

EMAIL BLAST FOR JANUARY 3, 2021



2nd Sunday of Christmas

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

January 3, 2021

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

FROM PASTOR ED

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us... John the Evangelist reminds us that what happened on that night in Bethlehem was so much more than what could have been seen with one's eyes. This child is the very Word of God: the Word that brings things into existence, the Word that gives life, the Word that makes us children of God. And that Word, full of grace and truth is just this, God loves the world. God loves you.

Thank you to everyone who made the Christmas Eve Service and our Hymn Sing last Sunday so wonderful. Musicians, and technicians, those who set things up, those who cleaned things up and those who put things away, organizers and communicators all worked together and blessed us, blessed me, with a very special Christmas. Thank you all!

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

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.

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 our secretary, Tracy, at 573-374-5267 OR 214-206-5807, or drop by the office with your phone or iPad, and we'll help get you set up.

ZOOM LINK

To join Zoom Worship, contact the church office, 573-374-5267.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.

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Prelude

Fanfare Laudation, F. Groden 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.

Welcome

Congregation please stand

Gathering Hymn

Christ, Be Our Light

ELW # 715

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who was in the beginning, who makes a dwelling among us, who covers us with justice and mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of goodness and lovingkindness,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have turned away from your invitation to new life. We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden. In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins, those we know and those known only to you, for the sake of the one who came to live among us, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

P: Hear the good news of peace and salvation! God forgives us all our sins, not through our own work, but through † Jesus Christ, made known to all people. With all who come to the manger, rejoice in this amazing gift of grace.

C: **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

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

C: **And also with you.**

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: **Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Congregation may be seated

Special Music

I Wonder As I Wander

Sally Burke

J.J. Niles; arr. C. Avery

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-14

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147:12-20 (congregation reads responsively)

¹²Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem;

praise your God, O Zion,

¹³**who has strengthened the bars of your gates
and has blessed your children within you.**

¹⁴God has established peace on your borders
and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

¹⁵**God sends out a command to the earth,
a word that runs very swiftly.**

¹⁶God gives snow like wool,

scattering frost like ashes.

¹⁷**God scatters hail like bread crumbs.**

Who can stand against God's cold?

¹⁸The LORD sends forth the word and melts them;
the wind blows, and the waters flow.

¹⁹**God declares the word to Jacob,
statutes and judgments to Israel.**

²⁰The LORD has not done so to any other nation;
they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to John, the first chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Congregation please stand

Gospel Reading

John 1:1-18

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Congregation may be seated

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

Love Has Come

ELW # 292

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: Gracious God,

C: you came to us as one unknown, bringing joy and salvation to the earth. Nourish us at your banquet table, that with all who welcome your birth we may proclaim your peace, revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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

The First Noel

ELW # 300

The Dismissal

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

C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing, R. Lau

Margo Strothmann

Virtual Coffee Fellowship - EVERYONE IS WELCOME to turn on their video and sound to join in the discussion.

WORSHIP LEADERS

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

10:00 AM

Altar Guild..... Sheryl Boos
Lector..... Melba Bangert
Sound & Zoom Technician..... Dan Garrett

COMING THIS WEEK

January 3-10

Today	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion followed by virtual coffee time on Zoom
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Altar Guild --Undecorate the church
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion followed by virtual coffee time on Zoom
	11:00 a.m.	Church Council Meeting on Zoom

† *Prayer Concerns* †

OUR MEMBERS

Charles Niemann—recovering at home from COVID-19
Ingrid Niemann—recovering at home from COVID-19
Shirley Clark— recovering at Arrowhead Senior Living
Jim Ziehl—serious health concerns

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Jane Needles—pneumonia & COVID-19 (Joyce McHenry's sister)
Jim Clements—COVID-19, refusing to eat (former member)
Stacy Gongaware—stroke & COVID-19 (friend of Dan & Tracy Garrett)
Ellie Torres—non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (Karen & Bill Pragman's 15-year-old great niece)
Lisa Lind—prayers for wisdom, peace & successful Glioblastoma trial programs (Kat Lacroix's niece)
Keith & Kathy Kresse—health concerns (Barb Gidley's friends)
Sandy Robinson—health concerns (Barb Gidley's sister)

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Mary Bowton
Delaney Brumm
J.C. Buck
Bill Corliss
Kelly Covey
Dave Deily
Marianne Howley
Kay Hunt
Mike Janesch

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 JANUARY 3

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. First time with us on Zoom? Please call Pastor next week and introduce yourself, 573-374-5267.

CARE CORE for January is Ruth Osterbur, 214-242-0610.

POINSETTIAS MAY BE TAKEN HOME anytime. The church will be undecorated on Tuesday, January 5, following the Altar Guild meeting.

2021 FLOWER CHART is now on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

ALTAR GUILD WILL MEET on Tuesday, January 5, pending the decision by Church Council on January 3.

WELCA WILL NOT MEET in January. The WELCA board decided it would be in the best interest of our ladies to cancel this month. See you in February. Thank you, Karen Ringsdorf

A TABLE between the main sets of doors into the church has individual communion servings, the latest newsletter, the phone directory, new daily devotional materials, and a lot more. Also, there is 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. Or you may mail your offering to the church:
Kent Memorial PO Box 155 Sunrise Beach, MO 65079

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST NEEDS

Hearty soups

Cereals, hot and cold
Canned fruit
Catsup / mustard / salad dressings
Home Cleaning (bleach & Mr. Clean)
Toilet paper / paper towels

REMINDER--

- 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.
- Bulletins are available in the entry, beside the communion sets.
- Communication to members and friends will continue via weekly email blast concerning upcoming services and associated guidelines.