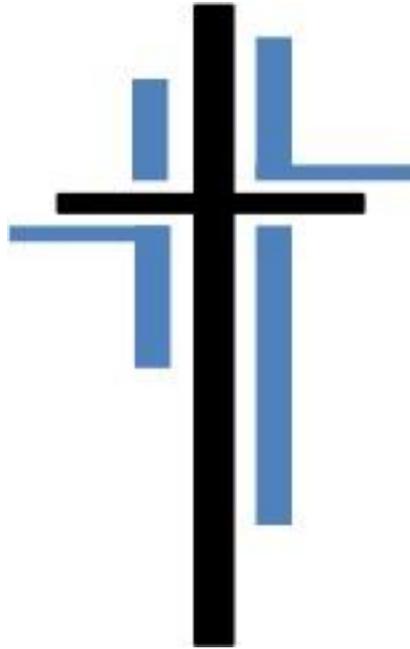


Email Blast for November 26



Christ the King Sunday

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

November 26, 2023

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

FROM PASTOR ED

As the Church year comes to an end (next Sunday is the beginning of Advent), we proclaim that Christ is our King. It is a bold statement, especially in a culture that has no understanding of being ruled by a monarch. Our King is not found in palaces or mansions, our King is found among "the least of these," those who are hungry, those who are in jail, the strangers and those who have nothing to wear. What does it mean live in the kingdom of King such as this? A King who says that what we do to the least of these we also do to him?

Have a blessed Thanksgiving,
Peace,
Pastor Ed

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

To join a worship service, please contact the church at 573-374-5267 for assistance.

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

Lead On, O King Eternal

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.

Call To Worship

P: The Lord is coming.

C: The Lord is near.

P: Like a shepherd who gathers sheep, the Lord will gather his people together.

C: Bring us into your fold, Good Shepherd.

P: Like a king, the Lord will rule from his throne in majesty and might.

C: Reign over heaven and earth, King Jesus.

P: Like a shepherd, the Lord takes great delight in those under his care.

C: Take us into your care, Good Shepherd.

P: Like a king, the Lord is crowned in glory.

C: Make your glory known to us, King Jesus.

P: Like a shepherd, the Lord protects those he loves.

C: Guard and keep us through all eternity, Good Shepherd.

P: Like a king, the Lord has a great inheritance to share.

C: Share with us the blessing of paradise, King Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.

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.

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

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW # 855, v. 1 & 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 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.

Children’s Sermon

Pastor Ed

Anthem

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Kent Choir

First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Old Testament p. 826

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95:1-7a (congregation reads responsively)

¹Come, let us sing to the LORD;

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

²Let us come before God’s presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.

³For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.

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

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

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

^{7a}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

New Testament p. 184

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 25:31-46

New Testament p. 27

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

ELW # 634, v. 1, 3 & 5

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

Hymne: "Fader Var" [The Lord's Prayer]

Dan Garrett &
Margo Strothmann

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.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymns

Jesus, Still Lead On

ELW # 624

Christ, Be Our Light

ELW # 715

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ELW # 815

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

ELW # 886, v. 1, 2 & 6

The Dismissal

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

C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Joyce Wanamaker

Fellowship Time

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

WORSHIP LEADERS

PastorEd Foster
 Organist/PianistJoyce Wanamaker
 Choir Director.....Tracy Garrett
 Handbells Director..... Katie Heaford

10:00 AM

Altar Guild..... Linda Williams
 Greeters/UshersGail Kruse
 LiturgistEd Foster
 Lector.....Steve Atzeni
 Sound & Zoom Technician.....Mike Ward
 Coffee Fellowship..... Kathy Fair

COMING THIS WEEK

November 26-December 3

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)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)
		Handbells Rehearsal
Monday	9:00 a.m.	WELCA Work Day
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study
Saturday	9:30 a.m.	Decorate the church
Sunday	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.	Williams’ 60 th Anniversary Celebration
		Handbells Rehearsal

