

Email Blast for January 2, 2022



## **Epiphany Sunday**

### **Kent Memorial Lutheran Church**

184 Sunset Hill Drive  
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

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

January 2, 2022

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

#### **FROM PASTOR ED**

As we begin this fresh new year we may look back and see all of the ways and places where God was with us last year. In both good times and less than good times, through many ups and downs and transcending each crisis that last year brought to our world and into our lives, our God was there. We also look forward to the year ahead, hoping that it will be less troublesome than the last few, knowing that it will have its own challenges, and with faith that the God who loves us, the God who created us and came and lived among us, that this God, will surely continue to save us. He is God's word made flesh, and that word is, "I love you."

Have a great week!  
Pastor Ed

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

To join a worship service, please contact the church at 573-374-5267 for assistance.

## Welcome to Worship

The feast of Epiphany (“manifestation”) concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God’s glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God’s love to all people.

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**Prelude** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear, 1. Trio* Todd Westgate  
*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**

P: This is the day the Lord has made.

**C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

### **Invocation**

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, the maker of heaven and earth, the Word made Flesh, the Lord and giver of life.

**C: Amen.**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

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

*Silence for reflection*

**C: God of glory, God of peace, we confess that we have shunned the light that reveals the truth about us. We cling to worldly things rather than sharing the gifts of this earth. We trust ourselves above all. Save your people, O God: sustain the rivers and trees that sing your praise; and free us to live boldly in the light and truth of Jesus, our Savior.**

P: The grace of God shines upon us, bringing salvation to the whole world. We are saved, our sins are washed away, not because of anything we have done, but according to God’s grace and mercy in Jesus Christ. Renewed by the Holy Spirit, let us live in hope, in peace, and in joy.

**C: Amen.**

**Sharing of the Peace** (We share the words, “Peace be with you” with one another)

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

**C: And also with you.**

### **Gathering Hymn**

*Brightest and Best of the Stars*

ELW # 303

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 Setting 4**

ELW p. 147

**Kyrie**

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.<sup>7</sup>**

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, an for all who offer here 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:** This is the feast

ELW p. 149

L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lam who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**All: O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Children's Sermon**

Pastor Ed

**First Reading**

Isaiah 60:1-6

Bible-Old Testament p. 707

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14** (congregation reads responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the king's son;

<sup>2</sup>**that he may rule your people righteously  
and the poor with justice;**

<sup>3</sup>that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
and the <sup>1</sup>hills, in righteousness.

<sup>4</sup>**Let him defend the needy among the people,  
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

<sup>5</sup>May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
from one generation to another.

<sup>6</sup>**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.**

<sup>7</sup>In his time may the righteous flourish;

and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

<sup>10</sup>**May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute,  
and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.**

<sup>11</sup>May all kings bow down before him,  
and all the nations do him service.

<sup>12</sup>**For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress,  
the oppressed, and those who have no helper.**

<sup>13</sup>He has compassion on the lowly and poor,  
and preserves the lives of the needy.

<sup>14</sup>**From oppression and violence he redeems their lives,  
and precious is their blood in his sight.**

**Second Reading**

Ephesians 3:1-12

Bible-New Testament p. 185

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Announcement**

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to Matthew, the second chapter

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 2:1-12

Bible-New Testament p. 1

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Ed Foster

**Hymn of the Day**

*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*

ELW # 308, v. 1 & 2

**Installation of New Church Council**

**Profession of Faith–Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

**and his kingdom will have no end.**  
**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**  
**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**  
**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**  
**who has spoken through the prophets.**  
**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**  
**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**  
**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**  
**and the life of the world to come. 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**

*What Child Is This*

Todd Westgate

**Offering Prayer** (sung)

*As with Gladness Men of Old*

ELW # 302, v. 1 & 3

### **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...

### **Holy, Holy, Holy**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, 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.**

*Congregation may be seated*

### **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**

*The First Noel*  
*Your Little Ones, Dear Lord*

ELW # 300  
ELW # 286, v. 1-3

### **Post-Communion Prayer**



Sunday	8:45 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
		Sunday School & Bible Study for all ages
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)
		Handbells Rehearsal

## ✠ *Prayer Concerns* ✠

### **OUR MEMBERS**

Marilyn Peterson—health concerns  
 LeeAnne Brumm—broken left foot, still on oxygen from COVID-19  
 Ken Gerardy—in therapy in Kansas City

