

Email Blast for December 5, 2021



2nd Sunday of Advent

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

December 5, 2021

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

FROM PASTOR ED

John the Baptist came out of the wilderness, preparing the way of the Lord. He baptized, he preached, and he called people to repentance. As we prepare for Christmas, for the long awaited second coming of our Lord, and especially as we prepare ourselves for the Lord to come to us in our everyday lives, John continues to call us to repentance, to turn away from sin and all of those things which would separate us from our God, and to turn towards the one who graciously gives us life. As we traverse this Advent season, where do you find yourself being turned?

Where are you being called to repentance?

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

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

Welcome to Worship

Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Christ as forerunner of the LORD of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and assist all people in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."

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Prelude *Andante from Italian Concerto in F, J.S. Bach* 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

P: This is the day the Lord has made.

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Invocation and Opening Dialog

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity + one God, who forgives our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: The Sun of Righteousness shall rise with shining beams of healing. Let us gather under the wings of God's mercy

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Merciful God,

C: We acknowledge that we are sinners and we confess our sins – those known to us that burden our hearts, and those unknown to us but seen by you. We know that before you nothing remains hidden, and in you everything is revealed. Free us from the slavery of sin; liberate us from the bondage of guilt; work in us that which is pleasing in your sight; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P: With a heart full of compassion, God forgives us all our sins, Christ, the dawn from on high, shines upon us, and by the light of the Holy Spirit guides our feet into the way of peace.

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

Hark, the Glad Sound

ELW # 239, v. 1, 2 & 4

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.

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 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 Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

All: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY (written by Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller)

Pastor Ed &
Jessie Harger-Rieser

L: God of Light, we come before you seeking your hope and power. Our hearts desire your presence. We are waiting for the dawn from on high to break upon us. We light candles trusting that the smallest flame can drive out our greatest fears. We anticipate your coming among us with peace and thankfulness. As we await your coming, light a flame within us:

C: MAY WE SHINE WITH THE BRIGHTNESS OF YOUR HOPE.

L: God of Light, as we light this second candle, open our voices to declare your goodness. You come from on high into the depths of our lives, into both the joy and the despair. And you declare your grace for each of us. Guide us in the path of peace. Light a flame within us:

C: MAY WE SHINE WITH THE BRIGHTNESS OF YOUR LIGHT.

L: God of Light, we remember today our brothers and sisters in Nepal. As they wait for healing and support, give them your peace. We pray for your presence, knowledge, and protection for our neighbors amid the challenges they face. Grant them health and understanding. Light a flame within us:

C: MAY WE SHINE WITH THE BRIGHTNESS OF YOUR HOPE.

L: God of Light, keep our voices tuned to words of praise. May we always follow your path of peace.

C: GUIDE US IN THESE ADVENT DAYS UNTIL OUR SAVIOR IS BORN AMONG US.

L: Turn our attention to you, the One who is our song, our hope, and our joy. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, the light that has no end.

C: AMEN.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Ed

Anthem

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Kent Handbells

First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

Bible-Old Testament p. 915

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.**Psalm Luke 1:68-79** (congregation reads responsively)

⁶⁸Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,
you have come to your people and set them free.

⁶⁹**You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,
born of the house of your servant David.**

⁷⁰Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies,
⁷¹from the hands of all who hate us,

⁷²**to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.**

⁷³This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:
⁷⁴to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**free to worship you without fear,
⁷⁵holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.**

⁷⁶And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

⁷⁷**to give God's people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

⁷⁸In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

⁷⁹**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Second Reading

Philippians 1:3-11

Bible-New Testament p. =188

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.**Gospel Announcement**

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to Luke, the third chapter

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

Luke 3:1-6

Bible-New Testament p. 56

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

ELW # 249, v. 1, 3 & 5

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: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

Reception of Offerings *Please fill out the red friendship pad and pass it to your neighbor*

Offertory

The Angel Gabriel

Margo Strothmann

Offering Prayer

P: God of our waiting and watching,

C: **we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people.**

Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. Amen.

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.

