

Email Blast for November 10



## **25<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 10, 2024**

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

#### **FROM PASTOR ED**

What is important? What really matters? Jesus again challenges our thinking describing a widow's humble offering of all that she had as greater than the large gifts of the wealthy and pointing out the hypocrisy of the religious leaders whose extravagant and flamboyant lifestyle impoverishes widows just like her. Jesus' values continue to conflict with the values of the world. The widow's mite is greater than all the large donations of the wealthy. God's call to care for the widows and the orphans, the poor and the powerless, is more important than religious pomp and finery. In a world so fixated on appearances Jesus continues to call us to love and value our neighbors, especially those neighbors in need.

This Sunday is our annual congregational meeting. It will follow directly after worship and we will adjourn to another one of our world famous potlucks. Join us as we do the work of our congregation for another year!

God bless you all!

Shalom,  
Pastor Ed

**OUR 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP IS 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.

**SUNDAY ZOOM LINK**

To join Zoom Worship just click on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87847144381?pwd=WW56YklPSmFyQ3JqR3NsdUZKTWU5dz09>

Meeting ID: 878 4714 4381

Passcode: 602549

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 the church at 573-374-5267 for assistance.

**THIS LINK WILL REMAIN THE SAME FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING.**

**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY ZOOM LINK (6PM)**

To join Zoom just click on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83771694827?pwd=d2RhMFZlMDRpZ3RhT1hFYmtzUGxuZz09>

Dial in (312) 626 6799

Meeting ID: 837 7169 4827

Passcode: 911199

## Welcome to Worship

Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

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**Prelude**

*Reflection*

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.*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

**All: O God, you have given us a priceless treasure through Christ's saving death and resurrection. We confess that we do not always value this gift as we ought. Relying on the certainty of your love and forgiveness, we confess that we have too often forgotten your will for us, and have been careless in our use of the precious resources you have placed in our hands. Help us appreciate your love more fully, that we might not squander it, but do everything in our power to enlarge the circle of those who may become aware of your awesome deeds of mercy. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

P: In the name of Christ, your sins are forgiven!

C: **Amen.**

#### **A Litany "The Widow's Mite"**

P: God, you have given us so many gifts in this life.

C: **May we give to you as graciously as you have given unto us, O Lord.**

P: God, you have helped us to use our simple belongings to accomplish great things.

C: **May our gifts help to expand your kingdom, O Lord.**

P: God, you have made it possible for each of us to make a difference in this world.

C: **May our gifts change the lives of people all over the world who need our help, O Lord.**

P: God, you have taken our tiny tokens of love and support and turned them into mighty testaments of what you can do through us.

C: **May our gifts always bring glory to you.**

#### **Sharing of the Peace** (We share a sign of peace with one another.)

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

C: **And also with you.**

#### **Gathering Hymn**

*Come, Join the Dance of Trinity*

ELW # 412

#### **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**

**Canticle of Praise:** Glory to God in the highest

ELW p. 148

#### **Prayer of the Day**

**All: O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

#### **Children's Sermon**

Pastor Ed

#### **Anthem**

*Why Do You Worry?*

Kent Choir

#### **First Reading**

1 Kings 17:8-16

Old Testament

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 146** (congregation reads responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the Lord as long as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**  
<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in rulers,  
in mortals in whom there<sup>l</sup> is no help.  
<sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,  
and in that day their thoughts perish.**  
<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,  
whose hope is in the Lord their God;  
<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;  
who keeps promises forever;**  
<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.  
The Lord sets the captive free.  
<sup>8</sup>**The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the Lord loves the righteous.**  
<sup>9</sup>The Lord cares for the stranger;  
the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.  
<sup>10</sup>**The Lord shall reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

**Second Reading** Hebrews 9:24-28 New Testament  
L: The Word of the Lord  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Announcement** Pastor Ed Foster  
P: The gospel according to Mark, the twelfth chapter  
**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel Reading** Mark 12:38-44 New Testament  
P: The Gospel of the Lord  
**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon** Pastor Ed Foster

