

Email Blast for September 24



17th Sunday after Pentecost

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

September 24, 2023

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

TONIGHT'S CRUISE WORSHIP HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO THE RAIN & COOL TEMPERATURES.

FROM PASTOR ED

Our God is indeed gracious, sharing God's gifts with incredible generosity, even extravagance. Sharing them with both with those who are worthy, but also with those that the world would find lacking. Is it fair that God loves those who don't seem to deserve his love just as much as those who seem more righteous, more Godly, more obedient? Is fairness the correct measure for God's graciousness? Are we really able to judge the worthiness of our brothers and sisters? Or should we just rejoice that God has been good to 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

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

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Prelude *Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace* 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.

Call to Worship

P: O Lord, you have called us to work for you, to spread your Word to all the world.

C: Gladden our hearts as we serve you and others in your kingdom.

P: O Lord, you keep calling more and more people into your band of workers.

C: Fill us with joy as we welcome fellow workers who have joined us in our efforts to spread the Gospel.

P: O Lord, you have faith in us that we can do what you have called us to do.

C: Encourage and strengthen us as our service for the Lord stretches into days, weeks, months and years.

P: O Lord, as we work, we become more and more aware that you are so good to us and all who believe.

Confession & Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

P: Lord of the living harvest,

C: We confess that we have sinned. In our thinking, speaking, and doing – proper fruit has not been borne. Your final harvest fills our hearts with fear. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive our ingratitude and jealousy that we may serve you faithfully.

P: Jesus Christ has poured out his life for us. In him there is forgiveness, life and resurrection from the dead. By him we are redeemed and set at liberty, and we are at peace.

C: How great the harvest God provides!

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

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW # 685, v. 1, 2, 5 & 6

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: Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Ed

Anthem

Oh, How I Love Jesus

Kent Handbells

First Reading

Jonah 3:10—4:11

Old Testament p. 886

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:1-8 (congregation reads responsively)

¹I will exalt you, my God and king, and bless your name forever and ever.

²**Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever and ever.**

³Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised! There is no end to your greatness.

⁴**One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.**

⁵I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.

⁶**They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will recount your greatness.**

⁷They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;

they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

⁸**The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Second Reading

Philippians 1:21-30

New Testament p. 188

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to Matthew, the twentieth chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

New Testament p. 20

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

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

Spirit of God, Descend on Us, We Pray

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

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. 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>Give Me Jesus</i>	ELW # 770
<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>	ELW # 661
<i>Shine, Jesus, Shine</i>	ELW # 671

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

<i>Rise Up, O Saints of God</i>	ELW # 669, v. 1, 4 & 5
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The Dismissal

P: Hearing God’s call and responding in love,
C: **we share Jesus with all!**

Postlude

<i>Wade in the Water</i>	Margo Strothmann
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Fellowship Time

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

WORSHIP LEADERS

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

10:00 AM

Altar Guild.....	Sheryl Boos
Greeters/Ushers	
Liturgist	Vanessa Hebrank
Lector	Toni Wagner
Sound & Zoom Technician.....	Larry Fair
Coffee Fellowship.....	Glenice Gibson, Karen Thompson

COMING THIS WEEK

September 24-October 1

Today	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

Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Community for Christ Volunteering
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Community for Christ Volunteering
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Bring quilts to church (until noon)
	10:00 a.m.	Community for Christ Volunteering
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & Bible Study for children
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed) - Blessing of the Quilts
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (Biscuits & Gravy) Handbells Rehearsal

✠ *Prayer Concerns* ✠

OUR MEMBERS

Sandra Gilbert

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Jessica Birdsong – health concerns

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—progressing, in therapy (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

Gloria 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 24

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 Don & Joan Wilken.

CARE CORE for September is Karen Stanze, 573-286-2625; for October is Melba Bangert, 573-836-5030.

THANK YOU to all you ladies for bringing the delicious salads and all your help. Thanks to the guys for serving our guests. Our Newcomer's salad luncheon was a success thanks to you! Joyce & Sally

THANK YOU We would like to thank our family at Kent for coming to help celebrate our 50th Anniversary, and for all the meaningful cards and good wishes. Also, a big thank you to the Evangelism Committee for arranging the wonderful reception on September 3. Lynn & Joyce Burke.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL will begin October 1, 9:00-9:45 a.m., in the Faith Room (first classroom on the parking lot side of the fellowship hall. The class will be led by Diane Ziehl.

ADDITIONAL OFFERING COUNTERS NEEDED The Counting Team Leader would like you to know that we need a few more people to join the counting group. Currently the counting group is made up of 6 pairs for the actual counting of the offering. Currently, each pair counts once every 6 weeks. We would like to add another team and an additional person to substitute when the need arises. If you would like to help us out by joining this team or if you have any questions about the way it works, please contact Jane Maher at 812-306- 5462.

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST VOLUNTEERS This is Kent's week to volunteer at Community for Christ: Tues. Sept. 26, Thur. Sept. 28, and Sat. Sept. 30. As always many volunteers are needed! Please sign up to help those in need! The week Kent is working is the last week of CFC change over. Clothing items will be \$3 per bag. Saturday is a clothes free, give away day. Will need extra help Saturday at 2:00 PM to bag all remaining clothes. Help if you can. 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.

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

QUILTERS AND QUILT OWNERS! Next 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.

EVERYONE is invited to come early on October 1 to view the quilts before worship.

STICK AROUND FOR BISCUITS & GRAVY Vinny is providing biscuits and gravy next Sunday, October 1 after church. So mark your calendars and don't miss out.

ANNUAL COOKOUT AT THE PARSONAGE Join us Wednesday evening, October 4, at 5pm for a worship service and cookout around the campfire at the parsonage! If you've missed out on the chance to go on the Cruise Worship, if you need a little relax time after work, if you would just like to sing some camp songs, roast some marshmallows and worship our dear Lord in the beauty of God's creation, then this is the event for you!

Bring a lawn chair if you like, (we have some chairs already). Space will be available up on the deck for any who prefer a top-down view of the festivities.

Worship & Music will provide drinks, burgers, hot dogs, brats & fixings. You are welcome to bring a side or dessert to share. There is a sign-up sheet on the sign-up sheet board as you enter the fellowship hall.

9TH ANNUAL THE GATHERING St. Paul's Lutheran in Cole Camp presents The Gathering on Saturday, October 7. Guest Speakers are Mark & Sarah Huber, who were the guests for the very first Gathering in 2015. Check-in begins at 9am; lunch is provided. For more information, call St. Paul's at 660-668-3537 or on Facebook @stpauls.me/gathering.

IVORIES AND HARMONIES On Sunday, October 8, 2:00 p.m., First Baptist Church in Camdenton, come and hear some inspiring music from local musicians. You'll see several familiar faces! Sponsored by the Lake Arts Council. Admission is free; a donation will be accepted.

OAK MITES The Missouri Department of Conversation says there are indeed oak mites in the state of Missouri. Their bite causes an itchy rash. There are over the counter and prescriptions available. Take care of yourself. -Nancy Williams