

Email Blast for December 12, 2021



3rd Sunday of Advent

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

December 12, 2021

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

FROM PASTOR ED

In this week's lesson from the Gospel of Luke, John The Baptist "prepares" the way of the Lord by calling the crowds that had come out to him to bear fruit worthy of repentance. His voice surely calls across the centuries, pointing us towards the one who is greater than himself, while also insisting that our lives match our proclamation. As Christmas approaches, how can we bear fruit worthy of repentance? Having been turned away from sin and all of those things which would keep us from loving God and loving our neighbor, what do we want to do? What do we need to do? What kind of fruit will we bear?

NOTE: Sunday, December 12 is “Pearl Sunday” – if you have pearls that you rarely get to wear, now’s your chance. Wear them to church on Sunday.

SUNDAY ZOOM LINK

To join Zoom Worship just click on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/765672247?pwd=cHdGWUVZT1FHUkhtbWNXSWtEMlIXQT09>

Meeting ID: 765 672 247

Passcode: 021707

To join a worship service, click the link above. Please mute your phone and turn off video when you join the meeting to ensure everyone can hear.

To listen on your phone instead of video, dial 1+312-626-6799 [long distance charges may apply]. We will celebrate holy communion. Have a piece of bread or cracker and a small amount of wine or juice ready for consecration.

If this is your first time on Zoom, please contact our secretary, Tracy, at 573-374-5267 OR 214-206-5807, or drop by the office with your phone or iPad, and we’ll help get you set up.

Welcome to Worship

Christ’s presence in our midst in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of the God in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one “more powerful” than John, even with a winnowing fork in hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent.

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Prelude *Immanuel (From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable)* 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

Invocation and Opening Dialog

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

C: Amen.

P: Look! He is coming with the clouds.

C: Every eye will see him, even those who pierced him.

P: All the nations will be gathered before him,

C: and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Lest that day surprise us unprepared, let us make confession of our sin, asking our heavenly Father to have mercy upon us for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. Fearful for our own welfare, we close our eyes to the needs of others, and hoard your generous gifts to satisfy our

own desires. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Rejoice with all your hearts! For the sake of Jesus Christ, the Lord has taken away the judgements against us!

C: And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

P: Surely he is coming soon.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

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

Joy to the World

ELW # 267

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: Glory to God in the highest

ELW p. 148

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 sins 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 preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; 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 Generosity, as the days grow shorter, increase our devotion to you. Help us to listen for your voice. We wait in hope. 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 Generosity, as we light this third candle, increase in us a desire to share your love. Open our eyes to see what we have been given, and to offer our gifts to others. If we have food and clothing, help us to share. If we have hope, help us to share. Light a flame within us:
- C: MAY WE SHINE WITH THE BRIGHTNESS OF YOUR GENEROSITY.**
- L: God of Generosity, we remember today our sisters and brothers in Lebanon. You are a God who knows what it means to wander and seek safety and shelter. Provide peace and calm to those who flee their homes in Syria. Give them food, shelter and welcoming hearts. We pray for their safety, and trust that you walk with them. Light a flame within us:
- C: MAY WE SHINE WITH THE BRIGHTNESS OF YOUR HOPE.**
- L: God of Generosity, open our hearts, minds and hands. Help us to see the abundance in our midst.
- 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

Great Light!

Kent Choir & Members of
The Greater Lake Area Chorale

First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Bible-Old Testament p. 902

- L: The Word of the Lord
C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Isaiah 12:2-6 (*Congregation reads responsively*)

- ²Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might, and has become my salvation.
- ³**With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.**
- ⁴And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name;
make known the deeds of the LORD among the nations; proclaim that this name is exalted.
- ⁵**Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.**
- ⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

Bible-New Testament p. 190

- 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 3:7-18

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

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding

ELW # 246, v. 1-4

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.

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

Offertory

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Joyce Wanamaker

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...

Words of Institution

Holy, Holy, Holy

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.

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| Communion Hymns | <i>Comfort, Comfort Now My People</i> | ELW # 256 |
| | <i>O Lord, How Shall I Meet You</i> | ELW # 241 |
| | <i>The King Shall Come</i> | ELW # 260 |

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

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| Sending Hymn | <i>People, Look East</i> | ELW # 248, v. 1, 2 & 4 |
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The Dismissal

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

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

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| Postlude | <i>Behold That Star</i> | Joyce Wanamaker |
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| Fellowship Time | | EVERYONE IS WELCOME |
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WORSHIP LEADERS

PastorEd Foster
OrganistJoyce Wanamaker
Choir Director.....Tracy Garrett
Handbells Director..... Katie Heaford
Choir Accompanist.....Margo Strothmann

10:00 AM

Altar Guild..... Melba Bangert
Greeter/Usher.....Bob & Karole Karls
Lector..... Teri Stout
Sound & Zoom Technician..... Michael Wagner
Coffee Fellowship.....Lynn & Joyce Burke

COMING THIS WEEK

December 12-19

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| 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 | 9:00 a.m. | Social Ministry Committee |
| Wednesday | 9:00 a.m. | Women's Bible Study |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Midweek Advent Worship & Potluck |
| Thursday | 10:00 a.m. | Men's Devotion |
| Sunday | 8:45 a.m. | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Adult Bible Study begins |
| | 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

Dale Hanke—recovering from back surgery

Ken Gerardy—in therapy in Kansas City

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

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)

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 12

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.

CHRISTMAS GOODIE BAGS We will be assembling the Christmas Goodie Bags for Hurricane Deck School on Sunday, December 12th after church for the boys and girls at Hurricane Deck and South School. Any help would be appreciated!

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 Gifts must be back to Kent THIS SUNDAY, 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"

Turkeys - any size (CfC will match up the size with the families in need) "*And one humongous turkey...*"
Hams - any size
Dinner rolls "*2 dinner rolls...*"
Canned meats of any kind "*3 canned meats...*"
Catsup, mustard, Mayo and salad dressing "*4 condiments...*"

Canned onions rings “5 onion rings...”
Stove top dressing or bags of dressing bread cubes “6 Stove Top Dressing...”
Potatoes (white, red and sweet) “7 bags of taters...”
Box mashed potatoes
Toilet paper “8 TP rolls...”
Soups (cream of mushroom is popular this time of year) “9 cans of soup...”
Gravy packets “10 gravy packets...”
Canned fruit “11 cans of fruit...”
Canned veggies “12 cans of veggies...”
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