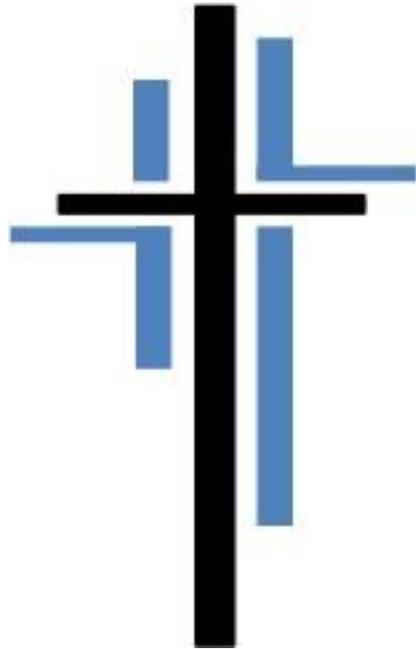


Email Blast for November 12



## **24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

### **Kent Memorial Lutheran Church**

184 Sunset Hill Drive  
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

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

**November 12, 2023**

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

#### **FROM PASTOR ED**

In our Gospel lesson this week, Jesus encourages his followers to keep awake and be prepared for his return. Living our lives in watchful preparedness is challenging. It is easy to lose our sense of urgency. It is so easy to become overwhelmed by the busyness and the business of life. How can we hold on to the joyful anticipation of our savior? How can we be ready when that last day arrives?

Have a blessed rest of your week.

God bless you all!

Peace,

Pastor Ed

**NOTE:** Evening Bible Study will NOT meet tonight, as Pastor Ed is not feeling well.

**ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK** November 12 following worship. Please plan to stay. After the meeting we will adjourn to the fellowship hall for a potluck meal and fellowship. You are invited to bring a dish or dessert to share.

## 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** *You Are My All in All* 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.*

### **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** (We share the words, “Peace be with you” with one another.)

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

**C: And also with you.**

**Gathering Hymn**

*Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand*

ELW # 441, v. 1, 2 & 4

**Liturgy Setting 4**

ELW p. 147

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.**

**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: 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.**

**Children’s Sermon**

Pastor Ed

**Anthem**

*The River of Life*

Kent Choir  
Kirsten Blaney, ASL

**First Reading**

Amos 5:18-24

Old Testament p. 878

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 70** (congregation reads responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;

O Lord, make haste to help me.

**<sup>2</sup>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.**

**<sup>3</sup>Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me  
turn back because of their shame.**

**<sup>4</sup>Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;**

**let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great is the Lord!”**

**<sup>5</sup>But 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

New Testament p. 196

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.**

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 25:1-13

New Testament p. 26

P: The Gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon**

Pastor Ed Foster

**Hymn of the Month**

*Jesus, Still Lead On*

ELW # 624, 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: Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

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

**Offertory**

*Break Thou the Bread of Life*

Joyce Wanamaker

**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**

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, our duty and our joy...

### **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.**

#### **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**

*When Peace, Like a River*

ELW # 785

*Blessed Assurance*

ELW # 638

*My Lord, What a Morning*

ELW # 438

#### **Post-Communion Prayer**

#### **Benediction**

#### **Announcements**

#### **Sending Hymn**

*Let Justice Flow like Streams*

ELW # 717

#### **The Dismissal**

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

**C: we share Jesus with all!**

#### **Postlude**

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Joyce Wanamaker

#### **Annual Meeting**

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

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

**10:00 AM**

Altar Guild..... Diane Ziehl  
 Greeters/Ushers ..... Karen & Jim Mellody  
 Liturgist ..... Tracy Garrett  
 Lector..... Toni Wagner  
 Sound & Zoom Technician..... Al Mohling  
 Coffee Fellowship..... Potluck