Lamb of God

Communion Hymns	<i>Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah</i>	ELW # 240
	<i>You Satisfy the Hungry heart</i>	ELW # 484
	<i>Around You, O Lord Jesus</i>	ELW # 468

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn	<i>Prepare the Royal Highway</i>	ELW # 264, v. 1 & 4
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The Dismissal

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

Postlude	<i>People Look East</i>	Margo Strothmann
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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.....	Judy Ward
Greeter & Usher.....	Lynn & Joyce Burke
Liturgist	Al Mohling
Lector.....	Teri Stout
Sound & Zoom Technician.....	Al Mohling
Coffee Fellowship.....	Gerry & Linda Williams

COMING THIS WEEK

December 5-12

Today	8:45 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts) Handbells Rehearsal
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Evangelism
Tuesday	10:45 a.m.	WELCA Christmas Luncheon
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Worship & Music Committee
	6:00 p.m.	Midweek Advent Worship & Potluck
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Devotion
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Cookie decorating
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Cookie/Candy/Bake Sale (-noon)
	2:00 p.m.	Reams Visitation
	2:30 p.m.	Reams Memorial Service (followed by cake & coffee)
Sunday	8:45 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts) Handbells Rehearsal

✠ *Prayer Concerns* ✠

OUR MEMBERS

LeeAnne Brumm—broken left foot, still on oxygen from COVID-19

Dale Hanke—back surgery 12/2

Pat Embich—health concerns

Charles Embich—recovering from cataract surgery

Ken Gerardy—in therapy in Kansas City

Christian condolences and hope are extended to Curt Reams and his family on the death of Diane on November 27.

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Amy Ward—recovering from car accident (Nancy Williams)

Ron Roberts—serious health concerns (friend of Judy & Mike Ward)

Kelsey Erickson—prayers that surgery happens

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 DECEMBER 5

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 December is Linda Williams, 374-9147.

WELCA CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON We will have our traditional Christmas Potluck Luncheon on Tuesday, December 7. This year's potluck lunch will be a soup & salad luncheon. Please sign up on the WELCA bulletin board. The children from Hurricane Deck School will be singing for us so arrive by 10:45am to be ready to greet them.

Please bring canned goods for Community for Christ.

HURRICANE DECK CHRISTMAS STORE In just about a month, Thursday, December 16 Hurricane Deck Elementary will be having their annual Christmas Store. As I am sure most of you know, it is not really a "store" but a place where parents can go select presents for their children. The parents that are invited to attend have children on free or reduced lunches. I received a Thrivent Action Team for board games but would love to have more if anyone would like to donate. If board games aren't your thing, they can use any new toys that you would like to give. See Wendy Blomberg if you have questions. I would like to have everything to the church by Sunday, December 12th. Thank you!

LOVING GIFTS TREE Social Ministry Committee has received 50 names again this year from CADV (Citizens Against Domestic Violence) for our Loving Christmas Tree, which is in our Fellowship Room this morning. We look forward to another year of blessing these children & moms with gifts of love & caring for their needs, and offering prayers for their future. Gifts must be back to Kent by Dec. 12th. Contact Jan Gauck: 714-334-0603 or Melba Bangert: 573-836-5030 for more information.

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.

BLUE BOX NEEDS ~ "THE TWELVE DAYS OF ADVENT GIVING"

Canned veggies "12 cans of veggies..."

Canned fruit "11 cans of fruit..."

Gravy packets "10 gravy packets..."

Soups (cream of mushroom is popular this time of year) "9 cans of soup..."

Toilet paper "8 TP rolls..."

Potatoes (white, red and sweet) "7 bags of taters..."

Stove top dressing or bags of dressing bread cubes "6 Stove Top Dressing..."

Canned onions rings "5 onion rings..."

Catsup, mustard, Mayo and salad dressing "4 condiments..."

Canned meats of any kind "3 canned meats..."

Dinner rolls "2 dinner rolls..."

Turkeys - any size (CfC will match up the size with the families in need) "And one humongous turkey..."
AND...

Hams - any size

Box mashed potatoes

Rice packets of any flavor

Frozen pies

Paper towels

Tissues (Kleenex, Puffs, etc.)

Personal Hygiene items too. Shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, deodorant...

Detergent for washing clothes

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