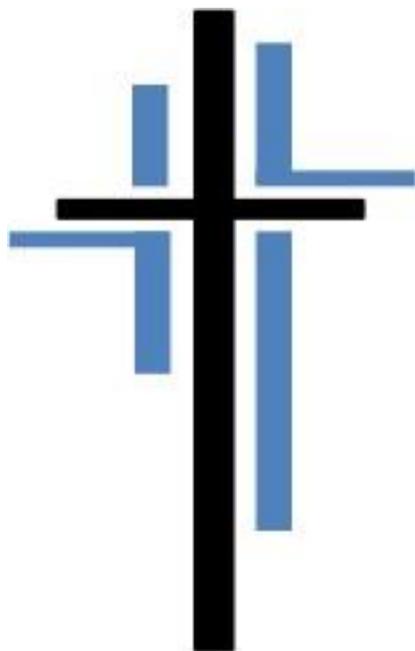


EMAIL BLAST FOR DECEMBER 13, 2020



## **3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

### **Kent Memorial Lutheran Church**

184 Sunset Hill Drive  
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

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

**December 13, 2020**

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

#### **FROM PASTOR ED**

The lectionary this week again features John the Baptist confessing that Jesus is Lord, while Isaiah brings good news to the oppressed and binds up the brokenhearted. As we draw closer to Christmas, this Advent season continues to focus our attention on Christ and the salvation that is even now breaking into our broken world and into our lives. How can we like Isaiah and John be heralds of God's gracious goodness for those who are starving for the Gospel? How can we prepare the way of the Lord?

Our virtual coffee hour following the Advent Service last week was so much fun we will not only

continue to have them on Wednesday evenings, but starting this Sunday following worship we will welcome everyone to turn on the camera and their microphones and join us in a time of fellowship, discussion and virtual donuts.

Thank you to all who have already taken a picture of their nativity scenes and sent them to me. There is still time for anyone else who would like to send theirs. If you have a story that goes with yours, where it came from, a special memory that it brings, or anything else that you would like to share feel free to send that along too.

**CHECK OUT PASTOR ED'S PODCAST AT [pastor-ed.com](http://pastor-ed.com).**

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

To join a worship service, contact the church office for the link.

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP Third Sunday of Advent

“Rejoice always,” begins the reading from 1 Thessalonians. Isaiah and the psalmist make clear that God is turning our mourning into laughter and shouts of joy. “All God’s children got a robe,” go the words of a spiritual. It is not so much a stately, formal, pressed outfit as it is a set of party clothes, clothes we are happy to wear. We receive that robe in baptism, and in worship we gather for a foretaste of God’s party.

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**Prelude** *What Child Is This*, arr. V. Collinsworth 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*

### Invocation and Opening Dialog

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C: Hosanna in the highest.**

P: Show us your mercy, O Lord,

**C: and grant us your salvation.**

P: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world,

**C: for only in you can we live in safety.**

P: Shower, O heavens, from above,

**C: and let the skies rain down righteousness.**

P: Come, O Lord, at evening with light,

**C: and in the morning, with glory, to guide our feet in the way of peace.**

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: Trusting in Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity and bring light to this broken

world, let us come before God without fear to make our confession.

*Silence for reflection.*

P: Comforting God,

**C: We confess before you and in the presence of one another that we are sinners who fail to live as you desire. So often we place our trust in ourselves and not in you. We do not love each other as you commanded. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive us. In your boundless patience and mercy, lead us to live by faith in your promise. Amen.**

P: God's love for us is greater than our sins. God promises full pardon and complete forgiveness to all who turn from sin and place their trust in Christ, the light of the world. Hear and believe the Good News that all your sins are forgiven. Amen.

### **Sharing of the Peace**

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

**C: And also with you.**

### **Gathering Hymn**

*Blessed Be the God of Israel*

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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 (sung)**

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#### **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** Glory to God in the highest

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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: Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; 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*

## Lighting the Advent Candle

Pastor: 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 9:6)

**C: Jesus, said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." (John 14:27)**

Pastor: Come again O Lord of Peace.

*Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*

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## Special Music

*Breath of Heaven*

Vanessa Hebrank &  
Tracy Garrett

## Adventures in Liturgy

### First Reading

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 126 (*Congregation reads responsively*)

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
then were we like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup>**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

**Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we are glad indeed.

<sup>4</sup>**Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

<sup>5</sup>Those who sowed with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.

