar Guild Ingrid Niemann
 Greeters/Ushers Linda & Gerry Williams
 Liturgist Katie Heaford
 Lector Toni Wagner
 Sound Technician Michael Wagner

COMING THIS WEEK

October 3-10

Today	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:00 a.m.	New Member Reception & Harvest Brunch
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Evangelism Committee
	6:00 p.m.	Chorale Rehearsal
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Altar Guild
	11:00 a.m.	WELCA Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Devotion
	6:00 p.m.	Lake Jazz Band Rehearsal
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)

† Prayer Concerns †

OUR MEMBERS

Bill Gust – Health Concerns

Diane Reams—hospitalized

Ken Gerardy—serious health concerns

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Pam Smith—recurrence of breast cancer (Pat Embich's sister)

Carol Schultz—bad fall, fractured elbow (member of Our Savior's Lutheran, Camdenton)

Dean Smith—health concerns (friend of Wendy Blomberg)

Carrie Eggers—undergoing chemo for breast cancer (friend of Sally & Allan Burke)

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Georgi Anne

Joe Bauer

Jania Bauer

Evelyn Beaver

Mr. Bebermeyer

Marcille Bohling

Lee Anne Brumm

Shirley Clark

Kelly Covey

Shirley Hamm

Kelsey Erickson

Jerry Green

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

Hannah Whan

Cindy Wilde

Joan Wilken

Judy Winter

Clarion Winzenburg

Bob Worthley

Kyle Zygmund

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 OCTOBER 3

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 Dave & Cindy Curchy in celebration of their 46th wedding anniversary.

CARE CORE for October is Melba Bangert, 573-836-5030.

WELCOME NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS Pauline Evans, Don & Joan Wilken, and Herb & Peggy Worker, to the Kent family!

NEW MEMBER HARVEST BRUNCH This morning, October 3, at our 10am service, we will welcome new members of the Kent family. Following worship, we will gather for a meal and fellowship. Please, plan to join us. Bring a dish or dessert to share.

WELCA Women of the ELCA will have its monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 5th at 11 a.m. See you there.

OKTOBERFEST AT OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN October 2, 2021 is the date for the Oktoberfest Meal and celebration. Hope to see you there. Dinner tickets are \$13 for Adult dine in, \$12 Carryout or Curbside pickup. Children (4- 10) \$5. Under 4 are free. Call the church for tickets and reservations. 573-346-7300

AUTHOR ELLIE ROSCHER AT ST. PAUL'S, COLE CAMP Ellie Roscher, author of *12 Tiny Things*, *Play Like a Girl*, and *How Coffee Save My Life*, will be at St. Paul's Lutheran, Cole Camp, on next Sunday, October 10. "Through curious inquiry, commitment to the sacred ordinar and artistic collaboration, her work accompanies people to a more centered, whole, and embodied self." Though it is a Sunday, Pastor Kim wanted you to know you are welcome for the main presentation at 12:15 p.m. For more information, contact St. Paul's, 660-668-3537.

WESTSIDE SENIOR CENTER It's Kent's turn to help out with lunch at the Westside Senior Center on O Road, Laurie. October 11-15, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sign up in the fellowship hall.

BLOOD DRIVE OCTOBER 22 from 1pm – 5:30pm. Donate blood, save lives, and get a Chiefs Kingdom t-shirt!

COUNTERS NEEDED Kent has had a number of very loyal members of the counting team (those who count the Offering each week) resign their position during the past trying year. Consequently, we are asking for 6 to 8 volunteers to replace those who are unable to continue to serve the church in this capacity. Training will be provided by Gail Kruse. At present the counting rotation is generally once a month. If there are more counters, the number of weeks in the rotation will increase. Two counters are required each week. We need volunteers for the regular rotation and members who will serve as back up counters in the event of illness or travel or other life circumstances. If interested, please contact Gail Kruse at 573-374-4651, Jane Maher at 812-306-5462, or Al Mohling at 319-493-8796.

BLUE BOX NEEDS FOR OCTOBER—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 have resumed 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