

Email Blast for September 22



18th Sunday after Pentecost

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

September 22, 2024

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

FROM PASTOR ED

Jesus was especially fond of children. In contrast to a society that didn't value children, Jesus equates welcoming a child with welcoming him. Our real value and worth are not defined by power and influence, they are defined by our relationship with God and by one another, by how much we love and by how much give of ourselves.

Have a 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

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

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Prelude

Unfailing Love

Joyce Wanamaker

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.

Confession and Forgiveness "The First Must Be Last"

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

C: Amen.

P: Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

C: If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Who is the greatest among us? Today the Lord who suffered for us calls us to humility.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. Envy and selfish ambition among us lead to disorder and wickedness of every kind. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Although he was in the form of God, Jesus Christ humbled himself unto death for you. For his sake God forgives your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, God gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that in due time he may exalt you.

C: Amen.

A Little Litany "The First Must Be Last"

P: God the Father, we thank you this day for making us your children through water and the Word!

C: To you we cry, "Abba! Father!"

P: How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God.

C: And so we are!

P: God the Son, you welcomed children into your midst.

C: May we invite more people to become our brothers and sisters in the faith.

P: God the Son, you taught us how to have a childlike faith.

C: Help us to trust in you at all times.

P: God the Son, you used a small boy's lunch to feed 5000.

C: Help us to see the amazing work you can do through people both young and old.

P: God the Holy Spirit, the Bible says, "Train up a child in the way he should go."

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

God Is Here!

ELW # 526, v. 1 & 2

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 God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Ed

Anthem

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Kent Choir

First Reading

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Old Testament

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 54 (congregation reads responsively)

¹ Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

² **Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

³ For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

⁴ **Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

⁵ Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

⁶ **I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

⁷ For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

Second Reading

James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

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 ninth chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:30-37

New Testament

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW # 712, 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: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

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

Offertory

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Joyce Wanamaker

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

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

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

Jesus Loves Me!
Lord of All Hopefulness
Children of the Heavenly Father

ELW # 595
ELW # 765
ELW # 781

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ELW # 815, v. 1 & 2

The Dismissal

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

C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude

A Clare Benediction

Joyce Wanamaker

Fellowship Time

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

WORSHIP LEADERS

PastorEd Foster
Organist/PianistJoyce Wanamaker
Choir Director.....Tracy Garrett
Choir Accompanist..... Tracey Atzeni
Handbells Director..... Toni Wagner

10:00 AM

Altar Guild..... Sheryl Boos
Greeters/Ushers Ruth & Randy Osterbur
Liturgist Vanessa Hebrank
Lector..... Teri Stout
Sound & Zoom Technician.....Mike Ward
Coffee Fellowship.....Donna Young

COMING THIS WEEK

September 22-29

Today 8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
 11:00 a.m. Fellowship (coffee & donuts)
Monday 10:30 a.m. Westside Senior Center Volunteering
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Women’s Bible Study
 10:30 a.m. Westside Senior Center Volunteering
 6:00 p.m. Evening Bible Study
Thursday 10:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study

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✠ *Prayer Concerns* ✠

OUR MEMBERS

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

Christian condolences & hope are extended to Janet & Gene Page on the death of their son, Mike Page, on September 16.

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Sal Caudill	Kirk	Jeanne Hines
Patrick Parkhurst	Stacy Carey	Mike Holmes
Mary Beth Fair	Ryan Dillman	Steve Hughes
Hannah Phillips	Trudy Hamilton	Tom Simmons
Kevin Hayes	Dianne Steingrubey	Vicki Sawyer
Linda Moore	Wayne Jackson	Marcille Bohling
Kenny Mullins	Gil Wilde	
Cindy Holm	Tamara McClain	

CONTINUED PRAYERS

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

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 22

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 Ed at the end of the service.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Vanessa & Bill Hebrank in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary (9/17); and by the Page family in memory of Mike.

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

THANK YOU FOR GWOH! Thank you to everyone who participated in “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday! We had a wonderful time as we served our community. Also thank you to everyone who baked cookies and/or delivered the cookies. The cookies were distributed on 9/11 to the police, firefighters, first responders, school resource officers, and hospital staff.

PERSONAL HEALTH KITS Thank you for your donations toward the Personal Health Kits. We made our goal of 50 kits for Lutheran World Relief.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY will resume September 25, 6pm. Feel free to bring your dinner. At the first gathering, the group will decide where to begin the study.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY BEGINS THIS MORNING Adult Sunday Morning 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 and coffee. Let's learn together. Class starts September 22, 2024, from 9.00 to 9:45 a.m.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS OCTOBER 5 Bring your dogs, cats, birds, lizards... We will have a brief time of worship, then you'll be invited to bring your pet forward for a blessing. If being around other animals would be too stressful for your pet (or you), you are invited to bring a picture of your pet for Pastor Ed to bless.

COOKOUT AT THE PARSONAGE OCTOBER 9 On Wednesday, October 9, we will have our annual Cookout at the Parsonage. Worship & Music will provide the meats & buns & beverages. You are invited to bring a side or dessert to share.

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER (OR BRUNCH OR LUNCH) Join us for an enjoyable meal with a small group of Kent Members. You can choose to be a host for the meal or a guest. The host will make the main dish for the meal and will ask the guests to bring a side or desserts. Please indicate the date(s) (Friday, October 18, Saturday, October 19, or Sunday, October 20) you would be available.

WELCA FALL GATHERING The Fall Gathering of the Mid-Missouri Women of the ELCA is being held Saturday, September 28 at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Columbia, beginning at 9:00 a.m. with refreshments and registration. Registration fee is \$5.00. Lunch is provided. The Bible Study will be led by Pastor David Frerichs and the afternoon program, “Growing Hope Globally,” will be led by Ms. Karen Speckman. In-kind gifts are being collected for Love Columbia. Body care products, and household cleaners are requested. A signup sheet and a box for in-kind gifts are in the fellowship hall. For questions contact Melba Bangert, 573-836-5030.

VINNY'S GOLFTOBERFEST Vinny is having his golf tournament that benefits Kent Memorial's Buddy Pack program on Sunday, October 6th. It starts at noon and is a 4-person scramble. If you are interested in forming a team or know a business that would like to sponsor a hole at the tournament, please see Wendy Blomberg.

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST PANTRY The CFC food pantry has been especially busy! We totally understand that food costs have gone up for everyone, and now in our community (soon the end of our

tourist season) the need for our food pantry has more than doubled. We would greatly appreciate any food/paper/cleaning items that can be donated. Here is a list that might help.

- Canned Fruit & Veggies
- Canned Tuna & Chicken
- Boxed Meals, Potatoes, Dressing
- Soups / Beans / Canned Tomatoes
- Cereal (hot or cold)
- Taco / Chili Seasoning
- Cleaning supplies
- Shampoo for family
- Body Wash for family
- Deodorant for Men & Women
- Can Openers (for the homeless)