

EMAIL BLAST FOR JANUARY 17



## **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

### **Kent Memorial Lutheran Church**

184 Sunset Hill Drive  
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

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

**January 17, 2021**

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

#### **FROM PASTOR ED**

With Philip's invitation to "come and see" Nathanael is brought into the presence of Christ, blessed and set upon the path of discipleship. Oh what great things we have seen because someone has dared invite us to come and see Jesus. Oh what wonders we have to share with our neighbors, our family and friends when we invite them to come and see!

The sorting, packing and cleaning has begun! See you all on Sunday, in church or online, it is all good!

**AUDIT IS THIS SUNDAY** Committee Treasurers: Please be sure your books are at the church by Sunday morning. Questions, call Linda Kimberling, 573-372-5744.

**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, 573-374-5267, for the link.

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called “the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven” (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

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**Prelude**

*Day By Day*, arr. B. Budda

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*

**Call to Worship**

P: God, in great wisdom, knows each of his servants by name. With Nathaniel, we wonder, “Where did you get to know me, O Lord?”

**C: For God knows us better than we know ourselves.**

P: Thus says the Lord, through the prophet Isaiah, “I have held you since you were conceived, and have carried you since your birth.”

**C: We praise your name, O Lord, for you had a plan for our life even before we were born.**

**Prayer of Confession**

**All: O God, you call and call our names. There are times that we, like Moses, make excuses and ask not to serve you. There are times that we, like Jonah, say we will serve but then turn and go the other way. There are times that we, like Samuel, hear your voice but lack knowledge to follow your call. Help us recognize your voice in our lives. Give us the eagerness of Samuel to jump up, in the middle of the night, to respond to your call. Forgive us when we ignore you or make excuses. Work in us a willing spirit. We pray in the name of the one who calls us, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 children of God. You are invited to The Table to be renewed today. Let your life reflect that love.

**C: Amen. Thanks be to God!**

**Sharing of the Peace**

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

**C: And also with you.**

**Gathering Hymn**

*O Zion, Haste*

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: Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Congregation may be seated*

**Special Music**

*Here I Am, Lord*

Eldeen Hanke

**First Reading**

1 Samuel 3:1-20

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18** (congregation reads responsively)

<sup>1</sup>LORD, you have searched me out;

O LORD, you have known me.

<sup>2</sup>**You know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

<sup>3</sup>You trace my journeys and my resting-places  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

<sup>5</sup>You encompass me, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup>**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;**

**it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

<sup>13</sup>For you yourself created my inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup>**I will thank you because I am marvelously made;  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

<sup>15</sup>My body was not hidden from you,  
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

<sup>16</sup>**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book;  
my days were fashioned before they came to be.**

<sup>17</sup>How deep I find your thoughts, O God!  
How great is the sum of them!

<sup>18</sup>If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;  
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

**Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

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 1:43-51

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)

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

*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)

**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.

*Congregation please stand*

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

### **Benediction**

*Congregation may be seated*

**Announcements**

**Sending Hymn**

*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

**The Dismissal**

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

**C: we share Jesus with all!**

**Postlude**

*Because He Lives*, Wm. Gaither

Margo Strothmann

**Virtual Fellowship Time**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

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

**10:00 AM**

Altar Guild..... Ruth Osterbur  
 Lector..... Melba Bangert  
 Ushers .....Lynn & Joyce Burke  
 Sound Technician .....Jim Saunders  
 Zoom Technician.....Tracy Garrett

**COMING THIS WEEK**

**January 17-24**

Today	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion followed by virtual coffee time on Zoom
Monday		OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday	9:45 a.m.	Community for Christ
	6:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Community for Christ Board Meeting
Thursday	9:45 a.m.	Community for Christ
	10:00 a.m.	Men’s Devotion
Saturday	9:45 a.m.	Community for Christ
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion - Installation of Church Council followed by virtual coffee time on Zoom

**† Prayer Concerns †**

**OUR MEMBERS**

Ken Gerardy—health concerns

Shirley Clark—recovering at Arrowhead Senior Living  
Jim Ziehl—serious health concerns

### **OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS**

Jane Needles—under 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)

### **CONTINUED PRAYERS**

Mary Bowton  
Delaney Brumm  
J.C. Buck  
Bill Corliss  
Kelly Covey  
Dave Deily  
Marianne Howley  
Kay Hunt  
Mike Janesch  
Linda Kimberling  
Keith & Kathy Kresse  
Jim Lane  
Gene Melton  
Charles Niemann  
Ingrid Niemann  
Julie Patterson  
Helen Pragman  
Diane Reams  
Sandy Robinson  
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 17

**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.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given by Tracy Garrett & Vanessa Hebrank – Happy Birthday to their brother Jeff (2/18) and to their mother, Margo (2/24).

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

**SIGN UP TO PUT FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** The 2021 FLOWER CHART is now on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up this morning or call the church office and specify the date. Cost: \$20.

**CHURCH COUNCIL INSTALLATION** will take place during worship on January 24. Thank you to all who have offered their time and talents to serve Kent.

**MEN'S DEVOTION** has resumed on Thursday mornings, 10:00 a.m., in the fellowship hall. Grab a mask and join the conversation.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will resume in-person this Wednesday, January 20, 9:00 a.m., in the library.

**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.

**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--**

- We are worshipping in-person again. We are also Zooming every service.
- Masks are requested when in the church.
- Bulletins are available in the entry, beside the communion sets.
- 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 activities.