

Email Blast for August 20



12th Sunday after Pentecost

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

August 20, 2023

10:00 a.m.

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

FROM PASTOR ED

How wide in God's mercy? How far does God's love extend? In this week's Gospel lesson Jesus is challenged with sharing his care and concern with outsiders even enemies. In the end faith trumps everything else, the Canaanite woman's daughter is saved, and Jesus and his disciples as well as all of us learn that God's love and mercy go far beyond any boundary we might imagine.

Have a marvelous week!

God bless you all, Pastor Ed

OUR WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM To join a worship service, please contact the church at 573-374-5267 for assistance.

Welcome to Worship

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

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Prelude

Reverie

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

Call to Worship

P: We come to Christ this day, full of questions and concerns.

C: We come to you in faith, O Christ, knowing that you know what is best for us.

P: We come to Christ this day, worried about the welfare of family and friends.

C: We come to you in faith, O Christ, prepared for whatever your response might be.

P: We come to Christ this day, sure of his ability to help us.

C: We come to you in faith, O Christ, trusting that there is nothing you can't do.

P: We come to Christ this day, aware that we are not worthy to even approach him.

C: We come to you in faith, O Christ, realizing that only you can make us worthy.

P: We come to Christ this day, eager to receive his healing.

C: We come to you in faith, O Christ, to be touched by your grace.

P: We come to Christ for crumbs of his favor.

C: But you provide a banquet of blessings, O Christ, Alleluia!! Amen!

Confession and forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

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

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess to you our sinfulness and our helplessness to escape from it. We regard ourselves more worthy than others. We close our doors to them; we close our hands and hearts, as well. We beg your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son. Forgive our sins, and turn us from our ways.

P: God has mercy for everyone; God's love reaches out to all. Jesus Christ was given to die for us; for his sake our sins are forgiven, and we shall live! Our God has turned to us in love.

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

In Christ There Is No East or West

ELW # 650, 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: God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Special Music

His Eye Is On The Sparrow

Vanessa Hebrank

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Old Testament p. 702

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67 (*Congregation reads responsively*)

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

²**Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Second Reading

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

New Testament p. 152

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to Matthew, the fifteenth chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 15:10-28

New Testament p. 16

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW # 712, 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

Praise and Thanksgiving

Margo Strothmann

Offering Prayer

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, 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

<i>What Feast of Love</i>	ELW # 487
<i>Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether</i>	ELW # 470
<i>All Who Hunger Gather Gladly</i>	ELW # 461

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

<i>Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i>	ELW # 886, v. 1-3 & 6
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The Dismissal

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

C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude

<i>Danza de la Rosa (Dance of the Rose)</i>	Margo Strothmann
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WORSHIP LEADERS

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

10:00 AM

Altar Guild	Sheryl Boos
Greeter/Usher	Dennis & Sheryl Boos
Lector	Kathy Fair
Sound & Zoom Technician	Sam Foster

COMING THIS WEEK

August 20-27

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	10:00 a.m.	Community for Christ Volunteers
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Devotions & Bible Study

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✠ *Prayer Concerns* ✠

OUR MEMBERS

Gloria Peterson
 Pat Embich
 Sandra Gilbert

Christian condolences and hope are extended to Bob and their families on the death of Barb Gryte Gislason last week.

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Jerry Williams—upcoming surgery (Maxine’s brother-in-law)
 Dave Fosler—serious car accident (Carolyn & Gary Wiles’ son-in-law)
 Duane & Grace Cridland (friends of Melba & Phil Bangert)
 Kathy Pipes (friend of LeeAnne Brumm)
 Gary Hansen – serious health concerns (Wendy Blomberg’s friend)
 Jennifer Pedersen—breast cancer (Allan & Sally Burke’s daughter)

CONTINUED PRAYERS

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

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 AUGUST 20

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 Tom & Karen Ringsdorf

CARE CORE for August is Sheryl Boos, 573-836-4025.

NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES ARE HERE They are on a cart in the Gathering Space. If you have a binder, pick up a set of new inserts. No binder? Grab one of the binders – the pictures are already in there.

THANK YOU to all who donated toys to celebrate Vinny's 50th. We had more than 50! Vinny thanks you and Wendy thanks you.

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST VOLUNTEERS Kent's week to volunteer at Community for Christ is coming Tues. Aug. 22, Thur. Aug 24 and Sat. Aug. 26 As always, many volunteers are needed! There are a number of regular volunteers 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 Jim at 913-269-3375 with as much notice as possible. Thank you from Jim and Chuck and those that are less blessed.

And don't forget Social Ministry's card BINGO on Sept. 8th! Cost of tickets is \$10 plus one appetizer. Tickets will be on sale beginning August 13, 2023!

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST PANTRY NEEDS

- 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

BINGO! FUNDRAISER SEPTEMBER 8 Social Ministry's famous BINGO! night is on September 8. Doors open at 5:30pm; the Appetizer Buffet starts at 6pm; Bingo! Kicks off at 7pm. Tickets go on sale August 20, 27 and September 3, between services. Price is \$10 each plus an appetizer to share.

Donations for the Silent Auction may be put in the Faith Room beginning today. Donation Forms will be in the room. Fill out a donation form, including a minimum bid. If you are donating a food item, fill out the form and bring the item the night of the event.

"GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS." SUNDAY is Sunday, September 10, 2023. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Join us after church to use our hands to serve others. We will be helping the City of Laurie, Community for Christ, Hurricane Deck School, and possibly Laurie Care Center. We will also help out at the church (packing cookies for 9-11, bundling Best Choice UPC's, and tying a Lutheran World Relief quilt). We will have sign-up sheets up soon. Don't forget to wear your "God's Work. Our Hands." t-shirt that day!

COOKIES FOR OUR HEROES On September 11, we will be delivering cookies to our police officers, firefighters, ambulance workers, first responders, and Lake Regional Staff. We will need around 75 dozen cookies baked and brought to the church by Sunday morning, September 10th so we can pack the cookies as part of “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday. Sign up and tell us how many cookies you will be baking. Thanks!

QUILTERS! TAKE NOTE On Sunday, October 1, we will bless our MISSION QUILTS. We ask our Kent family to participate in the Sunday event by bringing in your favorite Quilt(s) to share. These can be quilts a family member has made or something that you personally have pieced together. These Quilts will be hung over the church pews to be displayed on October 1 for all to view and enjoy. Saturday, September 30 from 9-12 has been set aside for you to bring in your Quilt(s) to display.

Process:

- 1) Your Quilt(s) will be given a number and will be associated with an index card that will have your name and phone number to ensure your Quilt(s) are returned safe.
- 2) On your Quilt(s) please attach a note describing your Quilt if possible and any story associated with it, i.e. quilt pattern name, pieced by Sally Burke; or quilt pattern unknown, hand-pieced by my grandmother; etc. These stories will be in the bulletin so all can enjoy them.
- 3) If September 30 does not work for you, please make other arrangements with Sally Burke to bring in your Quilt(s), 573-372-6556 or 573-480-7815.

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. Have it to Cindy by August 31.