

Email Blast for July 30



9th Sunday after Pentecost

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

July 30, 2023

10:00 a.m.

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

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

As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

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Prelude *My Secret Garden* Joyce Wanamaker
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: Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: In the presence of God, who sees into our hearts and into our minds, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: God our strength,

C: we confess that we are captive to the power of sin that dwells within us. We put ourselves first and others last. What we think will make us happy, leaves us longing for more. Even when we want to do what is good, we find ourselves doing the opposite. Rescue us, Lord, from death's grip on our lives, and raise us up day by day, that we may be alive to God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

P: Sisters and brothers, all have fallen short of the glory of God; therefore we are justified by God's grace as a gift. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in + Christ Jesus, in whom we have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation.

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

Blessed Assurance

ELW # 638

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: Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Special Music

Did You Think to Pray?

Joyce Burke

First Reading

1 Kings 3:5-12

Old Testament p. 310

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:129-136 (*Congregation reads responsively*)

¹²⁹Your decrees are wonderful; therefore I obey them with all my heart.

¹³⁰**When your word is opened it gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.**

¹³¹I open my mouth and pant because I long for your commandments.

¹³²**Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as you always do to those who love your name.**

¹³³Order my footsteps in your word; let no iniquity have dominion over me.

¹³⁴**Rescue me from those who oppress me, and I will keep your commandments.**

¹³⁵Let your face shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes.

¹³⁶**My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your teaching.**

Second Reading

Romans 8:26-39

New Testament p. 150

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to Matthew, the thirteenth chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

New Testament p. 14

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

Amazing Grace

ELW # 779, v. 1-3

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

Moment by Moment

Joyce Wanamaker

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

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW # 471

Here Is Bread

ELW # 483

Just As I Am Without One Plea

ELW # 592

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

ELW # 597, v. 1-3

The Dismissal

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

C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Joyce Wanamaker

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Ed Foster
Organist/Pianist Joyce Wanamaker
Choir Director Tracy Garrett
Handbells Director Katie Heaford

10:00 AM

Altar Guild Katie Heaford
Greeter/Usher Judy & Mike Ward
Lector Mary Foster
Sound & Zoom Technician Sam Foster

COMING THIS WEEK

July 30-August 6

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)
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Rummage Sale Set-up
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Rummage Sale Set-up
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Rummage Sale Set-up
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Rummage Sale Set-up
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Rummage Sale (-3pm)
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rummage Sale (-noon) & take down
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

Christy Blomberg—breast cancer (Wendy's sister-in-law)
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 30

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 Al & Cindy Mohling in celebration of their 43rd wedding anniversary (8/2)

CARE CORE for July is Susan Clark, 314-807-8481; for August is Sheryl Boos, 573-446-9778.

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 stable, in the fellowship hall. **Donations will be accepted through July 30.** Checks should be made out to "Kent Social Ministry". Questions? Contact Sharon Ballard.

RUMMAGE SALE We hope you are all rested up because this is the Rummage Sale Week!!! Here is a quick summary of what we hope to be doing each day:

- Sun/Mon-Take down chairs, set up tables
- Tues- Things come up from the basement, start emptying rooms
- Wed- Finish emptying rooms, start pricing
- Thur- Finish pricing (Lunch- Sandwiches provided)
- Fri- Rummage Sale 8-3
- Sat-Rummage Sale 8-12 (Take down afterward) then to the Legion for refreshments

Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated! Thank you! Wendy & Eldeen

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST Thanks to everyone for all of the food brought to us so far this summer!! We do need a few items to round out our food pantry while the kids are still on vacation:

Canned veggies
Canned fruit, or fruit cups
Pudding cups or mixes
Cookies and chips
Cereal - (cold)
Cakes and frostings
Baking items, flour, sugar, baking powder, etc..
Brownie mixes
Salad dressings (they love ranch)
Cleaning supplies of any kind
Toilet paper & paper towels
Diapers - Size 4 and 5

Again, we thank you for any kind of donations!!! God Bless 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.