### **OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS**

Mike Holmes—health concerns (friend of Wendy Blomberg)  
 Kelsey Erickson—recovering from surgery  
 Steve O'Connor—hospitalized with COVID (friend of Wendy Blomberg)  
 Amy Ward—recovering from car accident (Nancy Williams)  
 Ron Roberts—serious health concerns (friend of Judy & Mike Ward)  
 Joel Luna—serious health concerns (Pauline Evans' brother-in-law)  
 Mary Beth Fair—stage 4 metastatic melanoma (Larry Fair's niece)

### **CONTINUED PRAYERS**

Georgi Anne  
 Joe Bauer  
 Jania Bauer  
 Evelyn Beaver  
 Marcille Bohling  
 Shirley Clark  
 Kelly Covey  
 Linda Durbin  
 Carrie Eggers  
 Ron Ferguson  
 Jerry Green  
 Shirley Hamm  
 Linda Harris  
 Marianne Howley  
 Linda Kimberling  
 Dave Newton  
 Mike Page  
 Julie Patterson  
 Rev. Bill Peterson  
 Sandy Robinson  
 Loren Saathoff  
 Pat Shank  
 Dean Smith  
 Pam Smith  
 Ellie Torres  
 Ted Turner  
 Brian Urbano

Hannah Whan  
Cindy Wilde  
Joan Wilken  
Clarion Winzenburg  
Bob Worthley  
Kyle Zygmund

## **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  
Matt Lee  
Jordan Lindeman  
Glenn Maddock  
Tristan Morgan  
Adam Peterson

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 2**

**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 sound room. 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 at the end of the service.

**CARE CORE** for January is Joyce Burke, 712-298-0993.

**POINSETTIAS FOR XMAS** Apologies for missing three of you who put a poinsettia in the church for Christmas: Wendy Blomberg, in memory of Bill Blomberg; Jim & Karen Mellody, in memory of all of our family members & friends gone before us; and Lynn & Joyce Burke, in memory of our loved ones.

You may take home your poinsettias after church on Sunday.

**UNDECORATE THE CHURCH** We will undecorate the church on Tuesday, January 4, beginning around 10:30am. All help is welcome.

**EVENING ADULT BIBLE STUDY ~ GENESIS** Join Pastor Ed for a new Wednesday evening Bible Study January 12 through February 23 at 6:00 p.m. Please sign up in the fellowship hall so we have enough sandwiches – or feel free to bring your own dinner. If you are interested but can't attend in person, there is a Zoom link available.

**W/ELCA** will hold its monthly meeting this Tuesday, January 4th, at 11 A.M. Please bring your W/ELCA Handbook for updates. We look forward to seeing you.

**COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST** Please sign up to volunteer at CFC this week, Kent's week to work: Tuesday Jan. 4, Thursday Jan. 6 and Saturday Jan. 8th. Even though the holidays have passed, the need

for assistance is still great in the community. If you can find time to help work the retail sales and accept the many donations expected you will be blessed. Thank you!

**WESTSIDE SENIOR CENTER** Kent Memorial kicks off 2022 for the Center by helping with lunch this week, January 3-7, 10:20am-12:30pm. Sign up in the fellowship today. Contact Jane Maher if you have questions.

**SOUP FOR YOU** When Kathy Fair makes soup, she always makes extra to share. There will be individual servings available on Sunday for any of you who would like to take some home for lunch or dinner. A donation of \$2-\$3 is appreciated to help cover the groceries. Pick up the soup during our fellowship time on Sunday.

**THRIVENT MEMBERS** Thrivent has set up a Relief Fund for the victims of the tornadoes that ripped across six states earlier this month. As the Christian community comes together to pray for, and reach out to, the victims of the recent tornadoes, Thrivent is mobilizing its financial resources and clients to help those in need. Thrivent clients and others interested in learning ways to help with the recovery efforts are encouraged to visit [Thrivent.com/disasterresponse](http://Thrivent.com/disasterresponse). Thank you for your support. Your commitment to living generously is appreciated.

**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 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 P.O. Box 155 Sunrise Beach, MO 65079

**REMINDER--**

- We are worshipping at 10am inside and live-streaming via Zoom.com
- We continue to provide an opportunity for social distancing in the sanctuary
- Communion will be celebrated every Sunday. If you prefer, you may continue to commune using the pre-filled communion wafer/cup combination available in the Gathering Place.
- Please continue to be COVID safe
  - Stay home if you are sick or not feeling well
  - Masks and social distancing are encouraged for those who have not been vaccinated