† Prayer Concerns †

OUR MEMBERS

- Pat Embich
- Karen Thompson—health concerns
- Judy Bradley—minor health issues
- Bill Work
- Joel Hellman

Gene Page—health concerns
Toni Wagner

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Al Gann—serious health issues (friend of Lacas' & Melody's)
Lance Craft—serious health issues (Ron & Judy Bradley's son-in-law)
Eric Blomberg & The USS Laboon as they deploy
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)

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Cheryl Anderson	Ginger Frazier	Dave & Sara Newton
Dana Anderson	Ken Gerardy	Steve O'Connor
Pam Babcock	Carla Glusing	Mike Page
Michelle Becker	Ruth Goddard & family	Jennifer Pedersen
Jessica Birdsong	Lyn Golvig	Rev. Bill Peterson
Cody Blasberg	Gary Hansen	Gloria Peterson
Marcille Bohling	Debbie Hanshaw	Kathy Pipes
Cindy Campbell	Linda Harris	Ron Roberts
Matthew Clark	Bryan Hastings	Marcia Robbins
Shirley Clark	Rod Hayes	Dan Rogers
Evelyn Clements	Mike Holmes	Pat & Shirley Rogers
Duane & Grace Cridland	CF Huff	Shelley
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
Shane Foster	Larry Mausbach	

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 26

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 and Gerry Williams in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary (11/30).

CARE CORE for November is Karen Ringsdorf, 217-248-8969; for December is Linda Williams, 573-374-9147.

W/ELCA will have a ‘Do Day’ on Monday, November 27, starting at 9:00 a.m. Our ladies will ‘spruce up’ the kitchen and Fellowship Hall for the holidays. After we finish cleaning, we will decorate the Fellowship Hall for Christmas. Lunch will be provided.

MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP begins next Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. The Advent theme is “Angels From the Realms of Glory!” A potluck, hosted by committees of the church, will follow the service. You are invited to bring a dish to share.

EVENING BIBLE STUDY will meet on Wednesday, November 29, continuing the exploration of the Gospel of Luke. 6:00 p.m.

ANNUAL COOKIE & CANDY SALE FOR NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS WELCA’s annual cookie & candy sale will be December 9, beginning at 9am. Cookies, bars, candy, etc., are needed for the sale. Please bring your treats to church on December 8 at 9am, and plan to stay and help decorate cookies and set up for the sale. Volunteers to help during the sale are welcome.

THE GIVING TREE presented by the Social Ministry is up in the Fellowship Hall. The tree is decorated with a name, provided by CADV, of a person in need of assistance this Christmas. If you decide to help by taking a person, please remember that 1) make a note on the sign in sheet that you have this number; 2) Not all gifts requested must be purchased; 3) Return unwrapped gifts to Kent no later than Sunday Dec. 10th. All gifts are for family members that have been affected by Domestic Violence. Questions, please ask members of your Social Ministry committee: Sheryl Boos, Melba Bangert, Judy Ward, Sharon Ballard, Mary Evans, Karen Stanze, Jim Mellody. Thanks to all of you for your continued giving spirit.

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST Kent’s week to volunteer at Community for Christ is Tues. Dec. 5, Thur. Dec. 7 and Sat. Dec 9th. Need HELP, sign up if you are able. Looks like Tuesday is WELCA Christmas, but if you are not attending, please consider volunteering on Tuesday. Thanks.

CFC FOOD PANTRY NEEDS What is your favorite dinner item you look forward to during the holidays? That’s what CFC would love to have, and then we’ll provide and share to our community. CFC thanks you for your continued support throughout this last year, not only your donations of food, but with volunteering at the store. It’s truly because of you that CFC is able to support our community!!

CHORALE AT WEST LAKE CHRISTIAN NOVEMBER 26 The Greater Lake Area Chorale will be at West Lake Christian Church this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. Join us for a wonderful start to the holiday season.

LAKE AREA COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA will start their holiday season with a concert this evening, 7:00 p.m., at Community Christian Church in Camdenton.