**COMING THIS WEEK**

**November 12-19**

Today	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School & Bible Study for all ages
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
Monday	11:00 a.m.	Annual Meeting & Potluck
	9:30 a.m.	Social Ministry
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Greater Lake Area Chorale Rehearsal
	9:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
	3:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Lake Jazz Band
Sunday		<b>MUSIC SUNDAY</b>
	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School & Bible Study for all ages
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)

**† Prayer Concerns †**

**OUR MEMBERS**

Bill Work  
 Joel Hellman  
 Gene Page—health concerns

Shelley  
 Toni Wagner  
 Rick Ries

## OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Ed Krueger—pancreatic cancer (Marianne Howley's brother-in-law)  
Chuck Cuthbertson—tests (Marianne Howley's brother-in-law)  
Gary Andeline—open heart surgery (friend of Tracy Garrett)  
Zach Rezac (friend of Mary Lou & Joel Hellman)  
Pat & Shirley Rogers—health concerns  
Jessica Birdsong – health concerns  
Ruth Goddard & family  
Ginger Frazier—health concerns

## CONTINUED PRAYERS

Cheryl Anderson	Shane Foster	Larry Mausbach
Dana Anderson	Ken Gerardy	Dave & Sara Newton
Pam Babcock	Carla Glusing	Steve O'Connor
Michelle Becker	Lyn Golvig	Mike Page
Cody Blasberg	Gary Hansen	Jennifer Pedersen
Marcille Bohling	Debbie Hanshaw	Rev. Bill Peterson
Cindy Campbell	Linda Harris	Gloria Peterson
Matthew Clark	Bryan Hastings	Kathy Pipes
Shirley Clark	Rod Hayes	Ron Roberts
Evelyn Clements	Mike Holmes	Marcia Robbins
Duane & Grace Cridland	CF Huff	Dan Rogers
Mary Beth Fair	Teresa Joslin	Karen Tischnor
Ron Ferguson	Linda Kimberling	Bernie Wiegel
Stacey Flect	Blanch Lacroix	Jerry Williams
Dave Fosler	Barry Mabe	Larry Wilson

## REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 12

**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 Ed at the end of the service.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given by Linda & Gerry Williams in celebration of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (11/30).

**CARE CORE** for November is Karen Ringsdorf, 217-248-8969.

**ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK** today following worship. Please plan to stay. After the meeting we will adjourn to the fellowship hall for a potluck meal and fellowship.

**“LOVE ABIDES” GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** will meet this Wednesday, November 15, at 3:00 p.m. All are welcome.

**EVENING BIBLE STUDY** continues the exploration of the Gospel of Luke. 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.

**BUDDY PACK THANKSGIVING BASKETS** We have been blessed that, for the last few years, our Buddy Pack Program at Kent has been self-sustaining. However, this year has been extra stressful for the Buddy Pack Program. In order for us to continue sharing with Hurricane Deck we are going to need help with the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. We know this is not an easy time for anyone, but if you could help out with 1 or more of the non-perishable basket items we would be grateful. A list of needed items follows. When you bring your donations, please check it off on the “Thanksgiving Items” sheet and place it in the Thanksgiving tub. There is no school the entire week of Thanksgiving so all items will need to be here by Wednesday, November 15. Thank you so much for your continued support.

**Items needed:** box of instant mashed potatoes, bag of stuffing, green beans, corn/creamed corn, cream of mushroom soup, french fried onions, gravy (turkey or chicken, jar or mix), sweet potatoes, crackers.

**GIVING TREE IS UP** The Social Ministry Giving Tree is up and decorated with the names of those who need our help to make Christmas bright this year. Gifts must be returned—unwrapped—by Sunday, December 10.

**WESTSIDE SENIOR CENTER** Next week is our week to help out with lunch at the Center. Sign up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board as you enter the fellowship hall.

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER** It’s almost Thanksgiving and time to gather the ingredients for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the Westside Senior Center. The meal is offered free to seniors in the area. Please see the 2023 Community Thanksgiving Dinner Food Assignment on the bulletin board as you enter the fellowship hall. Volunteers on the day are also welcome!