

Email Blast for July 16



7th Sunday after Pentecost

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

July 16, 2023

10:00 a.m.

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

FROM PASTOR ED

Our God is extravagant in his love and grace. Like the sower in Jesus' parable, God spreads his gifts freely and in abundance, casting them in the places where they are most likely to take root and flourish, and to those places where they are least likely to grow as well. Rocky ground, path or rich soil, all receive the wealth of God's goodness. May the richness of God's extravagance take root and grow in your life and may the word of God dwell richly in you!

There are many exciting events coming up, check out the announcements and the newsletter!

God bless you all,
Pastor Ed

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

To join a worship service, please contact the church at 573-374-5267 for assistance.

Welcome to Worship

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

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Prelude

Songs Without Words #37

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

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Lord of the living harvest,

C: **we confess that we have sinned. In our thinking, speaking, and doing – proper fruit has not been borne.**

P: “My Word shall not return to me empty,” says the Lord.

C: **For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us. Forgive us our sins, remove our guilt, inspire our hearts – that we may bear fruit and yield thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold.**

P: “My Word shall accomplish the thing for which I sent it,” says the Lord. Like a grain of wheat buried in the earth, Jesus Christ was given into death for you. In him there is forgiveness, life, and salvation. By him we are redeemed and set at liberty.

C: **How great the harvest God provides. 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

For the Beauty of the Earth

ELW # 879, v. 1, 2 & 5

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 pow'r; 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: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Special Music

Seeds

Tracy Garrett & Vanessa Hebrank

First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-13

Old Testament p. 702

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 65:1-13 (*Congregation reads responsively*)

¹You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be fulfilled.

²**To you, the one who answers prayer,
to you all flesh shall come.**

³Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you blot out our transgressions.

⁴**Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.**

⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

⁶**You make firm the mountains by your power;
you are girded about with might.**

⁷You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

⁸**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.
You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

¹⁰**You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

¹¹You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹²**May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.**

¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing.

Second Reading

Romans 8:1-11

New Testament p. 149

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.**Gospel Announcement**

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P: The gospel according to Matthew, the thirteenth chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

New Testament p. 13

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ**Sermon**

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day*Now Thank We All Our God*

ELW # 840, v. 1 & 2

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: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.**Reception of Offerings** *Please fill out the red friendship pad and pass it to your neighbor***Offertory***Sinfonia*

Margo Strothmann

Offering Prayer

P: God of field and forest, sea and sky,

C: you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, 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.

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

*Beautiful Savior
For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

ELW # 838
ELW # 494

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW # 855, v. 1 & 4

The Dismissal

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

C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude

Preludes & Fugues, No. 6

Margo Strothmann

WORSHIP LEADERS

PastorEd Foster
Organist/PianistMargo Strothmann
Choir Director.....Tracy Garrett
Handbells Director..... Katie Heaford

10:00 AM

Altar Guild.....Ingrid Niemann
Greeter/Usher.....Bob & Karole Karls
Lector..... Mary Foster
Sound & Zoom Technician..... Sam Foster

COMING THIS WEEK

July 16-23

Today	8:00 a.m.	Worship (outdoor chapel)
	9:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (inside, livestreamed)
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	3:00 p.m.	"Love Abides" Grief Support Group
	4:00 p.m.	Cruise Worship – Captain Ron's
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Devotion & Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Lake Jazz Band Rehearsal
Sunday	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)

✝ *Prayer Concerns* ✝

OUR MEMBERS

Pat Embich
Marilyn Hayes
Sandra Gilbert

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Kathy Pipes (friend of LeeAnne Brumm)
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)
Jennifer Pedersen—breast cancer (Allan & Sally Burke's daughter)

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Cheryl Anderson	Shane Foster	Barry Mabe
Dana Anderson	Ken Gerardy	Larry Mausbach
Pam Babcock	Barbara & Bob Gislason	Dave & Sara Newton
Cody Blasberg	Carla Glusing	Steve O'Connor
Marcille Bohling	Debbie Hanshaw	Mike Page
Cindy Campbell	Linda Harris	Rev. Bill Peterson
Shirley Clark	Bryan Hastings	Ron Roberts
Evelyn Clements	Mike Holmes	Marcia Robbins
Adam Craig	CF Huff	Dan Rogers
Mary Beth Fair	Teresa Joslin	Karen Tischnor
Ron Ferguson	Linda Kimberling	Bernie Wiegel
Stacey Flect	Blanch Lacroix	Larry Wilson

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Babcock	Aaron Davis	Matt Lee
Eric Blomberg	Tanner Glodt	Jordan Lindeman
Ben Brammeier	Kristine Hubbard	Glenn Maddock
Shade Bullock	Jason Ites	Tristan Morgan
Salathiel (Sal) Caudill	Jason Judge	Adam Peterson
Dylan Craig	Adam Kralina	Trent Simmons

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JULY 16

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 Dan & Tracy Garrett in celebration of their 42nd wedding anniversary (7/18).

CARE CORE for July is Susan Clark, 314-807-8481.

USHERS & COFFEE HOSTS NEEDED We know the summer is a very busy time but we need help. If you haven't already signed up to volunteer for coffee or ushering, please consider it.

VOLUNTEER AT COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST Kent's week to volunteer at Community for Christ is coming Tues. July 25, Thur. July 27, and Sat. July 29th. As always, many volunteers are needed! There are number of regular volunteers, including Jim Melody, that will be on vacation during this time. Please sign up to help those in need! If you sign up and can't work, please call Karen at 913-558-3544 with as much notice as possible. Thank you from Jim and Chuck and those that are less blessed.

RUMMAGE SALE Our rummage sale is next month on August 4 and 5. The sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board. There is something for everyone to do. Thank you!

HURRICANE DECK HEALTH FAIR Hurricane Deck Elementary will again be having a Health Fair on Thursday, August 10. I applied for and received a Thrivent Action Team for school supplies so that all children will have a good start to the school year. If you would like to donate any supplies, they would be greatly appreciated. Some of the more costly items on their lists are white 1.5" notebooks with a vinyl slipcover on the front, black dry erase markers, glue sticks, pointed scissors, and anti-bacterial wipes. Please put items in the Buddy Pack room. Thank you for your continued support of Hurricane Deck.

THE FESTIVAL OF SHARING is a cooperative response to world hunger, poverty, and injustice. Their goal is to promote and support projects and programs by providing funding and resource goods. Again this year Kent's Social Ministry is accepting monetary donations that will go toward this worthy cause. Any amount is appreciated. Envelopes are available on the entry table, in the Gathering Place, and in the fellowship hall. Donations will be accepted through July 30. Checks should be made out to "Kent Social Ministry". Questions? Contact Sharon Ballard.

SEE QUEEN ESTHER at the Sight & Sound Theater, Branson on October 11. Details and sign-up sheet are in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up today so we can secure the bus and show tickets. Questions? Ask Cindy Mohling.

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST PANTRY NEEDS: canned fruit, cakes & frostings, crackers, any kind of snacks for the kids home from school. If you have a garden with extra produce, think of us.

CRUISE WORSHIP is Wednesday, July 19, 4pm, at Captain Ron's.