

Email Blast for January 9, 2022



## **Baptism of Our Lord**

### **Kent Memorial Lutheran Church**

184 Sunset Hill Drive  
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### **The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor**

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

#### **FROM PASTOR ED**

Baptism is the beginning. It was of course the beginning of Jesus public ministry. The dove, the voice from heaven, and the testimony of John, proclaim that this Jesus is indeed God's only son, the one given because God loves the world. It is also the beginning of our public life as Christians. In that special moment, God proclaims that we too are God's beloved children, with whom God is well pleased. Our baptisms intertwine with Christ's and his revelation to the world becomes God's promise to us, and our mission, for in our baptisms we are called to let his light shine in the darkness, to proclaim that this is God's only Son, who makes us all children of God.

**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

Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.

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**Prelude**

*Jesus Messiah*

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: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all.

C: **If we say we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true.**

P: But if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son cleanses us from all sin.

C: **Jesus Christ is the light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome.**

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

P: Most merciful God,

C: **Troubled and penitent we confess our sins to you. Our deeds are evil; we have loved darkness rather than light. We languish in the shadow of death. Let your mercy dawn upon us for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son, with whom you are well pleased. Within our hearts, and in our lives, let there be light!**

P: God, who once commanded light to shine out of darkness, has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ, who was handed over to Death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. For his sake your sins are forgiven. By the power of the Holy Spirit, walk as children of light.

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**

*Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*

ELW # 304

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, 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:** 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: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Children's Sermon**

Pastor Ed

**Special Music**

*What a Way to Change the World*

Vanessa Hebrank

**First Reading**

Isaiah 43:1-7

Bible-Old Testament p. 687

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 29** (*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 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**

Acts 8:14-17

Bible-New Testament p. 119

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 3:15-14, 21-22

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**

*Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God*

ELW # 458, v. 1-3

**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: God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**Reception of Offerings** *Please fill out the red friendship pad and pass it to your neighbor*  
**Offertory** *Winter's Serenade* Joyce Wanamaker

**Offering Prayer**

P: Blessed are you, O God,

**C: Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. 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**

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*

*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.*

<b>Communion Hymns</b>	<i>Jesus, Come! For We Invite You</i>	ELW # 312
	<i>Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal</i>	ELW # 464
	<i>Around You, O Lord Jesus</i>	ELW # 468

**Post-Communion Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Announcements**

**Sending Hymn** *Remember and Rejoice* ELW # 454, 1, 2 & 4

**The Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**

*O, How Joyfully!*

Joyce Wanamaker

**Fellowship Time**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Pastor .....Ed Foster  
Organist .....Joyce Wanamaker  
Choir Director.....Tracy Garrett  
Handbells Director..... Katie Heaford  
Choir Accompanist..... Margo Strothmann

**10:00 AM**

Altar Guild..... Katie Heaford  
Greeter/Usher.....Melba Bangert & Tracy Garrett  
Liturgist ..... Vanessa Hebrank  
Lector..... Sally Burke  
Sound & Zoom Technician..... Dan Garrett  
Coffee Fellowship..... Larry & Kathy Fair

**COMING THIS WEEK**

**January 9-16**

Today	8:45 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)
		Handbells Rehearsal
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Social Ministry
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men’s Devotion
Sunday	8:45 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)
		Handbells Rehearsal

**† Prayer Concerns †**

**OUR MEMBERS**

Charles Niemann—health concerns

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)  
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 9

**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.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given by Dan & Tracy Garrett in celebration of Carolyn Garrett's birthday (1/2) & Todd Westgate's birthday (1/5).

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

**EVENING ADULT BIBLE STUDY JANUARY 12 ~ 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.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** There is a new flower chart in the fellowship hall. Sign up for the Sunday(s) that you would like donate the flowers for the altar. Flowers are \$20 per Sunday and you may take them home after the service.

**NOISY OFFERING** Klown Sunday in January 16 and we will once again be taking our famous Noisy Offering! Start saving your pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters – dollars work, too – to bring on Klown Sunday. This year's Noisy Offering will be shared with the Ivy Bend Food Pantry.

**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