

Email Blast for October 15



## **20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

### **Kent Memorial Lutheran Church**

184 Sunset Hill Drive  
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

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

**October 15, 2023**

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

#### **FROM PASTOR ED**

"Many are called but few are chosen," Jesus declares in this week's Gospel lesson. God has indeed called all of creation to be a part of God's Kingdom, but not all respond to that gracious call. How do we honor and serve our Lord in a world that resists and rejects God's loving kindness? How do we respond to our call, God's invitation, to come to wedding banquet for his Son? How can we be respectful of our King?

Have a wonderful rest of your week!  
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 mute your phone and turn off video when you join the meeting to ensure everyone can hear.

**SUNDAY ZOOM LINK NOTE – THIS IS A NEW LINK**

To join Zoom Worship just click on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87847144381?pwd=WW56YkIPSmFyQ3JqR3NsdUZKTWU5dz09>

Meeting ID: 878 4714 4381

Passcode: 602549

To listen on your phone instead of video, dial 1+312-626-6799 [long distance charges may apply].

We will celebrate Holy Communion. Have a piece of bread or cracker and a small amount of wine or juice ready for consecration.

If this is your first time on Zoom, please contact the church at 573-374-5267 for assistance.

## Welcome to Worship

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

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**Prelude**

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

Vanessa Hebrank

*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.*

**Invocation**

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Put not your trust in princes,

**C: in the son of man, in whom there is no salvation.**

P When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;

**C on that very day his plans perish.**

P Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

**C whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth.**

**Confession and Absolution**

P: Let us confess our sins to God our King.

**C: Almighty God, our Lord and King, we confess that we are not always willing to live under your gracious rule. We do not follow your commandments as we should. We do not walk in love as our Savior walked. We choose to rule our own lives and follow our own sinful desires. We turn from listening to your Word and listen to the temptations of the world around us. Have mercy on us and forgive us for the sake of Jesus our Lord.**

P: God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son to be our Savior, to suffer and die on the cross, suffering the penalty of death that we deserved. Our sins are washed away in the blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**C: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth!**

**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**

*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

ELW # 553, v. 1 & 3

**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: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Children’s Sermon**

Pastor Ed

**Special Music**

*Gratitude*

Katie Heaford

**First Reading**

Isaiah 25:1-9

Old Testament p. 666

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 23** (congregation reads responsively)

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**Second Reading**

Philippians 4:1-9

New Testament p. 190

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Announcement**

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-second chapter

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

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 22:1-14

New Testament p. 23

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Ed Foster

**Hymn of the Day**

*Around You, O Lord Jesus*

ELW # 468, v. 1 & 2

**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: God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

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

**Offertory**

*Here Is Love*

Vanessa Hebrank

### **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.*

<b>Communion Hymns</b>	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	ELW # 631
	<i>When Peace Like a River</i>	ELW # 785
	<i>Will You let Me Be Your Servant</i>	ELW # 659

**Post-Communion Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Announcements**

<b>Sending Hymn</b>	<i>O God, Our Help in Ages Past</i>	ELW # 632, v. 1-3
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**The Dismissal**

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

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

<b>Postlude</b>	<i>With Joyful Hearts</i>	Vanessa Hebrank
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<b>Fellowship Time</b>	EVERYONE IS WELCOME
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**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Pastor .....	Ed Foster
Organist/Pianist .....	Vanessa Hebrank
Choir Director.....	Tracy Garrett
Handbells Director.....	Katie Heaford

**10:00 AM**

Altar Guild.....	Sheryl Boos
Greeters/Ushers .....	Karen Thompson & Sally Burke
Liturgist .....	Tracy Garrett
Lector.....	Teri Stout
Sound & Zoom Technician.....	Al Mohling
Coffee Fellowship.....	Bob & Sharon Ballard

**COMING THIS WEEK**

**October 15-22**

Today	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal Sunday School & Bible Study for all
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts) Handbells Rehearsal
Monday	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center Volunteers
	6:00 p.m.	Chorale Rehearsal
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center Volunteers
	3:00 p.m.	“Love Abides” Grief Support Group

	5:00 p.m.	Cookout at the Parsonage
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center Volunteers
Friday	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center Volunteers
	1:00 p.m.	Blood Drive (-5:30pm)
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
		Sunday School & Bible Study for all
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)
		Handbells Rehearsal

## † *Prayer Concerns* †

### OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Gary Andeline—open heart surgery (friend of Tracy Garrett)  
 Zach Rezac (friend of Mary Lou & Joel Hellman)  
 Pat & Shirley Rogers—health concerns  
 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)  
 Jennifer Pedersen—breast cancer (Allan & Sally Burke's daughter)

### CONTINUED PRAYERS

Cheryl Anderson	Carla Glusing	Dave & Sara Newton
Dana Anderson	Gary Hansen	Steve O'Connor
Pam Babcock	Debbie Hanshaw	Mike Page
Cody Blasberg	Linda Harris	Rev. Bill Peterson
Marcille Bohling	Bryan Hastings	Gloria 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	
Ken Gerardy	Larry Mausbach	

### 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 OCTOBER 18

**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 Michael & Toni Wagner in honor of Addison & Kowen's baptisms.

**CARE CORE** for October is Melba Bangert, 573-836-5030.

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL** meets Sunday mornings, 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.

**STARTING THIS MORNING ~ ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: WALKING WITH GOD IN THE DESERT** This seven-session small group Bible study (guide sold separately) by noted teacher and historian, Ray Vander Laan, is volume twelve of the *That the World May Know* series. Are you going through a difficult period of life? The loss of a loved one? Unemployment? A crisis of faith? During these desert times, it's easy to think God has disappeared. This series beckons you to follow Jesus and discover the astounding truth of what it means to be a Christian. In *Walking with God in the Desert* you'll discover that it's only when we are totally dependent on him that we find God is closer than ever and can experience his amazing grace and provision. Sunday mornings, 9:00-9:45 a.m., beginning October 15.

**LOVE ABIDES GRIEF GROUP** will meet at 3pm on Wednesday, October 18. All are welcome.

**BLOOD DRIVE OCTOBER 20** Kent's fall blood drive will be Friday, October 20, from 1:00-5:30 p.m. To schedule your appointment, call the Community Blood Center of the Ozarks at 417-227-5006 or visit [www.cbco.org/donate-blood](http://www.cbco.org/donate-blood).

**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** resumes next week on Wednesday, October 25, at 6:00 p.m. You are welcome to bring your dinner. See the Email Blast for the Zoom link to join us online.

**TRUNK OR TREAT OCTOBER 31** Kent will host our annual Trunk or Treat on Tuesday, October 31, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. After the kids have all been treated, come inside and warm up with our soup & chili meal. A sign-up sheet for the soup/chili will be up soon. If you can't join in the fun, donations of candy to be handed out are gratefully accepted.

**COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST PANTRY NEEDS** CFC has been really, really busy!! Thank you for all of the support we receive in the way of items needed for the food pantry. Just a reminder, our pantry stocks non-food items as well. These items our clients cannot purchase with food stamps, and that is why I am listing those.

- \* Shampoo - for men and women.
- \* Body wash - for men and women.
- \* Deodorant - for men and women.
- \* Beans of any kind
- \* Rice (flavored mixes)
- \* Baking items – flour, sugar, salt, etc.
- \* Condiments - catsup, mustard, mayo, salad dressings, coffee
- \* Taco & chili Seasonings
- \* Canned meat of any kind
- \* Cereal
- \* Cleaning supplies
- \* Paper towels
- \* Tissues

Again, we thank you for any kind of donations!!!