



23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

November 8, 2020

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

Sunday November 8, 2020
Kent Memorial Annual Meeting
Immediately following worship

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and approve our 2021 budget at this meeting.

[The agenda and proposed budget are available at the church]

FROM PASTOR ED

2020, the year that keeps on giving! The newest of this year's "treats" is that Mary has had a positive COVID-19 test and is recuperating and working from home and it is likely that I was exposed when I was with her for the weekend. Her symptoms don't seem too severe, but she does feel sick and she recommends that everyone avoid the virus if they can. I was tested on Monday and should get the results of that sometime today (Wednesday, November 4th). I will certainly let you all know if I have a positive result since I was with many of you on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

I also want to let you know that another member of our congregation who was in worship 2 weeks ago (October 25th) also tested positive but is on the mend.

SO...

We are once again reminded that the virus really is out there, in our community and in our congregation and it is still spreading. While I pray that no one has been exposed at church or any of the events we have held, it is certainly possible. The often-repeated advice continues to apply. Get tested if you need to. Take precautions against both catching and spreading the virus. Social distancing, masks, hand washing, and the like do remain our best defense.

God is with us in all of this. All the turmoil and all of the suffering of this year have provided powerful evidence that we really can't do this on our own, that we aren't invincible or all powerful. This year is proof that we truly need our God, and that we truly need one another, and that sometimes, as strange as it feels, the best way to love one another is to stay away from one another.

But the evidence of God's goodness is all around us too. The comfort, grace and peace of God is all around us, and the promise of his eternal care brings genuine hope even in difficult days like these.

Take very good care of yourselves!

God Bless You!

Pastor Ed

OUR 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP IS ALSO AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM:

To join a worship service, contact the church office, 573-374-5267.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful

of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.

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Prelude

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.

Welcome

Congregation please stand

Invocation and Opening Dialog

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

C: Amen.

P: Like the foolish bridesmaids, who did not have enough oil for their lamps,

C: we are often unprepared, O Lord.

P: When we are asked to give an account for the hope that is within us,

C: we don't know what to say.

P: When we are called upon to reach out to unbelievers,

C: we are often not sure what to do.

P: When we have time on our hands,

C: we are often not sure what to do with it.

P: Help us, O Lord, to be like the wise bridesmaids,

C: who had enough oil and were ready to meet the bridegroom.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Before God, our rock and refuge, let us keep silence, confessing our sin.

Silence for reflection

P: Most merciful God,

C: you know our failings better than we do; our sins are revealed in the light of your face.

Our days and years pass by; the things we trust fade like grass. Be gracious to us, O God.

Guide us again to the water of life, and renew in us the grace of baptism; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you in all goodness and bring you to eternal life.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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.

Liturgy (spoken)

Kyrie

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house and for all who offer their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Canticle of Praise

L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

Prayer of the Day

All: O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Congregation may be seated

First Reading

Amos 5:18-24

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 70 (*Congregation reads responsively*)

¹Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;

O LORD, make haste to help me.

²**Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;**

let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

³Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.

⁴**Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;**

let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"

⁵But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.

You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Congregation please stand

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:1-13

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: **Praise to you, O Christ***Congregation may be seated***Sermon**

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day (spoken) *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**Congregation please stand***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: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.****Presentation of Our Offerings****Offering Prayer**

P: God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

C: **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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choir of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy (spoken)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. 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.

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. All believers are welcome at the Lord's table.

Congregation may be seated

Distribution (please open your communion packet)

P: The body of Christ given for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

Congregation please stand

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

C: Amen.

Benediction

Congregation may be seated

Announcements

The Dismissal

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

C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude

Joyce Wanamaker

To maintain safe distancing, please wait for the ushers to release you.

WORSHIP LEADERS

PastorEd Foster
Organist/PianistJoyce Wanamaker
Choir Director.....Tracy Garrett
Handbells Director.....Katie Heaford

10:00 AM

Altar Guild.....Katie Heaford
Greeters/UshersRay & Kat Lacroix
Lector.....Toni Wagner
Sound & Zoom Technician.....Al Mohling
Fellowship Host.....Ruth & Randy Osterbur

COMING THIS WEEK November 8-15

Today	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & Bible Study for all ages
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:00 a.m.	ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING (Zoom) - followed by fellowship (coffee & donuts)
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Social Ministry
Tuesday	9:45 a.m.	Community for Christ
	10:00 a.m.	Long Range Planning
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Worship & Music Committee
Thursday	9:45 a.m.	Community for Christ
	10:00 a.m.	Men's Devotion & Bible Study
Saturday	9:45 a.m.	Community for Christ
Sunday		KLOWN SUNDAY
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & Bible Study for all ages
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)

† *Prayer Concerns* †

OUR MEMBERS

Shirley Clark—recovering at Arrowhead Senior therapy center
Jim Ziehl—serious health concerns

Delaney Brumm—prayers for Mayo Clinic doctors as they establish a care plan

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Rose Marie Unrein—undergoing chemotherapy treatments

