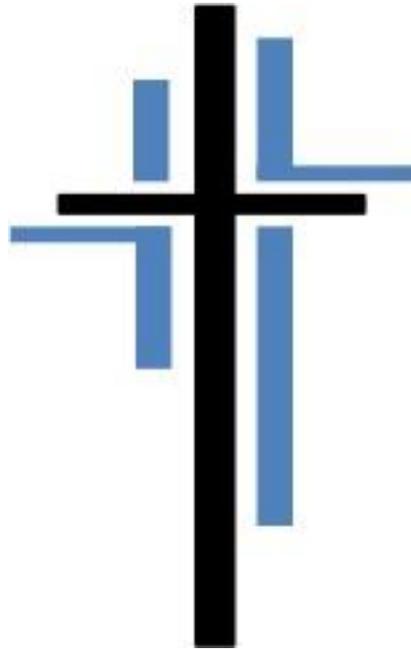


Email Blast for June 11



## **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

### **Kent Memorial Lutheran Church**

184 Sunset Hill Drive  
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

**The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor**

**June 11, 2023**

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

#### **FROM PASTOR ED**

Among the 12 who Jesus called to be Apostles, was the tax collector Matthew. Tax collectors were especially hated by the common people, not just because they collected taxes, which few people enjoy paying, but because they were collecting those taxes for the Roman government. Additionally, they were notoriously corrupt. Seen as traitors to their people, collaborators with their foreign rulers, few groups of people were more despised. And yet Jesus called Matthew to be one of the 12, offering a level of grace that few in his day or ours would accept. He indeed declared that he had come to save just such people as Matthew, sinners in need of forgiveness and salvation. Who do we struggle to offer such grace to in our lives? Who seems beyond the reach of God's love and mercy? Who would we be surprised or even upset

to know that Jesus had welcomed them into his inner circle?

Have a wonderful week!  
Shalom!  
Pastor Ed

**OUR WORSHIP AND EVENING BIBLE STUDY ARE AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM:**  
To join a worship service, please contact the church at 573-374-5267 for assistance.

## Welcome to Worship

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord’s day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God’s mercy for the world.

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### Prelude

*Be Thou My Vision*

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

#### Call to Worship

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

**C: Amen.**

P: So often, O Lord, we close the door on those who are different from us. Forgive us, O Lord.

**C: Help us to welcome people from every land and nation.**

P: So often, O Lord, we close the door on those who are sick or injured or hard to handle. Forgive us, O Lord.

**C: Help us to welcome all those who need our care.**

P: So often, O Lord, we close the door on those who are speaking the truth about our lives. Forgive us, O Lord.

**C: Help us to welcome those who are serving as your prophets to us, in our time.**

P: So often, O Lord, we close the door on the young and innocent. Forgive us, O Lord.

**C: Help us to welcome all the children you have placed into our lives.**

P: So often, O Lord, we close the door on the very people whom you love the most.

**C: Help us, with open arms, to welcome all those you love. Amen.**

#### Confession and Forgiveness

P: “Turn to me and be saved,” says the Lord; “for I am God, and there is no other.”

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

P: In the open hands of the needy - as well as in the proclamation of the Gospel - Jesus comes among us. Is he truly welcome?

**C: We confess to you our sins of thought, word, and deed, our woeful inadequacy. We have failed**

**to hear your Word - or speak it, or do it - as we ought. Without your help, we perish. Therefore, we implore your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son. Forgive us our sin and empower us for faithful witness. Turn us, that we might be saved.**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ sees us in our need. His arms are open wide to welcome us. For the sake of his suffering and death, your sins are forgiven. You are saved.

C: **Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! 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 & 4

**Liturgy Setting 10**

ELW p. 203

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**

C: **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 power; create in us new hearts.**

**Canticle of Praise**

C: **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.**

**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 your promise firm we stand.**

**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, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Children's Sermon**

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**Special Music**

*Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

Kent Choir Altos

**First Reading**

Hosea 5:15—6:6

Old Testament p. 862

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C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 50:7-15** (*Congregation reads responsively*)

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*Take My Life, That I May Be*

ELW # 685, v. 1, 5 & 6

**Profession of Faith—Apostle's Creed**

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**born of the virgin Mary,  
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## The Prayers

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

**Offertory**

*Deep Peace*

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## Offering Prayer

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**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.**

**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**

<i>We Give Thee But Thine Own</i>	ELW # 686
<i>Jesus, the Very Thought of You</i>	ELW # 754
<i>In Christ There Is No East or West</i>	ELW # 650

**Post-Communion Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Announcements**

**Sending Hymn**

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* ELW # 836, v. 1 & 2

**The Dismissal**

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

**C: we share Jesus with all!**

**Postlude**

*Blessed Assurance* Vanessa Hebrank

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

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

## 10:00 AM

Altar Guild.....Karole Karls  
Greeter/Usher.....Bob & Karole Karls  
Lector.....Jim Mellody  
Sound & Zoom Technician.....Sam Foster

