

Email Blast for August 25



14th Sunday after Pentecost

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

August 25, 2024

10:00 a.m.

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

FROM PASTOR ED

This week, Jesus' bread of life discourse comes to its climax. Who can believe these difficult words? Many of his followers leave him and Jesus asks the others if they too want to leave. Peter responds "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." Peter and the apostles have begun to eat from the bread of life. No, they don't understand it all, they will continue to stumble around and fail in so many ways. Indeed, until they witness Jesus' resurrection they will not understand. But they now trust Jesus with their very lives. They now believe that he is the Messiah. They now know that he has come down from heaven and in that

knowledge the spirit of God is starting live in them.

Have a blessed 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, please contact the church at 573-374-5267 for assistance.

Welcome to Worship

In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

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Prelude

Here is Love

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

Invocation and Opening Dialog

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

C: Amen.

All: "God gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord will renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." Let us worship God, so we may run with God and not faint or grow weary.

Prayer of Confession

All: Forgive us, O Lord, for the times we have been too busy to come to you, too preoccupied to focus on things of the Spirit, too self-centered to reach out to others in need, and too eager to please others rather than you. We come to you for in your words of eternal life, we hear words of forgiveness. Send us forth from here this day as your forgiven people.

Words of Absolution

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

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

When Morning Gilds the Skies

ELW #853, v. 1 & 2

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

C: Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer. We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart. Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts.

Canticle of Praise, verse 1

C: Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth. Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth: we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Prayer of the Day

All: Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Special Music

Morning Has Broken

Mike McClain

First Reading

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Old Testament

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:15-22 (*Congregation reads responsively*)

¹⁵ The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous,
and God's ears are open to their cry.

¹⁶ **The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,
to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.**

¹⁷ The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them
and delivers them from all their troubles.

¹⁸ **The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
and saves those whose spirits are crushed.**

¹⁹ Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers them from every one.

²⁰ **God will keep safe all their bones;
not one of them shall be broken.**

²¹ Evil will bring death to the wicked
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

²² **O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,**

and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

Second Reading Ephesians 6:10-20 New Testament
L: The Word of the Lord
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Announcement Pastor Ed Foster
P: The gospel according to John, the sixth chapter
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading John 6:56-69 New Testament
P: The Gospel of the Lord
C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day *Blessed Assurance* ELW #638, v. 1 & 3

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 *Thy Holy Wings* 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

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

*Break Now the Bread of Life
How Great Thou Art*

ELW # 515
ELW # 856

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

ELW # 618 v. 1 & 2

The Dismissal

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

C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude

With Joyful Hearts

Vanessa Hebrank

WORSHIP LEADERS

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

10:00 AM

Altar Guild..... Sheryl Boos
Greeter/Usher..... Dennis & Sheryl Boos
Lector..... Kathy Fair
Sound & Zoom Technician..... Sam Foster

COMING THIS WEEK

August 25-September 1

Today	8:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (outdoor chapel)
	9:00 a.m.	Ward 60 th Anniversary Celebration (cake & coffee)
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (inside, livestreamed)
Monday	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
Wednesday	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Devotions & Bible Study
	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
Friday	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship (outdoor chapel)
	9:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (inside, livestreamed)

✠ *Prayer Concerns* ✠

OUR MEMBERS

Mike Page	Geri Riley	Jim Gilbert
Donald Brumm	Stan Field	Joel Hellman
Marsha Gust	Pat Embich	Gene Page

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Kevin Hayes	Cindy Campbell & family	Tamara McClain
Linda Moore	Stacy Carey	Jeanne Hines
Kenny Mullins	Ryan Dilhman	Mike Holmes
Julie (Ziehl) Anderson & family	Trudy Hamilton	Steve Hughes
Cindy Holm	Dianne Steingrubey	Tom Simmons
Kirk	Wayne Jackson	Vicki Sawyer
	Gil Wilde	Marcille Bohling

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Evan Beaupre	Al Gann	Ed Krueger
Michelle Becker	Ken Gerardy	Blanch Lacroix
Jessica Birdsong	Carla Glusing	Jennifer Pedersen
Ken Buckingham	Ruth Goddard & family	Jodi (Ziehl) Redmond
Shirley Clark	Gary Hansen	Ron Roberts
Evelyn Clements	Bryan Hastings	Marcia Robbins
Chuck Cuthbertson	CF Huff	Pat & Shirley Rogers
Ron Ferguson	Teresa Joslin	Michele Schafer
Stacey Fleck	Linda Kimberling	Dave Shaver

Karen Thompson
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 AUGUST 25

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. 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 Mike & Judy Ward in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary (8/23).

