



CHRISTMAS EVE

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

December 24, 2021

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

Christmas Eve Worship

To Join Zoom Worship, please call the church at 573-374-5267 for assistance.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

December 24, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Prelude

Margo Strothmann

Welcome & Invocation -- *Please stand*

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.**

Musical Offering:

Mary Had a Baby
The First Noel

Kent Choir
Vanessa Hebrank &
Margo Strothmann
Kent Handbells

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Dialogue of Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: God of peace,

C: **We confess that we are not at peace – with others and with ourselves. We bring to you all that tears us apart: discord in our families, violence in the world, our own conflicted hearts. In your mercy, mend us. Reconnect us to one another and to you. Let peace reign over all the earth, through the Prince of peace, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P: In the Word who has come to dwell with us, God has given us grace upon grace: forgiveness that is stronger than our sins, love that can heal every broken heart. Hear this word of God's pardon and peace: In the name of + Jesus our Savior, you are free from all your sins. Rise, shine, for your light has come.

C: **Amen.**

Liturgy *Setting 4*

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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, 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

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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.

Processional Hymn *O Come, All Ye Faithful* J. F. Wade, tr. F. Oakeley

Prayer of the Day

All: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his 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 Time (all children are invited to come forward) Pastor Ed Foster

First Reading Isaiah 9:2-7

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn

What Child Is This?

Text: Wm C. Dix;

Music: English Ballad, 16th cent.

Psalm 96 (congregation reads responsively)

¹Sing to the LORD a new song;

sing to the LORD, all the earth.

²**Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

³Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.

⁴**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.**

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

⁶**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

⁸**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

¹⁰**Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!**

The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;

let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

¹²**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD,
for you come to judge the earth.**

¹³You will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with your truth.

Special Music

O Holy Night

Tracy Garrett

Second Reading Titus 2:11-14

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to Luke, the second chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Luke 2:1-20

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Christmas Message

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Text: C. Wesley;

Music: F. Mendelssohn

Profession of Faith - The Nicene Creed (2nd Article)

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.

The Prayers of the Church

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Reception of Offerings

Offertory

Venite Adoramus

Joyce Wanamaker &
Margo Strothmann

Offering Prayer

All: Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with these gifts, let them be blessings for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy Communion - The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

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 (sung to the tune of "Away in a Manger")

Our Father in heaven, all praise to your name!
Your kingdom among us, your will be the same
By mortals and angels, Come, Lord, reign alone;
Oh, hear us and bless us from heaven's high throne.

The bread that we yearn for provide us each day.
As we forgive others, our sins take away.
In time of temptation to lead us be near.
From evil deliver your children most dear.

For yours is the kingdom; o'er all things you reign.
And yours is the power; all things you maintain.
To you be the glory, resounding again
From all of creation, forever! 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. All believers are welcome at the Lord's table. Children who do not commune may come forward with their family for a blessing.

Anthem *Midwinter Noel* Kent Choir

Communion Hymns

Angels We Have Heard on High French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy;
arr. E. S. Barnes

O Little Town of Bethlehem Text: P. Brooks;
Music: L. H. Redner

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice! Medieval Latin carol; tr. J. M. Neale
German carol; arr. R. L. Pearsall

The First Noel Text: English Traditional;
Music: English Trad., arr. J. Stainer

Post-Communion Prayer

Sharing the Light

*We acknowledge the Lordship of the Christ Child, the Light of the world in our lives, as we light our candle from the fire of the Christ Candle and then share that light by passing it on to others. As the ushers bring the light to the first person in each pew **please tilt the unlit candle toward the lit candle to avoid dripping wax.** Please supervise young children or let them jointly hold onto your candle. Thank you.*

P: As we remember this night and the birth of the Christ Child, the Light of the World, these candles remind us to let our light shine that all the world may see the good that we do and glorify our Father in heaven.

