

Email Blast for September 10



## **“God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday**

### **Kent Memorial Lutheran Church**

184 Sunset Hill Drive  
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

**The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor**

**September 10, 2023**

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

**REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR “GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.” T-SHIRT  
ON SUNDAY!**

#### **FROM PASTOR ED**

Conflict and disagreement are a part of all human relationships. In families, in communities and yes even in the Church there will be times when our differences will bring us into conflict with one another. How we deal with that conflict though makes all the difference. In our Gospel lesson for this week Jesus reminds us that when we gather in his name, he is there in the midst of us. We aren’t just an institution or a gathering of people, we are the community drawn together by the God who loves us.

**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

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

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**Prelude**                      *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*                      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.*

### **Litany for God's Work – Our Hands Sunday**

**P:** Our hands have created war and terror and have drawn lines between friends and enemies. Now we search for lasting peace and radical reconciliation.

**C: Renew our hands for your work, O God, today and every day.**

**P:** Our hands have created hunger and poverty, homelessness and unemployment. Now we long to be fed, sheltered and given new opportunities.

**C: Renew our hands for your work, O God, today and every day.**

**P:** Our hands have polluted your creation and misused our resources. Now we seek clean air, soil, water and abundant life for all living things.

**C: Renew our hands for your work, O God, today and every day.**

**P:** Our hands have broken homes, communities and nations with fear, abuse and violence. We plead for safety and wholeness.

**C: Renew our hands for your work, O God, today and every day.**

**P:** Our hands have brought discrimination and oppression based on race and class. Now we look for unity in diversity and the freedom to live in holy community with one another.

**C: Renew our hands for your work, O God, today and every day.**

**P:** Your hands created the world, and your life redeems it. Even now we see your reign of peace among us.

**C: For our hands and your work, O God, we praise you today and every day.**

**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**

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

ELW # 836, v. 1 & 2

**Liturgy** *Setting 4*

ELW p. 147

**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**

**L:** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Canticle of Praise:** Glory to God in the highest

ELW p. 148

L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**C: Lord, God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**All: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Children's Sermon**

Pastor Ed

**Special Music**

*Down to the River to Pray*

Kent Choir Altos

**First Reading**

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Old Testament p. 824

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 119:33-40** (congregation reads responsively)

<sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,  
and I shall keep it to the end.

<sup>34</sup>**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;  
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

<sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments,  
for that is my desire.

<sup>36</sup>**Incline my heart to your decrees  
and not to unjust gain.**

<sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;  
give me life in your way.

<sup>38</sup>**Fulfill your promise to your servant,  
which is for those who fear you.**

<sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread,  
because your judgments are good.

<sup>40</sup>**Behold, I long for your commandments;  
by your righteousness enliven me.**

**Second Reading**

Romans 13:8-14

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 eighteenth chapter

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

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 18:15-20

New Testament p. 19

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Ed Foster

**Hymn of the Day**

*Will You Come and Follow Me?*

ELW # 798, v. 1, 2 & 5

**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: Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

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

**Offertory**

*I Love to Tell the Story*

Joyce Wanamaker

**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**

ELW p. 152

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. Wine and grape juice are available. Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing.*

**Communion Hymns**

*Although I Speak With Angel's Tongue  
Here Is Bread  
You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

ELW # 644  
ELW # 483  
ELW # 484

**Post-Communion Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Announcements**

**Sending Hymn**

*God's Work, Our Hands*

Wayne Wold  
TUNE: Earth and All Stars #731

**The Dismissal**

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

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

**Postlude**

*I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*

Joyce Wanamaker

**Fellowship Time**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Pastor .....Ed Foster  
Organist/Pianist .....Joyce Wanamaker  
Choir Director.....Tracy Garrett

Handbells Director..... Katie Heaford

**10:00 AM**

Altar Guild..... Sheryl Boos  
Greeters/Ushers ..... Ruth and Randy Osterbur  
Liturgist ..... Tracy Garrett  
Lector..... Steve Atzeni  
Sound & Zoom Technician..... Michael Wagner  
Coffee Fellowship..... Karen Thompson

**COMING THIS WEEK**

**September 10-17**

Today		“GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.”
	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)
		Handbells Rehearsal
		We Go Out To Do God’s Work
Monday	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
	3:00 p.m.	“Love Abides” Grief Support Group
	4:00 p.m.	Cruise Worship
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study
	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
	6:00 p.m.	Lake Jazz Band
Friday	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)
		Handbells Rehearsal

**✠ *Prayer Concerns* ✠**

**OUR MEMBERS**

Nancy Williams  
Sandra Gilbert

**OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS**

Doris Peterson—recovering from a fall (Tracey Atzeni’s mother)  
Ruth Goddard & family  
Ginger Frazier—health concerns  
Lyn Golvig—health concerns  
Michelle Becker—health concerns  
Matthew Clark—serious injuries (Susan & Steve Clark’s son)  
Jerry Williams—surgery successful; now in rehab. (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	Gloria Peterson
Shirley Clark	Mike Holmes	Ron Roberts
Evelyn Clements	CF Huff	Marcia Robbins
Mary Beth Fair	Teresa Joslin	Dan Rogers
Ron Ferguson	Linda Kimberling	Karen Tischnor
Stacey Flect	Blanch Lacroix	Bernie Wiegel
Shane Foster	Barry Mabe	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 SEPTEMBER 10**

**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 Ed at the end of the service.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given by Melba & Phil Bangert in celebration of their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary (9/9); and by Claude & Janet Page in honor of their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary (9/12)

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

**THANK YOU** We would like to thank our family at Kent for coming to help celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and for all the meaningful cards and good wishes. Also, a big thank you to the Evangelism Committee for arranging the wonderful reception this past Sunday. Lynn & Joyce Burke.

**70<sup>th</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** On September 12, Claude and Janet Page will celebrate 70 years of marriage! Since they are unable to get to worship, there are 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.

**“GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.” SUNDAY** is TODAY. 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). Choose where you want to serve!

**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 tomatoes  
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