## COMING THIS WEEK

June 11-18

Today	8:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (outdoor chapel)
	9:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (inside, livestreamed)
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Social Ministry
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Community for Christ volunteering
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Worship & Music Committee
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Devotions & Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Community for Christ volunteering
	3:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group
	6:00 p.m.	Lake Jazz Band rehearsal
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Community for Christ volunteering
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship (outdoor chapel)
	9:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (inside, livestreamed)

## † Prayer Concerns †

### OUR MEMBERS

Ray Lacroix	Sandra Gilbert
Toni Wagner	Pat Embich
Marilyn Hayes	LeeAnne Brumm

*Christian condolences and hope are offered to the family of Lorraine Boyd, who passed away June 5.*

### OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Rod Hayes – serious health concerns (Wendy Blomberg's friend)  
Gary Hansen – serious health concerns (Wendy Blomberg's friend)  
Joan Schuitema (Dan & Tracy Garrett's friend)  
Leslie Foster & Owen (Mary Foster's friend)  
Jennifer Pedersen—breast cancer (Allan & Sally Burke's daughter)

### CONTINUED PRAYERS

Cheryl Anderson	Cindy Campbell	Stacey Flect
Dana Anderson	Shirley Clark	Shane Foster
Pam Babcock	Evelyn Clements	Ken Gerardy
Cody Blasberg	Mary Beth Fair	Barbara & Bob Gislason
Marcille Bohling	Ron Ferguson	Carla Glusing

Debbie Hanshaw  
Linda Harris  
Bryan Hastings  
Mike Holmes  
Marianne Howley  
CF Huff  
Teresa Joslin  
Marsha Kidwell

Linda Kimberling  
Blanch Lacroix  
Barry Mabe  
Larry Mausbach  
Christy Moulder  
Dave & Sara Newton  
Steve O'Connor  
Mike Page

Rev. Bill Peterson  
Geri Riley  
Ron Roberts  
Marcia Robbins  
Dan Rogers  
Karen Tischnor  
Bernie Wiegel  
Larry Wilson

### **REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

Christopher Babcock  
Eric Blomberg  
Ben Brammeier  
Shade Bullock  
Salathiel (Sal) Caudill  
Dylan Craig

Aaron Davis  
Tanner Glodt  
Kristine Hubbard  
Jason Ites  
Jason Judge  
Adam Kralina

Matt Lee  
Jordan Lindeman  
Glenn Maddock  
Tristan Morgan  
Adam Peterson  
Trent Simmons

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JUNE 11**

**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 Vince & Barb Yount in honor of their family.

**CARE CORE** for June is Barb Yount, 573-374-8573.

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN TODAY THROUGH FATHER'S DAY** Please return your "filled" bottles by next Sunday, June 18. Every year, from Mother's Day through Father's Day The Pregnancy Help Center runs their Baby Bottle Campaign. Take a baby bottle home, fill it with pocket change, check or cash, and return it to the church by Father's Day, June 18. All donations go to support the Help Center and their clients.

**FATHER'S DAY ROOT BEER FLOATS** Evangelism will have root beer floats next week for Father's Day. Join us between services.

**CRUISE WORSHIP** We will kick off summer Cruise Worship on Wednesday, June 21. Join us at Papa Chubbie's at 4pm. We will load up the boats, anchor out for worship, then return to the restaurant for dinner. Sign up in the fellowship hall. If you have questions, see Barb Yount.

**EVENING BIBLE STUDY** meets on Wednesdays at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to join in at any time. The Bible study will be livestreamed on Zoom. See the weekly blast for the link.

**COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY** Kent week to volunteer at Community for Christ coming Tues. June 13, Thur. June 15 and Sat. June 17th. As always many volunteers are needed, especially on Saturday. Remember that this is always a fun event! Please sign up to help those in need by volunteering. If you sign up and can't work please call Jim at 913-269-3375, with as much notice as possible. Thank you from Jim and Chuck and all those that are less blessed.

**COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST PANTRY NEEDS:** School is out, kids are home, and they are hungry!!! So this list is somewhat geared for them, I hope!! -Karen Mellody

**Pantry Needs:**

Cakes & Brownies Mixes / Frosting

Cookies / chips / popcorn

Chef Boyardee canned food items

Juice Boxes

Cold Cereal

Cleaning supplies - they make big messes!!!

One more thing, Baby diapers, size 1 and 2 - We got new babies!!!

**SEE QUEEN ESTHER** at the Sight & Sound Theater, Branson on October 11. Details and sign-up sheet are in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Ask Cindy Mohling.