

Email Blast for January 23, 2022



3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

January 23, 2022

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

FROM PASTOR ED

What was Jesus' ministry about here on earth? We rightfully emphasize the great gift he gave to us through his death and resurrection, but the salvation Jesus brought was more even than this. In this week's Gospel lesson, Jesus tells the people of his home town that he has been sent to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. As we seek clarity of purpose and epiphanies from the Spirit, we do well to keep Jesus' vision of his ministry and ours clearly in our sight.

Have a very blessed week!
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

God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

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Prelude

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

C: **Amen.**

P: Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Mighty and loving God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

P: Hear the voice of Jesus: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives." In the name of + Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

C: **Amen.**

Litany: Promises Revealed

P: Through your Word, O Jesus of Nazareth, you have shared the message of salvation.

C: **Reveal your good news to us again this day.**

P: O Christ, our brother, you took on human flesh and became poor for our sake, so that our souls might be renewed.

C: **Reveal to us your mighty power to enrich the very poor in spirit.**

P: O Lord, our healer, you set your followers sights on the treasures of heaven.

C: **Reveal to us how you open the eyes of those who are blinded by the things of this world.**

P: On the cross, O Savior, you took on the sins of the whole world.

C: **Reveal to us how you release us from captivity in sin, through your life, death and resurrection.**

P: In your life, you fulfilled all the prophecies about the Messiah.

C: **Show us how God's will can be fulfilled in our life of faith.**

P: Son of God the Father,

C: **speak to us now, through your Holy Scriptures.**

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

Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing ELW # 886, v. 1, 2, 5 & 6

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: Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Ed

Anthem

Morning Has Broken

Kent Handbells

First Reading

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Bible-Old Testament p. 440

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19 (*Congregation reads responsively*)

¹The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

²**One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

³Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world,**

where God has pitched a tent for the sun.

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD,
my strength and my redeemer.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Bible-New Testament p. 166

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to Luke, the fourth chapter

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

Gospel Reading

Luke 4:14-21

Bible-New Testament p. 57

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

ELW # 843, 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

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

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, 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. All believers are welcome at the Lord's table. Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing.

Communion Hymns

In the Singing

ELW # 466

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW # 471

Here Is Bread

ELW # 483

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

ELW # 551

The Dismissal

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

C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude

There Is a Name I Love to Hear, O How I Love Jesus 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..... Ruth & Randy Osterbur
Liturgist Al Mohling
Lector..... Sally Burke
Sound & Zoom Technician..... Al Mohling
Coffee Fellowship.....

COMING THIS WEEK

January 23-30

Today	8:45 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & Bible Study for all ages
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Chorale Rehearsal
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	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

Jerry Hawk—serious health concerns (choir member)
Warren & Diane Lichthardt—serious health concerns (Jan Lacas' sister and brother-in-law)
Mike Holmes—health concerns (friend of Wendy Blomberg)
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)

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER—Central States Synod

St. James, Kansas City, MO; Christ & Trinity Evangelical, Sedalia, MO; First Lutheran, Manhattan, KS.

Christian condolences and hope are offered to Deb Turner and her family on the death of Ted this week.

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Shirley Clark
Kelly Covey
Shirley Hamm
Linda Harris
Marianne Howley
Linda Kimberling
Mike Page
Ellie Torres
Joan Wilken

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 23

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, phone number and email on the Red Friendship Pad. And please introduce yourself to Pastor after the service.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Larry & Kathy Fair in celebration of Larry & Suzanne Lutjen's first wedding anniversary (1/22).

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

SOUP-ER BOWL CHALLENGE Sunday, February 13 is Super Bowl 56. And here at Kent it's also SOUP-ER BOWL Sunday. The challenge? 340 CANS OF SOUP for Community for Christ! (Last year we brought 336.) Bring cans of soup or \$\$ donations anytime and put them in the soup pot in the church entryway.

EVENING ADULT BIBLE STUDY ~ GENESIS Our Wednesday evening Bible Study, led by Pastor Ed, meets at 6:00 p.m. Please let Pastor know if you'd like a sandwich – or feel free to bring your own dinner. If you are interested but can't attend in person, it will be Zoomed.

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.

NEW MEMBERS If you are interested in joining Kent Memorial, please let Pastor Ed know.

AUDIT Those committees who have bank accounts must submit your books for audit no later than January 23.

CONTINUED PRAYERS If you have a loved one or friend or neighbor whom you want to remain on our Continued Prayers, please leave a note in the church office or email Tracy at office@kentmemorial.com.

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. Pick up the soup during our fellowship time on Sunday.

SAVE THOSE BEST CHOICE LABELS! W/ELCA participates in the Save-a-Label program to raise funds for Hurricane Deck and South Elementary Schools and you can help. It's easy – just clip the UPC Code (including the words “Best Choice”) from Best Choice and Best Choice brand grocery items. Brands include Best Choice®, Clearly by Best Choice®, and Best Choice® Superior Selections®. There are white canvas boxes in the fellowship hall for the labels.

We save POP TOP RINGS, too. They go to the American Legion to raise funds for projects.

A TABLE between the main sets of doors into the church has individual communion servings, the latest newsletter, 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 573-502-9219. 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 and live-streaming via Zoom.com
- 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