



## **CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**

### **Kent Memorial Lutheran Church**

184 Sunset Hill Drive  
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

### **The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor**

**November 22, 2020**

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

#### **FROM PASTOR ED**

Dear Kent Family,

I received an email yesterday afternoon from our Bishop, Susan Candea asking us and all of the congregations in the Central States Synod to once again pause our in-person worship services. We had a lengthy discussion of this last night at our congregational council meeting, and with true sorrow I think it is fair to say, agreed to suspend in-person activities until our next council meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup> when we will re-evaluate the situation.

This has been such a crazy year. Who would have thought that we would not be in our buildings for Easter, and now possibly for Christmas. Yet our love for one another and our calling to support the health

and well-being of everyone our community, has led us to this place and this difficult decision. I pray that it is both correct and enough. Please know that I share your sadness and grief over this situation, as I treasure every minute that we are together face to face.

We absolutely will continue our Zoom services, and we will continue to need help with those, as we attempt to make them as meaningful, worshipful and as enjoyable as possible.

We also plan to have our Mid-Week Advent services available on Zoom as well and will try to continue as many of our other activities as possible in a similar way. Something new this year – we want to celebrate the nativity scenes you all have as part of your Christmas. If you who set up a nativity in your home or office, take a picture of it and send it to me, PastorEd@kentmemorial.com.

God bless you all, and may God bless and keep us all.  
Pastor Ed



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

To join a worship service, click the link below. Please mute your phone and turn off video when you join the meeting to ensure everyone can hear.

To listen on your phone instead of video, dial 1+312-626-6799 [long distance charges may apply].

We will celebrate holy communion. Have a piece of bread or cracker and a small amount of wine or juice ready for consecration.

If this is your first time on Zoom, please contact our secretary, Tracy, at 573-374-5267 OR 214-206-5807, or drop by the office with your phone or iPad, and we'll help get you set up.

### **ZOOM LINK**

To join Zoom Worship contact the church office for the link, 573-374-5267

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation

of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

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**Prelude**

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

Joyce Wanamaker &  
Margo Strothmann

*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*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

**C: Amen.**

P: We are one with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sins against God and one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

P: O God, our merciful redeemer,

**C: We confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor's face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God forgives us all our sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God.

**C: Amen.**

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.**

**Sharing of the Peace**

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

**C: And also with you.**

**Gathering Hymn** (sung)

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

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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 power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Congregation may be seated*

### **Special Music**

*Gratitude*, Nicole Nordeman

Katie Heaford &  
Margo Strothmann

### **First Reading**

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 95:1-7a** (*Congregation reads responsively*)

<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

<sup>2</sup>**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

<sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, are a great God,  
and a great ruler above all gods.

<sup>4</sup>**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

<sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and your hands have molded the dry land.

<sup>6</sup>**Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

<sup>7a</sup>For the LORD is our God,  
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

### **Second Reading**

Ephesians 1:15-23

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 25:31-46

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Pastor Ed Foster

**Hymn of the Day** (sung)*Beautiful Savior*

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*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**

#### **Benediction**

*Congregation may be seated*

#### **Announcements**

#### **Sending hymn**

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

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#### **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**

Pastor .....Ed Foster  
 Organist/Pianist .....Joyce Wanamaker  
 Choir Director.....Tracy Garrett  
 Handbells Director..... Katie Heaford

**10:00 AM**

Altar Guild..... Ruth Osterbur  
 Greeters/Ushers .....Randy & Ruth Osterbur  
 Lector..... Toni Wagner  
 Sound Technician ..... Michael Wagner  
 Zoom Technician..... Al Mohling  
 Coffee Host..... Church Council

**COMING THIS WEEK**  
**November 22-29**

Today		CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & Bible Study for all ages
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
Thursday		THANKSGIVING DAY
		Church Office closed
Friday		Church Office closed
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Decorate church for Christmas
Sunday		FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & Bible Study for all ages
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion

