

Email Blast for July 23



8th Sunday after Pentecost

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

July 23, 2023

10:00 a.m.

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

NOTE: Cruise Worship will remain shore-side this week. We will meet for dinner at 5pm this evening at Carmelita's in Laurie.

FROM PASTOR ED

It is a question as old as faith itself, where does evil come from? If God made the world good, why is there pain and suffering, hatred, and anger? And maybe the hardest question, why doesn't God do

anything about it? In this week's Gospel lesson, Jesus touches on these issues in a parable about weeds and wheat, promising both that God is patient and merciful, but that there will also be a day when good and evil will be divided.

Have a blessed and wonderful week.

God bless you all!
Pastor Ed

LAST CHANCE TO GIVE! to The Festival of Sharing. Kent's Social Ministry is accepting monetary donations through Sunday, July 30. See the announcements for more information.

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

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

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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

Invocation and Opening Dialogue

P: From the farthest reaches of our separate lives, we gather,

C: with our struggles and questions, our doubts and certainties, our joys and sorrows.

P: And even before we speak, or sing, or move, or sit in silence, God is here – with us, for us.

C: Let us together, now, worship God.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: God of all people and creation, in you we find life and purpose for living.

C: When we forget to whom we belong, turn back our hearts and minds to you and your ways.

P: When we act in ways that harm or hurt, turn back our hearts and minds to you and your ways.

C: When we speak with words that stab or wait for others to do the right thing, turn back our hearts and minds to you and your ways. Turn back our hearts and minds, O God, that we might walk in new paths of love, peace, and joy. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us, even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

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

Come, Ye Thankful People Come

ELW # 693, v. 1-3

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

Canticle of Praise

Prayer of the Day

All: Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Special Music

May You Always Love the Lord

Katie Heaford &
Kirsten Blaney

First Reading

Isaiah 44:6-8

Old Testament p. 689

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 86:11-17 (*Congregation reads responsively*)

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

¹²**I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name forevermore.**

¹³For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the pit of death.

¹⁴**The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my life;
they have not set you before their eyes.**

¹⁵But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

¹⁶**Turn to me and have mercy on me;
give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.**

¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame;
because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Second Reading

Romans 8:12-25

New Testament p. 150

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Kim

P: The gospel according to Matthew, the thirteenth chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

New Testament p. 13

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Pastor Kim

Hymn of the Day

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW # 465

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

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Vanessa Hebrank

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

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

ELW # 631
ELW # 858

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

Oh, Worship the King

ELW # 842, v. 1, 2 & 5

The Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Vanessa Hebrank

WORSHIP LEADERS

Guest Pastor..... Kimberly Knowle-Zeller
Organist/Pianist Vanessa Hebrank
Choir Director..... Tracy Garrett
Handbells Director..... Katie Heaford

10:00 AM

Altar Guild..... Ingrid Niemann
Greeter/Usher..... The Karls Family
Lector..... Kathy Fair
Sound & Zoom Technician..... Dan Garrett

COMING THIS WEEK

July 23-30

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)
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Community for Christ
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Devotions & Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Community for Christ
Friday		Buddy-Pack Pick Up
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Community for Christ
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

Pat Embich
Sandra Gilbert

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Duane Cridland—cancer (friends of Melba & Phil Bangert)
Grace Cridland—caregiver (friends of Melba & Phil Bangert)
Kathy Pipes (friend of LeeAnne Brumm)
Rod Hayes – serious health concerns (Wendy Blomberg's friend)
Gary Hansen – serious health concerns (Wendy Blomberg'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 23

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. 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 Ed at the end of the service.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Judy Ward for Mike's birthday (7/15).

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

THE FESTIVAL OF SHARING LAST CHANCE TO GIVE! 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 table, in the fellowship hall. **Donations will be accepted through July 30.** Checks should be made out to "Kent Social Ministry". Questions? Contact Sharon Ballard.

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 Mellody, 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 any items in the Buddy Pack room. Thank you for your continued support of Hurricane Deck.

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. If you've already signed up, it's time to write your check so we can secure the tickets and bus. Questions? Ask Cindy Mohling.