

Email Blast for September 29



## **19<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 29, 2024**

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

#### **FROM PASTOR ED**

In our gospel lesson this week Jesus uses shocking words and grotesque images to capture our attention. While we recognize that that Jesus isn't literally commanding us to chop off our hands or pluck out our eyes, he is also making sure that we don't miss his point. We are not to put stumbling blocks in front of our brothers and sisters so as to cause them to fall. Loving one another, protecting, supporting and defending one another, especially the little ones, the innocent and defenseless ones, is our calling.

May your week be filled with the shalom that only God can give.  
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

Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

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**Prelude**

*As We Gather*

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 "Don't Get In The Way"**

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: Today we consider our place in the Kingdom of God--are we a help or a hindrance?

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We give offense and take it, judging others by our own standards in order to seek our own gain. 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: Help is at hand! In the person of Jesus Christ, God has drawn near to you, offering forgiveness and life in his name. 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: "Don't Get In The Way!"**

P: You are all members of the body of Christ.

**C: Therefore, let us honor God with our bodies.**

P: By using our hands to reach out and help those in need and by raising our hands when someone asks for volunteers,

**C: we honor Christ, who came not be served, but to serve.**

P: By taking steps to attend worship and by walking humbly with our God,

**C: we honor Christ, who walked the earth so that we might be saved.**

P: By focusing our eyes on the work of the Lord and watching for his coming again,

**C: we honor Christ, who looked to the heavens and gave thanks.**

P: With words of encouragement and hope and blessing,

**C: we honor Christ, who spoke the words of eternal life.**

P: For we are all temples of the Holy Spirit, who is living in us.

**C: May every part of our being bring glory to God's name.**

**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**

*Gather Us In*

ELW # 532, v. 1 & 3

**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: Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Children's Sermon**

Pastor Ed

**Special Music**

*It Is Well With My Soul*

Margo Strothmann

**First Reading**

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Old Testament

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 19:7-14** (congregation reads responsively)

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

<sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

**Second Reading**

James 5:13-20

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 9:38-50

New Testament

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Ed Foster

**Hymn of the Day**

*Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

ELW # 719, v. 1, 2 & 4

**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**

*God is Love*

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**

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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.*

<b>Communion Hymns</b>	<i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!</i>	ELW # 385
	<i>O Living Bread from Heaven</i>	ELW # 542
	<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>	ELW # 661

### Post-Communion Prayer

### Benediction

### Announcements

<b>Sending Hymn</b>	<i>The Lord Now Sends Us Forth</i>	ELW # 538
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### The Dismissal

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

C: we share Jesus with all!

<b>Postlude</b>	<i>God Be with You Till We Meet Again</i>	Vanessa Hebrank
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<b>Fellowship Time</b>	EVERYONE IS WELCOME
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## WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor .....	Ed Foster
Organist/Pianist .....	Vanessa Hebrank
Choir Director .....	Tracy Garrett
Choir Accompanist .....	Tracey Atzeni
Handbells Director .....	Toni Wagner

### 10:00 AM

Altar Guild .....	Sheryl Boos
Greeters/Ushers .....	Linda & Gerry Williams
Liturgist .....	Ed Foster
Lector .....	Teri Stout
Sound & Zoom Technician .....	Gail Kruse
Coffee Fellowship .....	Lynn & Joyce Burke

## COMING THIS WEEK

September 29-October 6

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)
Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)
	9:30 a.m.	Altar Guild
	10:00 a.m.	WELCA Crafts/Stuffed Animals for Lake Regional
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	WELCA Meeting (all women of Kent are welcome)
	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Evangelism Committee
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Lake Jazz Band rehearsal
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Blessing of the Animals
Sunday	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)
	12:00 p.m.	Vinny's Golftoberfest Tournament

## † *Prayer Concerns* †

### OUR MEMBERS

Maxine Williams  
Liz  
Donald Brumm  
Marsha Gust

Geri Riley  
Stan Field  
Pat Embich  
Jim Gilbert

Joel Hellman  
Gene Page

### OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Sal Caudill  
Patrick Parkhurst  
Mary Beth Fair  
Hannah Phillips  
Kevin Hayes  
Linda Moore  
Kenny Mullins  
Cindy Holm

Kirk  
Stacy Carey  
Ryan Dilhman  
Trudy Hamilton  
Dianne Steingrubey  
Wayne Jackson  
Gil Wilde  
Tamara McClain

Jeanne Hines  
Mike Holmes  
Steve Hughes  
Tom Simmons  
Vicki Sawyer  
Marcille Bohling

### CONTINUED PRAYERS

Julie (Ziehl) Anderson  
Evan Beaupre  
Michelle Becker  
Jessica Birdsong  
Ken Buckingham  
Cindy Campbell

Shirley Clark  
Evelyn Clements  
Chuck Cuthbertson  
Ron Ferguson  
Stacey Fleck  
Al Gann

Ken Gerardy  
Carla Glusing  
Ruth Goddard & family  
Gary Hansen  
Bryan Hastings  
CF Huff

Teresa Joslin  
Linda Kimberling  
Ed Krueger  
Blanch Lacroix  
Jennifer Pedersen  
Jodi (Ziehl) Redmond

Ron Roberts  
Marcia Robbins  
Pat & Shirley Rogers  
Michele Schafer  
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 SEPTEMBER 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. 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 Allen & Linda Kimberling in celebration of their 32<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary (9/26).

**CARE CORE** for September is Karen Stanze, 573-286-2625; for October is Melba Bangert, 573-836-5030.

**THANKS TO ALL OF YOU LADIES**, our Newcomer's Salad Luncheon was a success. We had a wonderful assortment of salads and desserts. Thanks to those ladies who helped set up on Tuesday, and the day of the luncheon. Also, a big thank you to those men servers. You can always rely on the family of Kent. Joyce Burke, Sally Burke

**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** Adult Sunday Morning Bible Study written 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. Let's learn together. Class is 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.

**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)