**Hymn of the Day** *Take My Life, That I May Be* ELW # 685, v. 1, 2, 5 & 6

**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: Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

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

**Offertory**

*Oh, How I Love Jesus*

Vanessa Hebrank

## Offering Prayer

P: Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,

**C: you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. Amen.**

## Blessing of the New Chalices & Ciboriums

### 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

ELW p. 153

### 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

*Blessed Assurance*

ELW # 638

*Jesus Shall Reign*

ELW # 434

*Jesus, Still Lead On*

ELW # 624

#### Post-Communion Prayer

#### Benediction

#### Announcements

#### Sending Hymn

*Soon and Very Soon*

ELW # 439, v. 1 & 2

#### The Dismissal

P: Hearing God's call and responding in love,  
C: we share Jesus with all!

**Postlude**

*Rejoice! He Is Lord of All*

Vanessa Hebrank

**Annual Meeting & Potluck**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Pastor .....	Ed Foster
Organist/Pianist .....	Vanessa Hebrank
Choir Director.....	Tracy Garrett
Choir Accompanist.....	Tracey Atzeni
Handbells Director.....	Toni Wagner
Altar Guild.....	Sheryl Boos
Greeters/Ushers .....	Jim & Karen Mellody
Liturgist .....	Tracey Atzeni
Lector.....	Jim Mellody
Sound & Zoom Technician.....	Gail Kruse
Coffee Fellowship.....	Donna Young

**COMING THIS WEEK**

**November 10-17**

Today	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School & Bible Study for all ages
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Annual Meeting & Potluck
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Social Ministry Meeting
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Mutual Ministry
	12:00 p.m.	PEO Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Worship & Music Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Harvest Garden Set-up
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15 a.m.	Handbells Rehearsal
	9:15 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**

Maxine Williams  
Liz VanDeVeire

Donald Brumm  
Marsha Gust

Geri Riley  
Stan Field

Pat Embich  
Jim Gilbert

Joel Hellman  
Gene Page

### **OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS**

Mary Ann Carter  
Brandon Rodewald  
Doug Jones  
Sal Caudill  
Patrick Parkhurst  
Kenny Mullins  
Cindy Holm

Kirk McLaughlin  
Stacy Carey  
Ryan Dillman  
Trudy Hamilton  
Dianne Steingrubey  
Wayne Jackson  
Gil Wilde

Tamara McClain  
Jeanne Hines  
Mike Holmes  
Steve Hughes  
Vicki Sawyer  
Marcille Bohling

### **CONTINUED PRAYERS**

Julie (Ziehl) Anderson  
Evan Beaupre  
Michelle Becker  
Jessica Birdsong  
Cindy Campbell  
Shirley Clark  
Evelyn Clements  
Chuck Cuthbertson  
Mary Beth Fair  
Ron Ferguson  
Stacey Fleck

Al Gann  
Ken Gerardy  
Carla Glusing  
Ruth Goddard & family  
CF Huff  
Teresa Joslin  
Linda Kimberling  
Ed Krueger  
Blanch Lacroix  
Jennifer Pedersen  
Jodi (Ziehl) Redmond

Ron Roberts  
Marcia Robbins  
Michele Schafer  
Dave Shaver  
Karen Thompson  
Karen Tischnor  
Theresa White  
Bernie Wiegel  
Jerry Williams

### **REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

Christopher Babcock  
Eric Blomberg  
Ben Brammeier  
Shade Bullock  
Salathiel (Sal) Caudill  
Dylan Craig

Aaron Davis  
Tanner Glodt  
Kristine Hubbard  
Jason Ites  
Jason Judge  
Adam Kralina

Matt Lee  
Jordan Lindeman  
Glenn Maddock  
Tristan Morgan  
Adam Peterson

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 10**

**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. 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 Karen Stanze, in memory of her parents.

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

**KENT MEMORIAL'S ANNUAL MEETING IS TODAY** The 2024 Annual Meeting will be held immediately after worship, followed by a potluck brunch/lunch. We will vote on the 2025 budget, our new council members and a change to the Kent By-Laws. The agenda, minutes from the 2023 meeting, the proposed 2025 budget and the proposed change to our constitution/bylaws are available in the Gathering Place.

