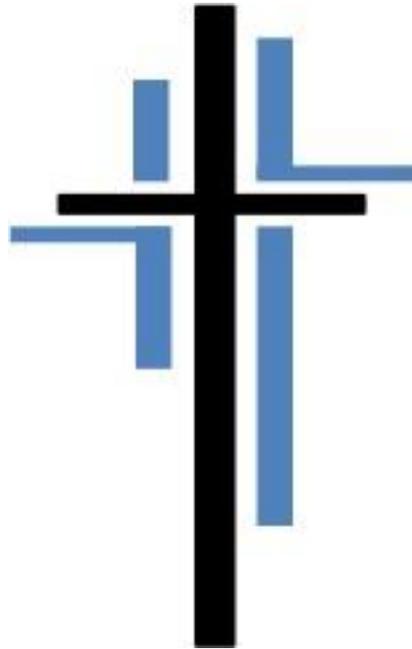


Email Blast for November 27



First Sunday of Advent

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

November 27, 2022

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

FROM PASTOR ED

The First Sunday of Advent focuses on the second "Advent" of our Lord, when all that has been promised will be fulfilled and God's Kingdom will finally come completely. As we remember the first Advent, Jesus' birth, we are promised that his return is sure, even if his timing remains unknown. This may be especially frustrating for us modern control-freaks, we want to know when, we want to make plans, we want to be ready. It is easy to become complacent, even sleepy, as we continue to wait for that final day. But Jesus promises us that he is coming even if it is at an unexpected hour.

OUR SUNDAY MORNING & MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM:
To join a worship service, contact the church at 573-374-5267 for assistance.

WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY will not meet until January.

Welcome to Worship

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

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Prelude

The Wexford Carol

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.

Lighting the Advent Candle

L: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness -- on them light has shined... For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9)

Today is the first Sunday in Advent. It is the Sunday of Hope. As we light the first candle of Advent, we join our hopes to the hopes of all of God's people who have waited upon the Lord.

C: For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. (Romans 8)

L: In ancient days prophets proclaimed the coming of a King, a Savior, the Messiah, who would save the entire world.

C: And on Christmas morning that hope was fulfilled in the Christ Child, Jesus our Lord.

L: Today we wait for the coming of our Savior again.

C: And we light the first Candle of Advent in the holy hope that our Lord will come again, and we will know once again the joy and the wonder of having "God With Us."

We Light the Advent Candle of Hope

Confession and Forgiveness

All: We confess to you, O God, our unwillingness to wait. We want Jesus to come now, on our terms; we forget that your time is not our time, that your purposes are not our purposes. We speak words in haste, without first listening to others; we crave instant rewards and immediate results, reluctant to bide our time. Forgive our presumption, our lack of patience. Give us grace to wait in quiet watchfulness for him who came to free us from sin in the fullness of your time, even Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P: Born among us in fulfillment of your promises, Jesus Christ ascended the mountain of the Lord to give his life as a ransom for all. For his sake your sins are forgiven. In him the day has dawned; salvation has drawn near!

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

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

C: And also with you.

Gathering Hymn

People, Look East

ELW # 248

Liturgy Setting 4

ELW p. 147

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 here 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: Glory to God in the highest

ELW p. 148

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 sins 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 save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Ed

Anthem

The Gospel Feast

Kent Handbells

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

Bible-Old Testament p. 644

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 122 (Congregation reads responsively)

¹I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

²Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

³ Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

⁴ **to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**

⁵ For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

⁶ **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.**

⁷ Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

⁸ **For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.**

⁹ Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do you good."

Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

Bible-New Testament p. 154

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 24:36-44

Bible-New Testament p. 26

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

ELW # 244, v. 1 & 2

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: God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Reception of Offerings *Please fill out the red friendship pad and pass it to your neighbor*

Offertory

Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

Margo Strothmann

Offering Prayer

P: Eternal God,

C: you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. 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...

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power 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, 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.

Congregation may be seated

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. Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. You may commune in place using a communion kit, if preferred.