**† *Prayer Concerns* †**

**OUR MEMBERS**

Jane Kornfeind—recovering at home from COVID-19  
 Shirley Clark— recovering at Arrowhead Senior Living  
 Jim Ziehl—serious health concerns  
 Delaney Brumm—prayers for Mayo Clinic doctors as they establish a care plan

**OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS**

Linda Wagner—hospitalized with symptoms of COVID-19 (Michael Wagner’s mother)  
 Pastor Kelly & Nancy Caldwell, West Lake Christian Church—Kelly is hospitalized with COVID-19;  
 Nancy has also tested positive

**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  
Lisa Lind  
Gene Melton  
Julie Patterson  
Helen Pragman  
Diane Reams  
Loren Saathoff  
Pat Shank  
Bob Stanze  
Rose Marie Unrein  
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 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. If you are visiting for the first time or searching for a church home, please email the church, [office@kentmemorial.com](mailto:office@kentmemorial.com), and share your address and phone number.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given by Bill & Karen Pragman in honor of Helen Pragman.

**CARE CORE** for November is Jan Gauck, 714-334-0603.

## **NOTES--**

- Communication to members and friends will continue via weekly email blast concerning upcoming services and associated guidelines.
- If you need to schedule time on Zoom for your meeting or Bible Study, call the church office.
- Communion will be celebrated every Sunday with the pre-filled wafer/cup combination. You may stop by the church to pick one up for the on-line service.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO PASTOR GAUCK ON 50 YEARS IN THE MINISTRY!** When we return to in-person worship we will gather to celebrate with him on this remarkable achievement.

**16 TAGS LEFT ON THE LOVING GIFTS TREE** The tree is up in the fellowship hall with the needs and wishes of children and moms from Citizens Against Domestic Violence shelter. Come by during office hours, Monday-Friday, 9am-1pm and 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 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! 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.

**We still need your help to provide food:** Large bowl of dressing, 1 gallon gravy, 15 pounds of mashed potatoes, 5 loaves of bread with butter, 4 pies, and 2 containers of whipped topping. You can order these items ready-made at your local grocery store and deliver to the Center on Thanksgiving morning by 9:30 a.m.

AND ~ 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 HAS BEEN CANCELLED** We will discuss options and ideas at our meeting in January.

**WELCA CHRISTMAS PARTY CANCELLED** Due to an up-swing in COVID-19 cases, the WELCA board has decided to cancel the Christmas party. However, we will do the Christmas Stocking offering. There is a box on the table in the entry – drop off your offering anytime. The gold wrapped box will be on the table in the fellowship hall. If you have questions, please call Joyce Wanamaker or Eldeen & we will make arrangements.

**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** will not meet this week.

**A TABLE** between the main sets of doors into the church has individual communion servings, the latest newsletter, A NEW PHONE DIRECTORY, the daily devotional materials, and a lot more. Also, there is a basket for you to drop off your giving envelopes. If you need the door code, call Tracy in the church office, 573-374-5267, or on her cell 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.

CfC needs: flour, sugar, beans, salad dressings, ketchup, and mustard. Also gently used shoes.

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

**ADVENT SERVICES** We will begin our mid-week Advent services on December 2 at 6:00 p.m. The theme is “Our Greatest Gift: A Wonderful Life in Christ,” based around the movie, “It’s a Wonderful Life.” From Pastor Ed: The movie is a Christmas classic. George, Mary, Clarence and even grumpy old Mr. Potter, have become a part of our holiday experience, the sound track so often playing in the background of tree decorating and cookie baking. But in the background of this movie are serious questions about meaning and value and purpose. Who knew George Bailey was an existentialist?! George and the gang will lead us through these days leading up to Christmas reminding us that it is Christ who makes our lives precious, and because He does, they are precious indeed.

Week One: Everyone’s Praying for George

Week Two: The Town Comes Together

Week Three: Ordinary People Behold

Week Four: The Angel Proclaims

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