

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor October 29, 2023

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

FROM PASTOR ED

Jesus, the son of God, has set us free. We are free indeed. He has set us free from our bondage to sin. He has set us free from death and given us eternal life. He has set us free from ourselves to live our lives in service to our God and to our neighbors. Jesus has set us free! With great joy, we celebrate that amazing gift on Reformation Sunday, the gift of freedom, the gift of life.

OUR 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP and Wednesday Evening Bible Study are AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM: To join a worship service, please contact the church.

Welcome to Worship

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

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Prelude

Allegro Vivace, Concerto in a Minor for 2 Pianos Margo Strothmann & 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: Now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law,
- C: Although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—
- P: The righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ is for all who believe.
- C: For there is no distinction:
- P: all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
- C: and are justified by the gift of God's grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Confession and Absolution

- P: We have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Let us confess our sins to him and ask his mercy for the sake of Jesus.
- C: Almighty God, we have fallen short of your glory. We turn away from your will and follow our own sinful desires. We listen to the temptations of the world instead of listening to your Word. Have mercy on us and forgive us.
- P: God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son to be our Savior. In his death and resurrection, we have forgiveness and life. You are justified, put right with God, by his grace, through faith in Jesus. 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: We are justified by the gift of God's grace!

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

The Church's One Foundation

ELW # 654, v. 1, 2 & 5

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

Canticle of Praise: Glory to God in the highest

ELW p. 148

Prayer of the Day

All: O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon Pastor Ed

Anthem There's a Wideness in God's Mercy Kent Choir

First Reading Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 Old Testament p. 108

L: The Word of the LordC: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1 (congregation reads responsively)

¹God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

³though its waters rage and foam,

and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;

God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;

God speaks, and the earth melts away.

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸Come now, regard the works of the LORD,

what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;

who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰"Be still, then, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 New Testament p. 195

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 22:34-46 New Testament p. 23

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day O Word of God Incarnate ELW # 514, v. 1 & 2

Profession of Faith-The 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: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Reception of Offerings Please fill out the red friendship pad and pass it to your neighbor **Offertory** Praise and Thanksgiving Kent Choir

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 HymnsHere Is Bread
Just As I AmELW # 483
ELW # 592Come Thou Fount of Every BlessingELW # 807

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Recessional Hymn A Mighty Fortress Is Our God ELW # 504, v. 1, 2 & 4

The Dismissal

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

C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude In Christ There Is No East or West Margo Strothmann

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	Linda & Gerry Williams	
Liturgist	Vanessa Hebrank	
Lector	Teri Stout	
Sound & Zoom Technician	Gail Kruse	
Coffee Fellowship	Cindy & Al Mohling	

COMING THIS WEEK October 29-November 5

	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & Bible Study for all ages
	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	10:30 a.m.	Community for Christ Volunteering
	5:00 p.m.	Trunk or Treat (-7pm)
	7:00 p.m.	Soup/Chili & Fellowship
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
	10:30 a.m.	Community for Christ Volunteering
	6:00 p.m.	Lake Jazz Band Rehearsal
Saturday	10:30 a.m.	Community for Christ Volunteering
Sunday		ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & Bible Study for all ages
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	New Member Reception
		Handbells Rehearsal

🕈 Prayer Concerns 🕈

OUR MEMBERS

Toni Wagner

Rick Ries-in rehab at Arrowhead

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)

Jennifer Pedersen—breast cancer (Allan & Sally Burke's daughter)

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Cheryl Anderson	Stacey Flect	CF Huff
Dana Anderson	Dave Fosler	Teresa Joslin
Pam Babcock	Shane Foster	Linda Kimberling
Cody Blasberg	Ken Gerardy	Blanch Lacroix
Marcille Bohling	Carla Glusing	Barry Mabe
Cindy Campbell	Gary Hansen	Larry Mausbach
Shirley Clark	Debbie Hanshaw	Dave & Sara Newton
Evelyn Clements	Linda Harris	Steve O'Connor
Duane & Grace Cridland	Bryan Hastings	Mike Page
Mary Beth Fair	Rod Hayes	Rev. Bill Peterson
Ron Ferguson	Mike Holmes	Gloria Peterson

Kathy Pipes Dan Rogers Larry Wilson

Ron Roberts Karen Tischnor Marcia Robbins Bernie Wiegel

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 29

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 Sandy Gilbert.

CARE CORE for October is Melba Bangert, 573-836-5030; for November is Karen Ringsdorf, 217-248-8969.

KENT MEMORIAL'S ANNUAL MEETING IS NOVEMBER 12 The 2023 Annual Meeting will be held after worship on Sunday, November 12, followed by a potluck brunch/lunch. The agenda, minutes from the 2022 meeting, the proposed 2024 budget and the proposed change to our constitution will be emailed to members and be available to pick up by October 29.

<u>COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST WEEK</u> Will you accept this challenge: Sign up to volunteer for Kent's week at Community for Christ Tues. Oct 31, Thur. Nov 2 and Sat. Nov. 4th. and challenge a fellow Kent family member to do the same. Both of you will join a group of extraordinary people that have helped 950 families this year. Bring the light of Christ to those in need. Thank you all!

NOVEMBER 5 IS ALL SAINTS SUNDAY During worship we place a white rose on the altar in memory of those who died since the last All Saints Sunday. If you would like your loved one to be remembered on this day, please contact the church office by Tuesday, October 31.

TRUNK OR TREAT Come and get a huge helping of joy at our annual Trunk or Treat. On Tuesday, October 31, you are all invited to gather in the church parking lot—with trunks and truck beds decorated for Halloween—for our Annual Trunk or Treat. From 5:00-7:00 p.m., we will hand out candy and enjoy all the kiddos and costumes. Plan on candy for at least 250 kids. [If the weather turns bad, we'll set up in the Fellowship Hall.] THEN, after the kids have all been treated, we'll head inside for some hot soup and warm fellowship. A sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hall for the soup. If you can't join us, we welcome donated bags of candy for the others to hand out.

BUDDY PACK THANKSGIVING BASKETS We have been blessed that, for the last few years, our Buddy Pack Program at Kent has been self-sustaining. However, this year has been extra stressful for the Buddy Pack Program. In order for us to continue sharing with Hurricane Deck we are going to need help with the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. We know this is not an easy time for anyone, but if you could help out with 1 or more of the non-perishable basket items we would be grateful. A list of needed items follows. When you bring your donations, please check it off on the "Thanksgiving Items" sheet and place it in the Thanksgiving tub. There is no school the entire week of Thanksgiving so all items will need to be here by Wednesday, November 15. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Items needed: box of instant mashed potatoes, bag of stuffing, green beans, corn/creamed corn, cream of mushroom soup, french fried onions, can gravy (turkey or chicken), sweet potatoes, crackers.

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

Season 3 of "Soup on Sunday" kicks off on November 5th

What is "Soup on Sunday" you ask? Each weekend throughout the fall and winter, Kathy Fair puts together a pot of soup, portions it out & makes it available for you to take home after church on Sunday. (Hence the catchy "Soup on Sunday" title...) A Thrivent Action Team will buy a lot of groceries & Kathy is committed to make that \$250 stretch as far as she can. The first two years, she made 12 servings of soup each week. We are delighted to have some new folks joining our church family so Kathy will get a bigger soup pot & start making 16 servings each week and see how it goes from there.

Kathy is taking soup suggestions. What sounds good to you? Those of you who don't take your bulletins home with you - please grab a pencil and jot down on the back of your bulletin what kind of soup you'd like to have. When you hand your bulletin back to the ushers at the end of the service, Kathy will collect them and get ready to make some soup!