Email Blast for October 11

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

October 11, 2026

10:00 a.m.

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

FROM PASTOR ED

"Many are called, but few are chosen," Jesus declares, putting words to the tension everyone was feeling as the final chapter of his life was fast approaching. Jesus' love and mercy were offered to all, rich and poor, righteous and sinner alike, yet the rich and the righteous rejected him, while the poor sinners received his grace with joy and thanksgiving. Jesus had invited them all to a heavenly wedding banquet, but only the outsiders came and ate and danced. How do we receive Christ's invitation? How do we participate in the joy of that eternal banquet?
Have a grace-filled week Kent family!

Shalom,
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 Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

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Welcome

Prelude *He Leadeth Me* Vanessa Hebrank

Invocation
P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
P: Put not your trust in princes,
C: in the son of man, in whom there is no salvation.
P When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;
C on that very day his plans perish.
P Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
C whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth.

Confession and Forgiveness
P: Let us confess our sins to God our King.
C: Almighty God, our Lord and King, we confess that we are not always willing to live under your gracious rule. We do not follow your commandments as we should. We do not walk in love as our Savior walked. We choose to rule our own lives and follow our own sinful desires. We turn from listening to your Word and listen to the temptations of the world around us. Have mercy on us and forgive us for the sake of Jesus our Lord.
P: God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son to be our Savior, to suffer and die on the cross, suffering the penalty of death that we deserved. Our sins are washed away in the blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
C: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth!

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 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* ELW # 553, 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: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon Pastor Ed

Anthem *Put Your Hand in the Hand* Kent Choir

First Reading Isaiah 25:1-9 Old Testament

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 (congregation reads responsively)

[1] The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
[2] The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.
[3] You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
[4] Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
[5] You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
[6] Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Second Reading Philippians 4:1-9 New Testament

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Announcement Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading Matthew 22:1-14 New Testament

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day *Around You, O Lord Jesus* ELW # 468, v. 1 & 2

<u>Profession of Faith–Apostle's Creed</u>

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 *Come to the Table* Vanessa Hebrank

Offering Prayer
P: God of creation,
C: you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. 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 ELW p. 153

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

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. Wine and grape juice are available. Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing.

Communion Hymns *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* ELW # 631
When Peace like a River ELW # 785

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant ELW # 659

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* ELW # 632, v. 1-3

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

Postlude *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* Vanessa Hebrank

Fellowship Time EVERYONE IS WELCOME

COMING THIS WEEK
October 11-18

Today	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 a.m.	Children's Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
		- Blessing of the Quilts for Lutheran World Relief
	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Appreciation Celebration
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Social Ministry Committee
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Worship & Music Committee
	5:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Lake Jazz Band
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 a.m.	Children's Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)
	2:00 p.m.	Worship at Laurie Care Center

✞ *Prayer Concerns* ✞

OUR MEMBERS
Nancy Williams
Jan Gauck
Sandra Gilbert
Darlene Barker
Suzanne Lutjen
Eddie Rae Keltner
Don Stout
Joe Poretta
Liz VanDeVeire
Linda Williams
Janet & Gene Page
Frank Howley
Donald Brumm
Marsha Gust

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS
Roger Bolte
Carol Bangert
Tom Davis
Gary Stieg
Lisa Monroe
Bill Bruhn
Don & Gloria Peterson
Brixeon
Lenny Opfer

Ashley
Shawn Stoermer
Eric Ferguson
Edward Etter
Jim Smith
Charles McMullin
Todd Poretta
Kathy Taulbert
Shirley Rogers
Bill Walston
Tara Boos
Sarah Hellman
Blanche Lacroix
Kathy Pipes
Jay Welshonse
Donna Winzenburg
Larry Wilson
Bill Peterson
Dave Newton
John Welsh

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Evan Beaupre
Stacy Carey
Mary Ann Carter
Evelyn Clements
Ron Ferguson
Stacey Fleck
Elvis F.
Al Gann
Eleanor Garrison
Ken Gerardy
Carla Glusing
Bruce Hedgepeth
Jeanne Hines
Wayne Jackson
Doug Jones
Teresa Joslin
Art McCray
Patrick Parkhurst
Ron Roberts
Shane S.
Michele Schafer
Karen Tischnor
Pat Vielhauer
Bernie Wiegel

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Babcock
Eric Blomberg
Ben Brammeier
Dylan Craig
Aaron Davis
Tanner Glodt
Kristine Hubbard
Jason Ites
Adam Kralina
Matt Lee
Jordan Lindeman
Glenn Maddock
Tristan Morgan
Adam Peterson
Dominick Scudiero

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 11

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 Michael & Toni Wagner in celebration of the baptism birthday of their grandkids.

CARE CORE for October is Melba Bangert, 573-836-5030.

SHIRLEY CLARK MEMORIAL SERVICE A memorial service for Shirley Clark will be held on Saturday, October 23, at 11:00 a.m., followed by a potluck lunch.

EVENING BIBLE STUDY will start up again on Wednesday, October 14, at 5pm, in the fellowship hall and online. The Zoom link will be in the email blast you receive on Wednesday, October 14.

ANNUAL MEETING is Sunday, November 8, immediately following worship. We will approve last year's minutes, Pastor Ed and Council President Michael Wagner will have short messages followed by the election of Council Members and approval of our 2026 Budget. A potluck luncheon will follow the meeting. Printed copies of the budget and agenda will be available in the Gathering Place & fellowship hall on October 25.

WESTSIDE SENIOR CENTER Kent's turn to help in the dining room – October 19th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd 10:15 AM - 12:30 PM. (One volunteer per day). A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. If you have questions about volunteering contact Melba Bangert, 573-836-5030 **Thank you for your help.**

TRUNK OR TREAT OCTOBER 31 On Friday, October 31, we will once again hold Trunk or Treat for the area children. Plan to decorate your truck bed or car trunk, get dressed up in the costume of your choice, and bring candy to

hand out from 5pm-7pm. At 7pm, come inside the fellowship hall for soup and time together. There is a sign-up sheet for the soups.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1 During worship on All Saints Sunday, we remember those saints who have gone before us into heaven since our last All Saints service. We will place a white rose on the altar in memory of Kent members, and one for all our friends and family. If you would like the name of your loved one remembered that Sunday, please email or call Tracy in the church office, office@kentmemorial.com or 573-374-5267, by October 27.

BEST CHOICE LABELS We are headed to a BIG number! Please bring your labels by November29 so we can meet our goal. Thanks, Pat Poretta.

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST PANTRY NEEDS

* Personal hygiene items—shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, body wash for both men & women
* Cleaning supplies for bath and kitchen
* Condiments: ketchup, mustard, mayo, pickles or salad dressings
* Cereal of any kind
* Side dishes—flavored rice, cheesy pasta packets, etc.
* Crackers of any kind

SOCIAL MINISTRY STORIES

This is a couple who have 5 children. The father was in a head on collision back in 2020. He is unable to work. They needed help with their electric bill. They do their best to get by but after a hard winter with larger bills they needed some help. All of you at Kent with your generosity on Bingo Night make it possible to help people like this. A night filled with food, games, and fellowship turns into "God's Work, Our Hands".

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