

Email Blast for September 3



14th Sunday after Pentecost

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

September 3, 2023

10:00 a.m.

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

FROM PASTOR ED

Moments after proclaiming Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, Peter is offended when Jesus reveals to the disciples what that is going to mean; that he will suffer and die and on the third day be raised. The reality of the Gospel does indeed offend our sensibilities. It was through suffering and death that Jesus gave us life, but more than that, being a disciple will mean taking up our crosses as well, giving all that we have and all that we are to our God and to our neighbors. The cost of discipleship is high, but the gift of eternal life is even greater.

Have a wonderful rest of the week everyone!
God bless you all,

Pastor Ed

OUR 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM. To join a worship service, click the link below, please contact the church at 573-374-5267 for assistance.

Welcome to Worship

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

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Prelude

Consolation No. 3 in d

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: I can hear my Savior calling, "Take your cross and follow me."

C: He will give me grace and glory, and go with me all the way.

P: Where he leads me I will follow,

C: I'll go with him all the way.

Prayer of Dedication

All: Gracious God, we come before you with the cares and concerns of life, and trust that you will meet us with grace and goodness. We thank you for renewing and redeeming what we have made of the lives you have given us. We thank you for the hard lessons we have learned from the difficult times of our lives. We thank you for the ways we have grown through adversity, won out over hardship, and developed character through suffering. We thank you that you have placed within us not only a capacity to cope with the worst that life offers, but also to hope for the best that your Son has to offer us. Give us the strength, the wisdom, and the courage to follow your will and your way through life. 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

In the Cross

ELW # 324, v. 1-3

In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'er take me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

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 heaven 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, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world.**

Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

First Reading

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Old Testament p.736

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 26:1-8 *(Congregation reads responsively)*

¹Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity;

I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

²**Test me, O LORD, and try me;**

examine my heart and my mind.

³For your steadfast love is before my eyes;

I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴**I have not sat with the worthless,**

nor do I consort with the deceitful.

⁵I have hated the company of evildoers;

I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶**I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,**

that I may go in procession round your altar,

⁷singing aloud a song of thanksgiving

and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸**LORD, I love the house in which you dwell**

and the place where your glory abides.

Second Reading

Romans 12:9-21

New Testament p.154

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to Matthew, the sixteenth chapter

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

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:21-28

New Testament p.17

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

Be Thou My Vision

ELW # 793, v. 1-3

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Profession of Faith–Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers

P: Merciful God,

C: hear our prayer.

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

Offertory

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

Margo Strothmann

Offering Prayer

P: God of power, God of plenty,

C: all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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 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

Lead On, O King Eternal

ELW # 805

Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest your tents will be our home.
Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong;
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,
but deeds of love and mercy the heav'nly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ELW # 810

O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me, my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.
Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.
Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.
Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.
O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

ELW # 774

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain.*

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain.*

The Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

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Margo Strothmann

WORSHIP LEADERS

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

10:00 AM

Altar Guild..... Sheryl Boos
Greeter/Usher..... Bob & Karole Karls
Lector..... Kathy Fair
Sound & Zoom Technician..... Larry Fair

COMING THIS WEEK

September 3-10

Today	8:00 a.m.	Worship (outdoor chapel)
	9:00 a.m.	Burke Anniversary Celebration (cake & coffee)
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (inside, livestreamed)
Monday		LABOR DAY – OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Evangelism Committee
	9:30 a.m.	Altar Guild
	10:00 a.m.	WELCA-Crafts
	11:00 a.m.	WELCA Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Worship & Music Committee
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men’s Devotions & Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Lake Jazz Band Rehearsal
Friday	5:30 p.m.	BINGO! Fundraiser (doors open at 5:30pm)
Sunday		“GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.”
	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (livestreamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)
		Handbells Rehearsal

† *Prayer Concerns* †

OUR MEMBERS

Gloria Peterson
Sandra Gilbert

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Ginger Frazier—health concerns
Lyn Golvig—health concerns
Michelle Becker—health concerns
Matthew Clark—serious injuries (Susan & Steve Clark’s son)
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
Dana Anderson
Pam Babcock
Cody Blasberg
Marcille Bohling
Cindy Campbell
Shirley Clark
Evelyn Clements
Mary Beth Fair
Ron Ferguson
Stacey Flect
Shane Foster