<sup>6</sup>**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

### Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

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 1:6-8, 19-28

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

*Congregation may be seated*

### Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

### Hymn of the Day

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cry*

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*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:** Generous God,

**C:** you have created all that is, and you provide for us in every season. Bless all that we offer, that through these gifts the world will receive your blessing. In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, we pray. Amen.

**Holy Communion (sung)**

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**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 (sung)**

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r 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. All believers are welcome at the Lord's table.*

**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**

*Hark, the Glad Sound!*

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**The Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*  
Tune: Hyfrydol

Margo Strothmann

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

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

**10:00 AM**

Altar Guild..... Linda Williams  
Liturgist .....Tracy Garrett  
Lector..... Teri Stout  
Sound Technician ..... Bill Blomberg  
Zoom Technician.....Tracy Garrett

**COMING THIS WEEK**  
**December 13-20**

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| Today     | 10:00 a.m. | Worship with Holy Communion<br>followed by fellowship time on Zoom   |
| Monday    | 9:00 a.m.  | Social Ministry Committee (on Zoom)  |
| Tuesday   | 9:45 a.m.  | Community for Christ   |
|           | 6:00 p.m.  | Church Council Meeting (on Zoom)   |
| Wednesday | 6:00 p.m.  | Midweek advent Worship (on Zoom)<br>“It’s a Wonderful Life in Christ”,<br>followed by “coffee fellowship” time |
| Thursday  | 9:45 a.m.  | Community for Christ   |
| Saturday  | 9:45 a.m.  | Community for Christ   |
| Sunday    | 10:00 a.m. | Worship with Holy Communion<br>followed by fellowship time on Zoom   |

**† Prayer Concerns †**

**OUR MEMBERS**

Al Mohling—recovering from shoulder surgery 12/4  
Ron & Jane Kornfeind—recovering at home from COVID-19  
Shirley Clark— recovering at Arrowhead Senior Living  
Jim Ziehl—serious health concerns

**OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS**

John Markby—acute respiratory failure from COVID-19 (Cindy Curchy’s brother-in-law)  
Keith & Kathy Kresse—health concerns (Barb Gidley’s friends)  
Sandy Robinson—health concerns (Barb Gidley’s sister)  
Lisa Lind—prayers for tumor reduction & good test results on December 8 (Kat Lacroix’s niece)

*Christian condolences and hope to Sharon Strothmann, her children, and her extended family, on the death of Edward on December 8. [Edward was Richard’s older brother.]*

**CONTINUED PRAYERS**

Mary Bowton  
Delaney Brumm  
J.C. Buck  
Bill Corliss  
Kelly Covey  
Pr. Kimberly Cunningham  
Dave Deily  
Marianne Howley  
Kay Hunt  
Mike Janesch  
Bev Kidder  
Tracy Kidder  
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 DECEMBER 13**

**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 sanctuary sound room. First time here? Please introduce yourself to Pastor at the end of the service.

**CARE CORE** for December is Linda Williams, 573-374-9147.

**POINSETTIAS AT THE ALTAR** If you would like to dedicate a poinsettia to a loved one, please email or call the church office – office@kentmemorial.com, 573-374-5267. Altar Guild requests a donation of \$14.50 per poinsettia.

#### **NOTES--**

- 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.
- Communication to members and friends will continue via weekly email blast concerning upcoming services and associated guidelines.

**ADVENT SERVICES** We will wrap up our mid-week Advent services this Wednesday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom. The theme is “Our Greatest Gift: A Wonderful Life in Christ,” based around the movie, “It’s a Wonderful Life.” George and the gang will lead us through these days leading up to Christmas, reminding us that it is Christ who makes our lives precious, and because He does, they are precious indeed.

Week Three: The Angel Proclaims

Following worship we will leave Zoom open for a bit and will encourage anyone who wants to stay to

turn on their cameras and have a virtual coffee hour.

**To join the midweek Advent service on Zoom, please contact the church office.**

**A TABLE** between the main sets of doors into the church has individual communion servings, the latest newsletter, a new phone directory, the 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

**CHRISTMAS AT KENT MEMORIAL**

December 16 6:00 p.m. Midweek Advent Worship

December 24 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (pre-service music begins on  
Zoom at approximately 5:50 p.m.)