Communion Hymns

I Am the Bread of Life

ELW # 485

Here Is Bread

ELW # 483

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW # 465

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

ELW # 246, v. 1-3, 5

The Dismissal

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

C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Margo Strothmann

Fellowship Time

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

WORSHIP LEADERS

PastorEd Foster
 Organist/Pianist Margo Strothmann
 Choir Director.....Tracy Garrett
 Handbells Director..... Katie Heaford

10:00 AM

Altar Guild..... Linda Williams
 Greeters/Ushers Ray & Kat Lacroix
 Liturgist Al Mohling
 Lector..... Sally Burke
 Sound & Zoom Technician.....Gail Kruse
 Coffee Fellowship.....Donna Young

**COMING THIS WEEK
November 27-December 4**

Today	8:30 a.m.	Handbells Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Chorale Rehearsal
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Midweek Advent Worship & Potluck
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)

† Prayer Concerns †

OUR MEMBERS

Linda Kimberling
Marsha Gust
Don Stout
Ken Gerardy

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Linda & Dan Smith
Ron Ferguson—serious health concerns (friend of Judy & Mike Ward)

Barry Mabe—serious health concerns (son of Peggy & Herb Worker)
Dan Rogers—serious health concerns (friend of Al & Cindy Mohling)
Stacey Flect—serious health concerns (friend of Nancy Curtis)

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Pam Babcock
Shirley Clark
Evelyn Clements
Emma
Mary Beth Fair
Barbara & Bob Gislason
Carla Glusing
Jerry Hansen
Debbie Hanshaw
Linda Harris
Bryan Hastings
Mike Holmes
Marianne Howley
CF Huff
Teresa Joslin
Terry Miller
Larry Mausbach
Steve O'Connor
Mike Page
Rev. Bill Peterson
Ron Roberts
Marcia Robbins
Karen Tischnor
Ellie Torres
Bernie Wiegel
Melissa Wiles
Larry Wilson
Jody Ziehl

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Babcock
Eric Blomberg
Ben Brammeier
Shade Bullock
Salathiel (Sal) Caudill
Aaron Davis
Tanner Glodt
Kristine Hubbard
Jason Ites
Jason Judge
Adam Kralina
Matt Lee
Jordan Lindeman
Glenn Maddock
Tristan Morgan
Adam Peterson
Trent Simmons

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 27

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.

CARE CORE for November is Jan Gauck, 714-334-0603; for December is Eldeen Hanke, 573-873-3579.

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES begin Wednesday, November 30 at 6:00 p.m. Following worship, we will gather to share a potluck supper. You are invited to bring a dish to share.

POINSETTIAS Altar Guild has decked the sanctuary with poinsettias. If you would like to dedicate one (or more) of the poinsettias in honor or in memory of a loved one, the cost is \$15 each. Please complete the pink donation form in the bulletin and place it, along with a check made out to ALTAR GUILD, in the offering plate or drop it off in the office. All orders must be received by Sunday, December 18.

CONCERT SEASON IS STARTING:

The Lake Area Community Orchestra

- This evening, November 27, 7pm, at Community Christian Church, Camdenton
- Tuesday, November 29, 7pm, First Baptist, Eldon – joint performance with the Greater Lake Area Chorale & Symphony of the Magic Dragon
- Sunday, December 4, 7pm, Versailles Royal Theatre, Versailles

The Greater Lake Area Chorale

- Tuesday, November 29, 7pm, First Baptist, Eldon – joint performance with the Lake Area Community Orchestra & Symphony of the Magic Dragon
- Saturday, December 3, 2pm, New Life Nazarene, Camdenton
- Sunday, December 4, 2pm, West Lake Christian, Laurie

WE'RE IN SOUP SEASON! Each Sunday through the winter, Kathy Fair makes soup for any of us who would like to take some home for lunch. Check out this week's offering in the fellowship hall.

HURRICANE DECK CHRISTMAS STORE DECEMBER 15 If you are out shopping for presents this "Black Friday", remember the Hurricane Deck Christmas Store. All toys and games, etc., are welcome for the Hurricane Deck Christmas Store, which will be held on Thursday, December 15. See the Kent Happenings Newsletter for more information. FYI, there are a number of board games on sale at Walmart right now... Thank you! Wendy Blomberg

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST NEEDS FOR DECEMBER

Anything for a Christmas holiday meal. Suggestions are:

- Turkeys or Hams (we can freeze them)
- Potatoes, either fresh or instant
- Dressing mixes like Stove Top Stuffing Mix
- Chicken or Turkey stock
- Gravy mixes or in a bottle
- Jello
- Pies and whip cream (*yum-o!*)
- Veggies
- Soups
- Rolls, (we can freeze them)
- Butter or margarine
- Any baking items

- Sweet potatoes or canned yams

Or whatever is your favorite yummy thing you like to have for the holidays. And if you prefer a donation, specify "Holiday Meals" in the memo line and it will be used as such.