Ken Gerardy
Carla Glusing
Debbie Hanshaw
Linda Harris
Bryan Hastings
Rod Hayes
Mike Holmes
CF Huff
Teresa Joslin
Linda Kimberling
Blanch Lacroix
Barry Mabe

Larry Mausbach
Dave & Sara Newton
Steve O'Connor
Mike Page
Rev. Bill Peterson
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 SEPTEMBER 3

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 Joyce & Lynn Burke in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary (9/1).

CARE CORE for September is Karen Stanze, 573-286-2625.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Join Lynn & Joyce Burke this morning as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary during fellowship time between services.

70th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY On September 12, Claude and Janet Page will celebrate 70 years of marriage! Since they are unable to get to worship, there will be cards in the fellowship hall for you to sign. Or, if you would like to send a card, the address is: 100 Wellington Ct., Gravois Mills, MO 65037.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA will meet on Tuesday, September 5th, at 11am for our monthly meeting. Stuffing critters will be at 10am. All Kent ladies are encouraged to join us.

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 are on sale August 27 and September 3, between services. Price is \$10 each plus an appetizer to share.

OUR SAVIOR'S GARAGE/BAKE SALE Friday, September 8, 8am-4p; and Saturday, September 9, 8am-noon.

"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 in the park, Community for Christ with some repair/foundation work, Hurricane Deck School to assemble leadership packets, and play cards with residents of 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). The sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board as you enter the fellowship hall. 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!

WELCA CLUSTER MEETING All women of Kent are invited to attend the Women of the ELCA Mid-Missouri Cluster meeting on Saturday, September 16, 2023. The meeting will be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Camdenton, beginning at 9:00 a.m. with registration and refreshments. The regular meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. Registration fee is \$5.00. Lunch will be provided. The theme for the day is Live Justice. Ms. Julie Bird, Director of Student Services, Camdenton R-III School District will speak on a program for homeless children. In-kind gifts will be given to Child Development for the Lighthouse Daycare at Our Savior's. A list of requested items is posted at the WELCA bulletin board along with a sign-up sheet for those planning to attend. For questions or comments contact Melba Bangert 573-836-5030. (phone/text).

GERMAN DINNER RETURNS TO BETHANY LUTHERAN, ELDON Friday, September 22, Bethany Lutheran in Eldon will host a German Dinner. To make reservations, call 815-210-2920, by September 19. The menu is on the Events bulletin board.

HELP PACK BUDDY PACKS If anyone is interested in helping with buddy packs at Hurricane Deck this year please contact Wendy Blomberg.

BISCUITS & GRAVY AT KENT Vinny is providing biscuits and gravy on Sunday, October 1 after church. So mark your calendars.

QUILTERS AND QUILT OWNERS! On Sunday, October 1, we will bless our MISSION QUILTS. We invite our Kent family to participate in the Sunday event by bringing in your favorite quilt(s) to be viewed and blessed. These can be quilts a family member has made or something that you personally have pieced together. All quilts will be hung over the church pews to be displayed on October 1 for all to view and enjoy. Please bring your quilts to church on Saturday, September 30 from 9-12. On your quilt(s) please attach a note describing the quilt 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.

Process: 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. The stories from your quilt(s) will be gathered together and published in the bulletin. You may take your quilt home after worship on October 1.

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.

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST PANTRY NEEDS:

Cold cereal

Condiments (catsup, mustard, salad dressings, coffee)

Baking items (flour, sugar, baking powder & soda, oil)

Egg Noodles or any kind of pasta

Taco & Chili Seasonings

Canned Chili with beans

Potato box items (mashed, cheesy or hash browns)

Rice of any kind: (flavored box, brown, white, spanish)

Tomato sauce or diced

Any kind of crackers and cookies

These items are for both men and women. Food stamps do not pay for these things.

Deodorants

Shampoo

Body wash

Paper products (toilet paper, tissues, paper towels)

Cleaning Supplies for kitchen or bathrooms