



KLOWN SUNDAY

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!

FROM PASTOR ED

Talents and Blessings Abound!

I am still Covid free! And Mary is feeling much better! Thank you all for your kindness and concern. We truly appreciate all of your prayers and well wishes.

This week's lesson from the Gospel of Matthew calls us to use what God has entrusted to us, our possessions, our time, our talents and our very lives, so that we give God a return on God's investment in us. Appropriately our Kent Klowns will be sharing their talents with us this Sunday, and I couldn't be more excited!

As the church year comes to a close, Advent is almost here after all, we do indeed take stock of what God has invested with and in us and give thanks for all of God's blessings. We invite you to take advantage of the opportunities for giving thanks, for being a blessing, and for putting God's investment in your life to work in the community and congregation around us. A couple of the ways that we might want to keep "top of mind" right now are:

- ❖ Noisy Offering for Personal Care items for Laurie Care (this Sunday)
- ❖ Thanksgiving Food Drive for Community for Christ
- ❖ Ministerial Alliance Thanksgiving Meal at the Senior Center (sign up in the fellowship hall)

Advent Zoom Note: We will of course be following the tradition of lighting the Advent Candles during worship. It might be both fun and meaningful for you to join in with us at home. Round up a few candles and appropriate holders and help us count down the weeks.

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

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

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our Way, our Truth, our Life.

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Prelude Margo Strothmann
When Peace Like a River
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

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.

Congregation please stand

Thanksgiving for Baptism

The assembly may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as

daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Show us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Almighty God,

C: You dwell in light unapproachable. Unprotected, we perish in your presence. For our hearts are darkened, our minds clouded; we call for night to cover our deeds; we have loved darkness rather than light.

P: Jesus Christ is the light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome.

C: For his sake we beg forgiveness.

P: For his sake God hears our prayers. God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, has shone in our hearts, to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God, in the face of Jesus Christ.

C: We have seen God's glory; we have heard the Lord's voice.

P: Walk then as children of the light!

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

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

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

All: Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Congregation may be seated

First Reading

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:1-12 (congregation reads responsively)

¹Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

²**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.**

³You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."

⁴**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;**

⁵you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:

⁶**in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

⁷For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.

⁸**Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

⁹When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

¹⁰**The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**

¹¹Who regards the power of your wrath?

Who rightly fears your indignation?

¹²**So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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 25:14-30

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Congregation may be seated

Skit

“Water, Water, Everywhere”—FDF Style

The Kent Klowns

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day (signed)

Amazing Grace

“Flutterby”

Verse 1 – All –

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

Verse 2 – “Smiley”

Verse 4 – “Ups E Daisy”

Verse 1 – All

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: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

Noisy Offering

Splish, Splash, I Was Takin' a Bath

The Kent Klowns

Offering Prayer

P: God of all goodness,

C: **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. 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)

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power 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

"Flutterby"

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.

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

Benediction

Congregation may be seated

Announcements

Skit *Let There Be Light* The Kent Klowns

The Dismissal

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

C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude *Invention #13, J.S. Bach* Margo Strothmann

Fellowship Time EVERYONE IS WELCOME

**To maintain safe distancing, please wait for the ushers to release you.
We will release rows from the back.**

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Ed Foster
Organist/Pianist Margo Strothmann
Choir Director Tracy Garrett
Handbells Director Katie Heaford

10:00 AM

Altar Guild Judy Ward
Acolyte Jessie Harger
Greeters/Ushers The Kent Klowns
Lector "Smiley"
Sound & Zoom Technician Dan Garrett
Fellowship Host Al & Cindy Mohling

**COMING THIS WEEK
November 15-22**

Today		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)
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Community for Christ Board Meeting
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Devotion & Bible Study
Sunday		CHRIST THE KING 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

Lynn Burke—complications from COVID-19
Shirley Clark—hospitalized after leg surgery
Jim Ziehl—serious health concerns
Delaney Brumm—prayers for Mayo Clinic doctors as they establish a care plan

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Lorraine Foster—recovering at home
Helen Pragman—recovering from surgery after a fall (Karen Pragman's mother-in-law)
Rose Marie Unrein—undergoing chemotherapy treatments
Jane Needles—COVID-19 (Joyce McHenry's sister)
Sandy Robinson—health concerns (Barb Gidley's sister)
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 15

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 Larry & Kathy Fair in celebration of their 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. Pre-filled cups may be picked up at the church.

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

PASTOR GAUCK 50TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY On Sunday, November 22, following worship, we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Pastor Carl Gauck's ordination. Join us for cake, coffee and fellowship.

Annual LOVING GIFTS TREE with Tags is in the fellowship hall. Each Christmas, we adopt children and moms from Citizens Against Domestic Violence shelter and help make their Christmas special. We have 50 names. Please pick a tag off the tree, print your name & phone # on the Signup list so we know who has the 'tag' name; and have fun shopping. Gifts are due back to Kent, UNWRAPPED, in a bag by Sunday December 6. Please staple or tape your Tag to the gift bag. Questions: Contact Jan Gauck 714-334-0603 or Sheryl Boos 573-346-9778.

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 Melody 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! Many folks won’t be able to travel and gather with their families this year, but we can still provide our community with a nice Thanksgiving Meal. Churches will provide the food and it will be made available curbside at the West Side Senior Center for pickup or delivery. The list of food items Kent needs to provide is on the bulletin board as you enter the fellowship hall. Help is needed to prepare, package, distribute curbside and deliver the food. If you want to volunteer your time on Thanksgiving, contact Donna Hauk, Crossroads Assembly of God, 573-836-5105.

ANNUAL COOKIE/CANDY SALE WELCA’s annual cookie/candy sale will be Saturday, December 12, 9am-noon.

ADVENT AT BETHANY: JOURNEY OF THE MAGI concert will be streamed live on Sunday, November 15 at 4:00 p.m. The concert will be available through livestream at bethanylb.edu/live.

HURRICANE DECK CHRISTMAS STORE Hurricane Deck School is hosting their “Christmas Store” on December 10. If you would like to donate toys, here are some suggestions: 15” or 18” baby dolls, trucks and cars, Nerf balls, board games and books. Please have the toys here at church by Sunday, December 6. Thank you.

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) 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.

Remember the Kent Thanksgiving Food Drive & Blessings Basket benefits Community for Christ.