**HARVEST GARDEN** Our annual Harvest Garden will “be planted” in the Gathering Place on Saturday, November 16. If you would like to contribute items, such as fall flowers, pumpkins and gourds, etc., feel free to drop them off on Saturday morning.

**THANKSGIVING FOR THE KIDS** Kent is again helping the families at Hurricane Deck Elementary with their Thanksgiving meal. We will be looking for:

- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Stuffing Mix
- Green Bean Casserole (green beans, cream of mushroom soup, French fried onions)
- Gravy-jar, can, or package
- Sweet Potatoes
- Corn / Creamed corn

We'll purchase turkey, milk, and butter with the Buddy Pack Funds. As you bring items in, please put them in the Thanksgiving food tub and mark on the chart what you have brought. Things will need to be here by Sunday, Nov. 17 as there is no school the entire week of Thanksgiving. Thank you for your support.

**COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST VOLUNTEERING** Kent's week to volunteer at Community for Christ is on Tues. Nov. 19th, Thur. Nov. 21st, and Sat. Nov. 23rd. Sign-up sheet posted in the fellowship hall on the signup sheet board. All new fall clothing now available. Please remember that a minimum of 4 are needed in the retail area, and 2 needed to service the lower donation/sales area per day. If you have not volunteered at CFC, but have wanted to, this will be a great opportunity! I guarantee you that you will not regret this opportunity. Who knows you might find something to wear for Thanksgiving or Christmas! Thank you all for your continued support. Thanks Jim Mellody and Chuck Wanamaker

**ADDITIONAL OFFERING COUNTERS NEEDED** The Counting Team Leader would like you to know that we need a few more people to join the counting group. Currently, each team of two counts once every 6 weeks. We would like to add two teams and an additional person to substitute when the need arises. If you would like to help us out by joining this team or if you have any questions about the way it works, please contact Jane Maher at 812-306- 5462.

**A DAY OF CARING, A DAY OF SHARING** St. Anthony parish community will again host a free, sit down Thanksgiving Day Dinner for those in our area who would enjoy having a holiday meal with others. The dinner, our 19<sup>th</sup>, will be held in St. Anthony church lower level on Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 28) from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. We are reaching out to shut-ins, the homeless, those who are alone or anyone who simply would like to be with others on this special day. The free dinner will feature roast turkey and all the trimmings. Deliveries are available to the homebound in Camdenton (west to Macks Creek, east to Y Road and north to the first bridge on Highway 5). For more information contact Kate Hodel at 913.526.5900. For deliveries contact Jared Spiers at 573.434.6916.

**ENCHANTED VILLAGE OF LIGHTS** Volunteers are needed to help set up Laurie's Enchanted Village of Lights in the City Park. If you want to spend some time outside enjoying the fall weather, and help the community, contact Susann Huff, 573-216-9358.

**SAVE THE DATE!!! Saturday, November 30** The members of Our Savior's, Jefferson City, would like to invite you and your congregation to a Retirement Celebration for Pastor Scott and Debbie Musselman, Saturday, November 30, from 2 -5 pm, at Our Savior's, 1529 Southwest Blvd! More details to follow.

**COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST PANTRY** The CFC food pantry has been especially busy! We totally understand that food costs have gone up for everyone, and now in our community the need for our food pantry has more than doubled. We would greatly appreciate any food/paper/cleaning items that can be donated. Here is a list that might help:

- Canned Fruit & Veggies
- Canned Tuna & Chicken
- Boxed Meals, Potatoes, Dressing
- Soups / Beans / Canned Tomatoes



- Cereal (hot or cold)
- Taco / Chili Seasoning
- Cleaning supplies
- Shampoo for family
- Body Wash for family
- Deodorant for Men & Women
- Can Openers (for the homeless)

Bring your donations to church and put them in the big blue box in the narthex outside of Pastor's office.