



**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Kent Memorial Lutheran Church**

184 Sunset Hill Drive  
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

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

**September 17, 2023**

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

**FROM PASTOR ED**

Our Gospel lesson this week focuses on forgiveness. How many times should I forgive a member of the church who sins against me, Peter asks Jesus, as many as 7 times? Not just 7 but 77 times, Jesus replies. Forgiveness can be difficult. The sins and conflicts that we have with one another truly do cause pain and injury, and forgiveness can make us vulnerable. Yet we ourselves have been forgiven of so much. We must forgive as we have been forgiven, even 77 times.

Have a fantastic week! See you in church,

Shalon

Pastor Ed

## Welcome to Worship

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

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### Prelude

*Like a River Glorious* 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 God, the one who forms us, † Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Steadfast and faithful God,

**C: you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

P: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

**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**

*This Is My Father’s World*

ELW # 824, v. 1 & 3

**Liturgy** *Setting 4*

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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:** Glory to God in the highest

ELW p. 148

**Prayer of the Day**

**All: O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Children’s Sermon**

Pastor Ed

**Anthem**

*Surely the Presence of the Lord Is In This Place*

Kent Choir

**First Reading**

Genesis 50:15-21

Old Testament p. 49

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 103:1-13** (congregation reads responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name.

<sup>2</sup>**Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all God’s benefits—**

<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases;

<sup>4</sup>**who redeems your life from the grave  
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

<sup>5</sup>who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle’s.

<sup>6</sup>**O LORD, you provide vindication  
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

<sup>7</sup>You made known your ways to Moses  
and your works to the children of Israel.

<sup>8</sup>**LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**

<sup>9</sup>you will not always accuse us,  
nor will you keep your anger forever.

<sup>10</sup>**You have not dealt with us according to our sins,  
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**

<sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

<sup>12</sup>**As far as the east is from the west,  
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**

<sup>13</sup>As a father has compassion for his children,  
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

### **Second Reading**

Romans 14:1-12

New Testament p. 155

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 18:21-35

New Testament p. 19

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

### **Sermon**

Pastor Ed Foster

### **Hymn of the Day**

*Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

ELW # 864, v. 1, 2 & 4

### **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**

*Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord*

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**

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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 Words of Institution**

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### **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**

*Around You, Oh Lord Jesus*  
*Holy, Holy, Holy*  
*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

ELW # 468  
ELW # 413  
ELW # 502, v. 1, 2, 5 & 6

**Post-Communion Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Announcements**

**Sending Hymn**

*Go, My Children, With My Blessing*

ELW # 543, v. 1 & 2

**The Dismissal**

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

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

**Postlude**

*I've Got Peace Like a River*

Joyce Wanamaker

**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 ..... Jim & Karen Mellody  
Liturgist .....Ed Foster  
Lector.....Steve Atzeni  
Sound & Zoom Technician.....Gail Kruse  
Coffee Fellowship.....Linda & Gerry Williams

### COMING THIS WEEK

**September 17-24**

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
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Chorale Rehearsal
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	4:00 p.m.	Cruise Worship
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Lake Jazz Band Rehearsal
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  
Gloria Peterson  
Sandra Gilbert

**OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS**

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)  
Jessica Birdsong – health concerns

**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  
Dylan Craig  
Salathiel (Sal) Caudill

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 17**

**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 Wendy Blomberg.

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

**THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in God's Work, Our Hands Sunday! We accomplished a lot during the hours we worked! Also thank you to everyone who baked cookies and/or provided supplies. The cookies were distributed on 9/11 to the police, firefighters, first responders, and hospital staff.

We have a few cookies left in the freezer. Feel free to enjoy some cookies when your committees and/or groups meet at the church. Thanks!

**NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON** will be hosted by WELCA on September 20. We will need salads for our guests. No desserts this time. Please sign up on the WELCA bulletin board. We need to know how many salads we will have. We will also need helpers to set up and to serve (10:45am). Thank you. Any questions, see Joyce Burke.

**CRUISE WORSHIP** Let's try our final cruise worship for the season at Frankie and Louie's at 4 p.m. on September 20. (Weather permitting!)

**COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST VOLUNTEERS** Kent'S week to volunteer at Community for Christ IS coming 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

**BISCUITS & GRAVY AT KENT** Vinny is providing biscuits and gravy on Sunday, October 1 after church. So mark your calendars and don't miss out.

**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

## ***Adult Sunday School Survey***

This is a survey to gather members' thoughts on possible topics for our 9 am. Sunday School Class taught by Bob Harger with Gerry Williams and Pastor as substitutes. The popular topic chosen will be taught in a way to encourage members to express themselves in discussion if they so wish. The coffee will be ready so we hope that you will join your friends with an alert mind open to friendly learning.

Would you be most interested in:

A study of a book of the Bible

Suggestions? \_\_\_\_\_

A study of a particular topic from the Bible such as (mark those that you prefer)

Jesus' Life on earth

What the Bible says about salvation

How we should live our lives as Christians

Why is the Bible relevant today/

How do we explain Christianity to others

Other topics? \_\_\_\_\_