

Email Blast for September 1



## **15<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 1, 2024**

**10:00 a.m.**

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

#### **FROM PASTOR ED**

In a world that is so broken and fractured, so full of pain and suffering, we are bound to ask who is responsible. Who is to blame? Or in more generic terms where does evil come from? Jesus points at us. Sin and evil, pain and suffering come from the evil intentions of the human heart. It is there, in the human heart Jesus is working to save us. It is there, in our hearts, Jesus is at work to bring peace to the world.

Have glorious and blessed week.  
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

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

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**Prelude**

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

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**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Since we are assembled here to hear God's Word, and to call upon God in prayer, let us think of our unworthiness, confess before God that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and realize also that by our own strength we cannot free ourselves from our sinful nature. Therefore we take refuge in God's mercy, seeking and imploring God's grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ and say: God be merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**C: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to life everlasting.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father has had mercy on us and has given God's only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name he gives the power to become children of God and has promised them his Holy Spirit. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**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**

*O Master, Let Me Walk with You*

ELW # 818, 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 our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### Children's Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

### Special Music

*Ten Thousand Reasons*

Katie Heaford

### First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Old Testament

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 15 (*Congregation reads responsively*)

<sup>1</sup> Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup> **Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,  
who speak the truth from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup> they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

<sup>4</sup> **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord.**

**They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

<sup>5</sup> They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

### Second Reading

James 1:17-27

New Testament

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to Mark, the seventh chapter

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

### Gospel Reading

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

New Testament

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

### Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

### Hymn of the Day

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

ELW # 879, v. 1, 2 & 5

### Profession of Faith–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:** Merciful God,

**C:** receive our prayer.

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

**Offertory**

*Deep Peace*

Vanessa Hebrank

#### **Offering Prayer**

**P:** Blessed are you, O God,

**C:** source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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**

#### **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**

*Change My Heart  
Just As I Am, Without One Plea*

ELW # 801  
ELW # 592

**Post-Communion Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Announcements**

**Sending Hymn**

*Faith of Our Fathers*

ELW # 812, v. 1 & 3

**The Dismissal**

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

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

**Postlude**

*Grateful*

Vanessa Hebrank

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

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

**10:00 AM**

Altar Guild..... Melba Bangert  
Greeter/Usher..... Ruth & Randy Osterbur  
Lector.....Judy Ward  
Sound & Zoom Technician..... Dan Garrett

**COMING THIS WEEK**

**September 1-8**

Today 8:00 a.m. Worship (outdoor chapel)  
9:00 a.m. Fellowship (coffee & donuts)  
10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion (inside, livestreamed)  
Monday LABOR DAY – Office Closed  
Tuesday 9:30 a.m. Altar Guild Meeting  
10:00 a.m. WELCA Crafts / Stuffed Animals

	11:00 a.m.	WELCA Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Evangelism Committee Meeting
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Devotion & Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Lake Jazz Band Rehearsal
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (inside, livestreamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)

## ✠ *Prayer Concerns* ✠

### OUR MEMBERS

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

*Christian condolences & hope are extended to the family of Marcia Heald who passed away August 24.*

### OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Kevin Hayes	Cindy Campbell & family	Tamara McClain
Linda Moore	Stacy Carey	Jeanne Hines
Kenny Mullins	Ryan Dillman	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	Carla Glusing	Ron Roberts
Michelle Becker	Ruth Goddard & family	Marcia Robbins
Jessica Birdsong	Gary Hansen	Pat & Shirley Rogers
Ken Buckingham	Bryan Hastings	Michele Schafer
Shirley Clark	CF Huff	Dave Shaver
Evelyn Clements	Teresa Joslin	Karen Thompson
Chuck Cuthbertson	Linda Kimberling	Karen Tischnor
Ron Ferguson	Ed Krueger	Theresa White
Stacey Fleck	Blanch Lacroix	Bernie Wiegel
Al Gann	Jennifer Pedersen	Jerry Williams
Ken Gerardy	Jodi (Ziehl) Redmond	Larry Wilson

### 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 SEPTEMBER 1

**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 Lynn & Joyce Burke in celebration of their 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary today.

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

**W/ELCA** will have their monthly business meeting on Tuesday, September 3rd, at 11 A.M. Crafters will meet at 10 A.M. to stuff critters for the hospital. All women of Kent are invited to join us!

**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!

**BRING YOUR BEST CHOICE UPCs** We will count them on GWOH Sunday.

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

**VOLUNTEER AT COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST** Kent's week to volunteer at Community for Christ is Tues. Sept. 10, Thur. Sept. 12, and Sat. Sept. 14th. Sign-up sheet is posted in the fellowship hall. I encourage those that have thought about helping to please do so, we need your help. Men, please step up and help, Jim Mellody is still recovering from surgery and not available to volunteer. Please remember that a minimum of 4 are needed in the retail/folding area and 2 needed to service the lower donation/sales area per day. Thank you all for your continued support. Thanks, Jim Mellody and Chuck Wanamaker.

**NEWCOMERS FALL SALAD LUNCHEON** The Newcomers group will be here on Wednesday, September 18 for their Fall Salad Luncheon and meeting. There will be a sign-up sheet for both helpers and those bringing salads and desserts. If you can help, please sign up. If there are any questions contact Joyce Burke 712-298-0993

**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.

**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)

**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.

**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. Any non-perishable foods, especially: canned fruit & vegetables of any kind, cakes & frosting for birthday kids, condiments (catsup, mustard, mayo, salad dressings), cereals, cleaning supplies (bathroom, kitchen, floors, bleach)