Hymn *Silent Night* Text: J. Mohr; tr. J. F. Young;
Music: F. Gruber

Christmas Prayer & Blessing

The Benediction

Sending Hymn *Joy to the World* Text: Isaac Watts
Music: English melody 18th Cent.
arr. Lowell Mason

Dismissal

P: Glory to God in the highest!

C: Peace to God's people on earth!

Pastor Rev. Edward L. Foster
Organists..... Margo Strothmann,
..... Joyce Wanamaker
Choir Director Tracy Garrett
Handbell Choir Director Katie Heaford
Communion Assistant Ruth Osterbur, Melba Bangert
Greeters/Ushers Phil Bangert , Lynn Burke,
..... Larry Fair, Randy Osterbur
Lector Teri Stout
Sound/Zoom TechnicianDan Garrett

The Kent Choir:

Soprano: Joyce Burke, Katie Heaford, Cindy Mohling, Jane Kornfeind
Alto: Kirsten Blaney, Mary Foster, Jan Gauck, Jane Maher, Toni
Wagner
Tenor: Vanessa Hebrank*, Al Mohling,
Bass: Jerry Hawk, Bob McMickell, Chuck Wanamaker, Michael
Wagner, Bill Work

The Kent Handbells:

Kirsten Blaney, Joyce Burke, Sally Burke, Jan Gauck, Karole Karls,
Kat Lacroix, Jane Maher, Al Mohling, Toni Wagner, Michael Wagner,
Joyce Wanamaker, Bill Work, Barb Yount

* Soloist in Silent Night

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you..."

Philippians 1:3

We are so blessed that our God has brought us to our Kent family. Each day here we are delighted by fresh examples of how God is working in our world, in our congregation and in our lives. Your kindness, generosity and faithfulness are an inspiration to us and truly a blessing to us as well as being a blessed gift to those whose lives we touch here at Kent.

Thank you all for each kindness to us, each word of encouragement, each gift of your time, your talents or your treasures to our ministry together. Thank you for the stunning Christmas gift as well, we are truly moved! Most of all, thank you for being our Kent Family, for indeed our Heavenly Father has brought us together, and the one whose birth we celebrate has made us all brothers and sisters, inheritors of his kingdom.

Merry Christmas,

Pastor Ed, Mary, Sam and Moses (the newest member of our family!)

LESSONS & CAROLS DECEMBER 26 10:00 A.M.

You are invited to join us on Sunday, December 26, at 10:00 a.m. for Lessons & Carols, our annual "Hymn Sing," where we get to sing our favorite Christmas hymns and carols one last time.

Following worship, we will gather for Cookies & Hot Cocoa in the fellowship hall.

***Our thanks to these members & friends for providing
Poinsettias to beautify our Sanctuary this season***

Bob & Sharon Ballard—in memory of our mothers, Betty Healzer &
Katherine Ballard

Phil & Melba Bangert—in honor of our family

Kirsten & Joanne Blaney—in memory of husband & father, Tom Blaney

Mary Evans—in honor of family

Sandra Gilbert & Donna Young (2)—in memory of Mom & Dad Kistner &
in honor of our brother, Ron Kistner

Bill & Katie Heaford—in honor of our family

Ron & Jane Kornfeind—in honor of our families

Larry Lutjen—in memory of Sharon Lutjen

Al & Cindy Mohling—in memory of our loved ones

Warren & Rhonda Neighbour (2)—in memory of Warren's parents, John
& Elva Neighbour & in memory of Rhonda's parents, James & Reba Welch

Randy & Ruth Osterbur—in honor of our children & families

Karen & Tom Ringsdorf—in memory of our parents

Karen Stanze—in honor of our First Responders

Chuck & Joyce Wanamaker—in honor of our children

Linda & Gerry Williams (2)—in memory of our parents & in honor of our
grandchildren & great-grandchildren

Women of the ELCA—in memory of Diane Reams, Marjorie Grossman,
Joyce McHenry & Gerry Fisher

Herb & Peggy Worker (2)—in memory of Joyce Worker & in honor of
Norma Brest

Diane Ziehl—in memory of Jim Ziehl