Jane Needles—COVID-19 (Joyce McHenry's sister)

Sandy Robinson—health concerns (Barb Gidley's sister)

Dana Wendelin—COVID-19 (friend of Wendy & Bill Blomberg)

Lisa Lind—prayers for strength for brain cancer treatments (Kat & Ray Lacroix's niece)

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Mary Bowton

J.C. Buck

Bill Corliss

Kelly Covey

Pr. Kimberly Cunningham

Dave Deily

Will Hedgepeth

Marianne Howley

Kay Hunt

Mike Janesch

Bev Kidder

Tracy Kidder

Linda Kimberling

Jim Lane

Gene Melton

Julie Patterson

Diane Reams

Loren Saathoff

Pat Shank

Bob Stanze

Tristan Tolnay

Joan Wilken

Clarion Winzenburg

Bob Worthley

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Babcock

Eric Blomberg

Ben Brammeier

Shade Bullock

Aaron Davis

Tanner Glodt

Kristine Hubbard

Jason Ites

Jason Judge

Nathan Karls

Adam Kralina

Jordan Lindeman

Glenn Maddock
Tristan Morgan
Adam Peterson

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 8

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. Personal hearing assistance devices are available in the sound room. 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 Gerry & Linda Williams in celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary.

CARE CORE for November is Jan Gauck, 713-334-0603.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND--

- Masks are recommended for inside services (especially when we're crowded).
- Remember to keep some distance during and as you leave worship.
- Please deposit your offering in the plate at the top of the center aisle.
- Communication to members and friends will continue via weekly email blast concerning upcoming services and associated guidelines.
- Communion will be celebrated with the pre-filled wafer/cup combination. As you leave the service, deposit the empty cup in the receptacle at the top of the aisle.

We will continue to share the 10:00 a.m. worship service via Zoom for those who prefer or are not able to attend in person. We will celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday at the service.

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KLOWN SUNDAY is November 15. Remember to bring a pocket full of change (or green backs) for the noisy offering.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE & BLESSINGS BASKET FOR COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST

Please remember to bring your non-perishable food items and place in the blue boxes, or if you would prefer you can make a monetary donation so that CFC can purchase the items that they need. There is a

“Blessings Basket” in the narthex in which you can place a monetary gift. On the envelopes you are encouraged to share how or why you feel Blessed as you make your contribution. Please contact Karen Mellody 913-558-3544 or CFC 573-374-4425 to arrange for gifts of perishable items. Thanks for sharing your blessings with others!

WESTSIDE MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER Our annual Thanksgiving dinner for the community is on for this year – CURBSIDE! Churches will provide the food and it will be made available curbside at the West Side Senior Center. The list of food items Kent needs to provide is on the bulletin board as you enter the fellowship hall.

TRUNK OR TREAT THANKS Thank you to all participants in Kent's Trunk or Treat. We had a great time with 239 children coming through on the most beautiful Halloween night that I can remember. -- Wendy Blomberg.

ONE MORE SUNDAY TO SIGN 70TH ANNIVERSARY CARDS Dick and Darlene Barker (members of Kent) will be celebrating their 70th Anniversary in early November. We are sending Anniversary cards which we would like you to sign to help them celebrate. They did not come back from Florida this summer for health reasons. The cards are in the fellowship hall. Thank you—Evangelism Comm.

CARD SHOWER FOR FLORALIE HARRIS' 95TH BIRTHDAY Floralie turns 95 on November 18. Let's shower her with cards! Address: 3501 W. 95th St., #326, Overland Park, KS 66206. Evangelism Committee.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY Join Bob Harger and Pastor Ed at 9:00 a.m. for “Father, Master, Bridegroom, King,” a study on the parables about the kingdom of God, and the different roles of God and God's people presented in each lesson.

A TABLE between the main sets of doors into the church has individual communion servings, the latest newsletter, the daily devotional materials, and a lot of other goodies. Also, there is a basket for you to drop off your giving envelopes. If you need the door code, leave Tracy a message in the church office, 573-374-5267, or call her at 214-206-5807. Or you may mail your offering to the church: Kent Memorial PO Box 155 Sunrise Beach, MO 65079

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST UPDATE (573-374-4425) Volunteers needed at Community for Christ in November! Kent volunteer days are Nov. 10,12 and 14. Signup up sheet located on volunteer cork board. Need a minimum of four each of our assigned days. So far in 2020 CFC has aided 553 families, including 245 with food needs. If you are looking for a great opportunity to help others, please sign up. CFC retail has been busy, remember retail sales are a large part of what it takes to provide assistance. A big thanks to all that have helped in 2020! Come share Gods love to all.

Shirley Clark is having therapy for the next couple of weeks at Arrowhead Senior Living. As a new resident she has to quarantine for two weeks, but can do a window visit. If you'd like to send a card:

Shirley Clark
6100 Arrowhead Dr.
Room 405
Osage Beach, MO 65065