CARE CORE for August is Sheryl Boos, 573-346-9778; for September is Karen Stanze, 573-286-2625.

60th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION We are celebrating Mike and Judy Ward's 60th anniversary today. Please join us for cake and coffee between services.

QUARTERS FOR QUALITY EDUCATION A huge thank you for your support of Hurricane Deck's The Leader in Me program. You donated \$547.73! Thanks Kent family!

CARD BINGO FUNDRAISER Social Ministry's Card Bingo Fundraiser will be on Friday, September 6. Tickets will be on sale Sundays between services at \$10 each plus an appetizer to share with all attending. This year the committee is putting an emphasis on baskets for the silent auction, in addition to the traditional baked goods, dinners, goods and services. Baskets can be a group effort, examples include: Bar-B-Que, wine and cheese, boating, golf, fishing and crafts, use your imagination. As always this is truly an enjoyable social evening.

"GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS." Sunday, September 8, 2024 is "God's work. Our hands." Sunday. This day is our annual day of service and an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Join us after church to use our hands to serve others. We will be helping the City of Laurie, Community for Christ, Hurricane Deck School, and possibly Laurie Care Center. We will also help out at the church (pack cookies for 911, bundle labels, trace critters, turn critters, and work on a Lutheran World Relief quilt). Please sign up on the sign-up sheets. Don't forget to wear your "God's work. Our hands." T-shirt that day!

Cookies Needed: On September 11, we will be delivering cookies to our police officers, fire fighters, ambulance workers, first responders, resource officers, and Lake Regional Staff. We will need around 75 dozen cookies baked and brought to the church by Sunday morning, September 8th so we can pack the cookies as part of "God's work. Our hands." Sunday. Sign up and tell us how many cookies you will be baking. Thanks!

T-SHIRTS: If you ordered a GWOH t-shirt, please pick it up this morning.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY BEGINS SEPTEMBER 22 Adult Sunday Bible Study by Pastor Max Lucado: *You Are Never Alone: Trust in the Miracle of God's Presence and Power*. God is still at work in

our lives today! In this six-week session with a Study Guide and DVD instructions you'll discover you're stronger than you think because, with Jesus in our lives, we are never alone. Everyone is welcome to join us in this Study, bring your Bible, coffee, and a donut. Please come Let's learn together. Class starting September 22, 2024, from 9.00 to 9:45 a.m.

AMY GRANT IN CONCERT Amy Grant will be in concert in Springfield on Saturday, September 28th. There are a lot of tickets still available starting at \$83. This is the ticket site: <https://blogs.missouristate.edu/missouristatetix/2024/04/15/amy-grant/> If you are interested in going and carpooling, contact Kathy Fair (319) 350-2901.

PERSONAL HEALTH KITS Thank you for your donations toward the Personal Health Kits. Our goal is 50 kits to send out in October. We still need a few items to complete 50 kits:

- 12 bath towels (20x40" to 27-52")
- 9 large nail clippers
- Large-tooth combs (no picks)
- Packaged bar soap (2 per kit)

KENT HANDBELL DIRECTOR NEEDED Kent is in need of a director for the handbells. If you or someone you know might be interested in taking over the handbell choir, please speak with Tracy Garrett, Coordinator of Worship & Artistic Ministries.

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST PANTRY Everything that is donated is given out at no cost. Canned fruit & vegetables of any kind, Cakes & frosting for birthday kids, Condiments: Catsup, mustard, mayo, salad dressings, Cereals, Cleaning supplies: bathroom, kitchen, floors, bleach