



4th Sunday after Pentecost

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

June 16, 2024

10:00 a.m.

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

FROM PASTOR ED

Jesus' parables invite us to see in a different way. They challenge us to see the world, our neighbors and even ourselves through the eyes of God. The parables draw us into God's reality and encourage us to be a part of God's gracious rule. This week Jesus tells us of God's Kingdom, how it starts out so small and insignificant, like a tiny seed, but can grow to be a place of comfort and shelter for all. Can we trust that God's Kingdom is growing even when it seems like it is too small to make a difference? Can we believe that God is using us to make God's Kingdom a home for all?

Have a blessed week.
Peace, Pastor Ed

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

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

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Prelude

This Is My Father's World

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.

Welcome

Call to Worship

P: Trusting in the Word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father and of the +
Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: O Lord our God, Creator of the universe,

C: we are full of your life.

P: Gardens and fields, once at rest, bring forth life.

C: We turn to you, O Source of life. We listen, to learn and to hope.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Reconciling God,

C: you seek peace and unity among us, but too often we choose walls of isolation. You seek to be one with your creation, but we turn away your loving Spirit. In your forgiving love, break down the barriers we create, that we might see more clearly your love for us, be reconciled with our neighbor, and trust more deeply your promise of eternal life. Amen.

P: We who once were far off have been brought near to God through the cross of Jesus Christ. Almighty God forgive you your sin and grant you grace to forgive one another as you have been forgiven.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace (We share a sign of peace with one another.)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Gathering Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

ELW #879, v. 1-3

Liturgy Setting 10

ELW p. 203

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, verse 1

Prayer of the Day

All: O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Special Music

Reverie

Margo Strothmann

First Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Old Testament p. 806

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 (*Congregation reads responsively*)

¹It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

²**to herald your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night;**

³on the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.

⁴**For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord;**

and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

¹²The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

¹³**Those who are planted in the house of the Lord**

shall flourish in the courts of our God;

¹⁴they shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent;

¹⁵**that they may show how upright the Lord is, my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

New Testament p.173

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to Mark, the fourth chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Mark 4:26-34

New Testament p.36

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

ELW #759, 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: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

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

Offertory

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Vanessa Hebrank

Offering Prayer

P: Jesus, Bread of life,

C: **you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

Holy Communion

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

ELW p. 207

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

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken
What Feast of Love*

ELW #494

ELW #487

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

We Give Thee but Thine Own

ELW #686, v. 1, 2 & 4

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

Rejoice! He Is the Lord of All

Vanessa Hebrank

WORSHIP LEADERS

PastorEd Foster
Organist/Pianist..... Vanessa Hebrank
Choir DirectorTracy Garrett
Handbells Director Katie Heaford

10:00 AM

Altar GuildKarole Karls
Greeter/Usher..... Bob and Karole Karls
Lector Teri Stout
Sound & Zoom Technician..... Sam Foster

COMING THIS WEEK

June 16-23

Today	8:00 a.m.	Worship (outdoor chapel)
	9:00 a.m.	Fellowship (Root Beer Floats)
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (inside, livestreamed)
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	3:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Devotions & Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Lake Jazz Band Rehearsal
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (outdoor chapel)
	9:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (inside, livestreamed)

† Prayer Concerns †

OUR MEMBERS

Marsha Gust
Bob Harger
Geri Riley

Stan Field
Pat Embich
Jim Gilbert

Karen Thompson
Joel Hellman
Gene Page

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Stacy Carey
Ryan Dillman
Donald Brumm
Sue Doehne
Trudy Hamilton
Scott Hamilton

Dianne Steingrubey
Wayne Jackson
Gil Wilde
Tamara McClain
Jeanne Hines
Mike Holmes

Steve Hughes
Tom Simmons
Vicki Sawyer
Marcille Bohling

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Dana Anderson
Evan Beaupre
Michelle Becker
Jessica Birdsong
Jennifer Blomberg
Ken Buckingham
Shirley Clark
Evelyn Clements
Chuck Cuthbertson
Ron Ferguson
Stacey Fleck
Al Gann
Ken Gerardy

Carla Glusing
Ruth Goddard & family
Gary Hansen
Debbie Hanshaw
Bryan Hastings
Rod Hayes
Jacque Ray Higgenbotham
CF Huff
Beth Jackson
Teresa Joslin
Linda Kimberling
Ed Krueger
Blanch Lacroix

Jennifer Pedersen
Doris Peterson
Jodi (Ziehl) Redmond
Ron Roberts
Marcia Robbins
Pat & Shirley Rogers
Michele Schafer
Dave Shaver
Karen Tischnor
Theresa White
Bernie Wiegel
Jerry Williams
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 JUNE 16

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

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 at the end of the service.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Allan & Sally Burke in celebration of their 39th wedding anniversary (6/15)

CARE CORE for June is Joan Wilken, 573-480-2111.

ROOT BEER FLOATS FOR FATHER'S DAY The Evangelism Committee will be serving root beer floats along with the donuts this morning between services. Join us by staying after first service or coming early before second service.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN ENDS TODAY The Annual Baby Bottle Campaign to support the Pregnancy Help Center is underway. Please return your bottles to the church office. PHC thanks you!

BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU I would like to say THANK YOU for everyone's help with another successful blood drive: Karen Stanze for advertising; Jim Mellody and the men who broke down and set up tables/chairs; Cindy Mohling and Eldeen for cookies; and Eldeen for all the hours before and during the blood drive. And another amazing CBCO team led by Donna Perkins – they reported they had 32 sign-ins and 28 donors!! Thank you all again, Kat

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT KENT July 10-12, 2024 is VBS at Kent! If you have a child, grandchild, neighbor, or friend who would like to attend, or if you would like to help, please let Pastor know.

2024 MID-MISSOURI ELCA BIBLE CAMP Sunday, July 14th through Thursday (11:00) July 18th for youth who have completed Grade 4 but not yet entered Grade 10. Camp Rising Sun in Lake of the Ozarks State Park. Registration deadline and to receive a camp T-shirt is **June 25th**. Cost - \$100 (\$10 deposit + \$90). Registration forms and medical forms are available in the church office.

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE Mark your calendars....The Rummage Sale is Friday, August 2 and Saturday August 3. As you know the week before is a busy one, so rest up the next couple of months. If you have gathered items for the sale the Sunday School room is now available for your treasures. Sign-up sheets will be up in July! Thank you.

QUARTERS FOR QUALITY EDUCATION Camdenton School District decided not to fund the Leader in Me program that Hurricane Deck uses for part of its curriculum. It is a wonderful program that many of us have seen in action. The Laurie-Sunrise Beach Rotary Club has decided to help fund the program for the 2024-2025 school year. We thought we could help out too, by collecting quarters (or any amount) in the Quarters for Quality Education Jar by Pastor Ed's office. Thank you for any help you can give. Questions – see Wendy Blomberg.