



Baptism of Our Lord

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

January 10, 2021

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

FROM PASTOR ED

As we begin the season of the Sundays after Epiphany, we consider how it is that God is and has been revealed in our world. In Jesus' baptism, he is identified as the beloved Son of God. Baptism continues then for us to be one of the places where God's presence and grace are experienced. In our baptisms God makes us his own, calls us beloved, and God's spirit rests upon us. It is a singular event to which we can return daily to have our faith and our hope restored.

The Congregation Council met via Zoom following worship on Sunday and voted to resume our in-person worship services once again this week [01-10-21]. We will, of course, continue to observe the best practices for keeping one another safe: social distancing, wearing masks and not singing, and we will continue to stream the services live on Zoom of course for all of you who would prefer or need to attend that way. May God continue to bless and keep us as we serve and worship God, and care for one another during these truly remarkable times. See you Sunday, either here or on there. (grin)

USHERS NEEDED! Now that we're back to worshipping together, ushers are needed for Sunday mornings. Sign up in the fellowship hall or call the church office if you can help out.

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

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

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

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Prelude

All Is Well, arr. Carol Tornquist

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.

Welcome

Congregation please stand

Call to Worship

- P: John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
- C: **We acknowledge our own baptism and rejoice in the promise of God's love.**
- P: The Holy Spirit came upon Jesus as he came up out of the water, and God said, "*You are my Son, the beloved; with you I am well pleased.*"
- C: **In quietness and humility, we await the renewing power of God's Holy Spirit.**

Prayer of Confession

All: O God, John's baptism of repentance is for us. We are the ones who have been baptized into your name but find countless ways to bring dishonor to our status as your children. Forgive us for acting as those who have not heard your name or your command to love you and love our neighbor as ourselves. Help us to live lives that inspire people to faith. Your Son has given us forgiveness through his own death and resurrection. We celebrate our standing as redeemed and forgiven of our sins. In the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Absolution

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you and for his sake, God forgives you all your sins. Our merciful God promises you the Holy Spirit to become and be children of God. You are invited to the table to be renewed today. Let your faith be fed. Let your life reflect that love.

Sharing of the Peace

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

C: **And also with you.**

Gathering Hymn (spoken) *Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God*

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: **Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, 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

Go, Tell It On the Mountain

Katie Heaford,
Jane Maher & Bill Work

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29 (*Congregation reads responsively*)

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
 ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;**
 worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
 the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;**
 the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
 the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,**
 and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
⁷The voice of the LORD
 bursts forth in lightning flashes.
⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;**
 the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
 And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"
¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;**
 the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.
¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
 give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

Second Reading

Acts 19:1-7

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to Mark, the first chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Congregation please stand

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:4-11

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Congregation may be seated

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day (spoken) *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!*

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: Let us pray.
C: Have mercy, O God.

Presentation of Our Offerings

Offering Prayer

P: O God,
C: receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.
Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. 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)
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.

Congregation may be seated

Distribution (please open your communion packet)

P: The body of Christ given for you.
The blood of Christ shed for you.

Congregation please stand

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Congregation may be seated

Announcements

Sending Hymn (spoken) *God, Whose Almighty Word*

The Dismissal

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

Postlude *Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow*, arr. M. Hayes Joyce Wanamaker

WORSHIP LEADERS

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

10:00 A.M.

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COMING THIS WEEK

January 10-17

Today	10:00 a.m.	In-Person Worship with Holy Communion followed by virtual coffee time on Zoom
Monday		OFFICE CLOSED
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Worship & Music Committee
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Devotion
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion followed by virtual coffee time 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—in palliative care (Joyce McHenry's sister)

Jim Clements—moved to rehab for therapy (former member)

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

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Ruth and Randy Osterbur

CARE CORE for January is Ruth Osterbur, 217-242-0610.

TAKE A POINSETTIAS HOME If you would like a poinsettia to enjoy at home, please pick one up by this morning, January 10. If you want one but can't get to the church by Sunday, call and let Tracy know and she'll set one aside for you.

2021 FLOWER CHART is now on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up this morning.
Cost: \$20.

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST New Year, new opportunity to volunteer at CFC, January 19, 21 and 23. Please help the retail operations if you can. CFC for the year 2020 assisted 763 families with life's needs and 352 families with food. Monies from retail sales allows aid to families. Due to the fact that Kent is also working on limited in person basis contact Jim Mellody or Chuck Wanamaker if you can help. The sign-up sheet is also available. The families in need has increased and will continue to increase during this season. Please help! Thanks to all.

FROM KAREN MELLODY at CFC: Community for Christ wishes to thank our Kent family for all the wonderful holiday meal donations. Whether with food such as turkeys, hams, potatoes, dressing and all kinds of goodies or donations of money. For those who donated money it was so much fun sending Jim Nivens to the store, several times, with long lists of things to purchase! Pies, more turkeys, hams, mushroom soup, crunchy onions, rolls, pie filling, flour and sugar. All of this food went to families and many elderly people who are very much in need. I can't tell you how many times I heard "I didn't know what we were going to do."

This last year had been a tough one, our Kent family differently brought joy to many!! And Michael (Wagner), thank you for organizing this effort!! You are so very thoughtful.

CFC wishes everyone a Happy New Year and many, many blessings!!

BLUE BOX NEEDS Your generosity in the year 2020 helped feed 352 families. Remember the goal for each month is 200 items. Thank you for sharing your gifts with others.

- Ensure or some sort of protein drinks
- Deodorant (men's & women's)
- Cereals (hot & cold)
- Canned Fruit (low sugar if possible)
- Canned Chef Boy-R-Dee type meals
- Hearty Soups
- Diapers (size 4, 5 & 6) *Our babies are getting bigger!!!*
- Condiments (catsup, mustard, salad dressing)
- Chili & Taco seasonings

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

REMINDER--

- 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 activities.