

Email Blast for December 26, 2021



1st Sunday of Christmas

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

December 26, 2021

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

FROM PASTOR ED

Christmas is finally on the doorstep, and as we plan for our service for this first Sunday of the Christmas season, we do so fully realizing that our Christmas season is yet incomplete. We have not sung all of our favorite Christmas Carols, we have not sung them nearly as many times or with as much gusto as we need to. So we will work on remedying that situation today. We celebrate the Word made flesh whose birth among us has truly changed everything, and in that celebration... we sing of silent nights, and angels and shepherds, we sing it from the Mountain, and over the hills, we sing of our Savior whose birth gives us hope and gives us life.

Merry Christmas everyone!
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

On the first Sunday of Christmas we find the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus, both in the temple, both growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind. We too have returned to the house of God “to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God,” who has gifted us with a savior. As the festival continues, “let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.” It is Christmas, still.

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Prelude

Joy Has Dawned

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

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

C: who was born for us in Bethlehem,

P: the love of God,

C: who sent the Christ Child for us,

P: and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

C: who brings us to the Christ of Christmas,

P: be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Litany of New Birth, New Life

P: The birth of Christ has come, and the news of his salvation is being passed on from person to person.

C: We praise our Messiah who has come at last.

P: Like Simeon in the temple courts, we see this child is destined for greatness.

C: We look forward to the glory he will reveal to every person in heaven and on earth.

P: Like Anna in the temple courts, we give thanks to our God who has answered the Prayers of his people.

C: We bow our heads in adoration, grateful to God for sending us a Savior.

P: Like Simeon, we are moved by the Spirit to draw near to the Lord.

C: We hold Jesus close to our hearts and feel his tender touch.

P: Like Anna we wait for God to act when and where he wills.

C: We worship the One whom God sent in the fullness of time.

P: For Jesus alone will bring us wisdom and understanding.

C: Christ alone will bring us grace and 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.

Carol

Joy to the World

ELW # 267, 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.**

Prayer of the Day

All: Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Ed

Carol

Away in a Manger

ELW # 277, v. 1 & 3

First Reading

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Bible-Old Testament p.18

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148 (*Congregation reads responsively*)

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.

²**Praise the LORD, all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

³Praise the LORD, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴**Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD,
who commanded, and they were created,

⁶**who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸**fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

⁹mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰**wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;**

¹¹sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;

¹²**young men and maidens,
old and young together.**

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!**

Carol

Angels We Have Heard on High

ELW # 289, v. 1 & 3

Second Reading

Colossians 3:12-17

Bible-New Testament p. 193

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Carol *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* ELW # 275, v. 1, 3 & 4

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to Luke, the second chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:41-52

Bible-New Testament p. 56

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Carol

What Child Is This

ELW # 296

Holy Baptism

ELW p. 232

Graeden Joseph Worland

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?

Joyce Wanamaker

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...

Words of Institution

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.

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 for a blessing. You may commune in place using a communion kit, if preferred.

Communion Carols

*In the Bleak Midwinter
Of the Father's Love Begotten
Love Has Come*

ELW #294
ELW # 295, v. 1, 2 & 4
ELW # 292

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Carol

Go Tell It on the Mountain

ELW # 290

The Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

How Great Our Joy

Joyce Wanamaker

Fellowship Time

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

WORSHIP LEADERS

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

10:00 AM

Altar Guild..... Linda Williams
Greeter/Usher.....Rhonda & Warren Neighbour
Lector..... Teri Stout
Sound Technician Al Mohling
Coffee Fellowship.....Worship & Music Committee

COMING THIS WEEK

December 26, 2021 – January 2, 2022

Today	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (Cookies & Cocoa)
Friday		OFFICE CLOSED
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)

† *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 DECEMBER 26

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; for January is Joyce Burke, 712-298-0993.

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST The Holiday Season is upon us, however please sign up to volunteer at CFC during 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 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. 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