



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

"Keep Awake" Jesus tells us this week. Advent is indeed about staying awake, watching for Jesus, and hoping for that day when Jesus comes and all of God's promises will be fulfilled. As we enter into an Advent unlike any we have experienced before, we hear Jesus call to keep awake.

Do you see God at work in the midst of the pandemic? Do you see signs of God's mercy, love and grace in the strife, conflict and turmoil of our world? Where can we share Jesus with all?

Don't forget the post office box. It's like an offering plate, but different. [PO Box 155, Sunrise Beach, MO 65079]

And please check out the announcements, our ministries continue even more meaningfully in these difficult days.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving, and see you on the Zoom.

God bless you all,
Pastor Ed

CHECK OUT PASTOR ED'S PODCAST AT pastor-ed.com.

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

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

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

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Prelude *Longing for Messiah*, Mark Hayes 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

Congregation please stand

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity + one God, who shapes the whole creation, who comes with might and mercy, who fills the hungry with good things.

C: Amen.

P: Let us approach the throne of grace with repentant hearts.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Faithful God,

C: we confess that we have been unfaithful to you. Like dry leaves and withered grass, our lives are blown about by our sins and the powers of evil surround us. Restore us, O God; let the light of your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

P: God is patient, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. In the name of Jesus Christ, I bring you this good news: You are free from all that imprisons you; your sins are forgiven; God heals your broken hearts. Live in peace and harmony as you wait for the day of God.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

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

C: And also with you.

Gathering Hymn

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

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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: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Congregation may be seated

Lighting the Advent Candle

P: The first candle of Advent is the candle of love

For the LORD is good;

his steadfast LOVE endures forever,

his faithfulness to all generations (*Psalms 100:5*)

L: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. (*John 3.16*)

P: Come again O Lord of Love.

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

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Special Music

Veni, Veni, Emmanuel & Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

Jane Maher &

Adventures in Liturgy

First Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (congregation reads responsively)

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

²**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

³Restore us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁴**O LORD God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

⁶**You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

¹⁷**Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one you have made so strong for yourself.**

¹⁸And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.

¹⁹**Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to Mark, the thirteenth chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Congregation please stand

Gospel Reading

Mark 13:24-37

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Congregation may be seated

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

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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: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

Presentation of Our Offerings

Offering Prayer

P: Generous God,

C: **you have created all that is, and you provide for us in every season. Bless all that we offer, that through these gifts the world will receive your blessing. In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, we pray. 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

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. Communion is open to all who believe that Jesus Christ is our savior.

Distribution (please open your communion packet)

P: The body of Christ given for you.
The blood of Christ shed for you.

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Congregation may be seated

Announcements

Sending Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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The Dismissal

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

C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus, arr. Mark Hayes

Vanessa Hebrank

WORSHIP LEADERS

PastorEd Foster
Organist/Pianist Vanessa Hebrank
Choir Director.....Tracy Garrett
Handbells Director..... Katie Heaford

10:00 AM

Altar Guild..... Sheryl Boos
Acolyte.....Jessie Harger
Lector..... Toni Wagner
Sound & Zoom Technician..... Al Mohling

COMING THIS WEEK November 29-December 6

Today		FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion – on Zoom
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Midweek Advent Service – on Zoom
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion Fellowship time on Zoom following the service

† *Prayer Concerns* †

OUR MEMBERS

Ron & 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

Lisa Lind—prayers for tumor reduction & good test results on December 8 (Kat Lacroix’s niece)
Linda Wagner—complications of COVID-19 (Michael Wagner’s mother)
Pastor Kelly & Nancy Caldwell, West Lake Christian Church—Kelly is on a ventilator 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
Gene Melton
Julie Patterson
Helen Pragman
Diane Reams
Loren Saathoff
Pat Shank
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 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. If you are visiting for the first time or searching for a church home, please email the church, office@kentmemorial.com, and share your address and phone number.

CARE CORE for November is Jan Gauck, 714-334-0603; for December is Linda Williams, 573-374-9147.

POINSETTIAS AT THE ALTAR If you would like to dedicate a poinsettia to a loved one, please email or call the church office – office@kentmemorial.com, 573-374-5267. Altar Guild requests a donation of \$14.50 per poinsettia.

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.

ADVENT SERVICES We will begin our mid-week Advent services on Wednesday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom. 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: The Angel Proclaims

To join the midweek Advent services on Zoom, contact the church office for the link.

8 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!

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.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING UPDATE After serious considerations, discussions internally and with our partners at Ozark Chapel, Kent will not sponsor bell ringing at Sav-A-Lot this season. Please support bell ringers at other locations or send in donations directly to Salvation Army. As always, funds collected from the West side of the Lake will be used in our local counties. If additional details are needed or if you have any questions, please contact Jim Mellody.

A TABLE between the main sets of doors into the church has:

- Individual communion elements
- The December Kent Happenings Newsletter
- Phone directory
- The daily devotional materials
- Living Lutheran Magazine
- 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. You may also mail your offering to the church: Kent Memorial PO Box 155 Sunrise Beach, MO 65079

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST UPDATE (573-374-4425) Volunteers are needed at CFC for December 15, 17 and 19. Please help the retail operations if you can. Currently the store is operating on a week by week basis out of concerns for the health of volunteers. If store is closed during this time period, you will

be notified. Due to the fact that Kent is also working on a limited in person basis, contact Jim Mellody or Chuck Wanamaker if you can help. The sign-up sheet is also available in the fellowship hall. The families in need has increased and will continue to increase during this season. Even if the retail store is closed, the office remains open to help those in need. Thanks to all.

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

CHRISTMAS AT KENT MEMORIAL

December 2	6:00 p.m.	Midweek Advent Worship
December 9	6:00 p.m.	Midweek Advent Worship
December 16	6:00 p.m.	Midweek Advent Worship
December 24	6:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service