

Email Blast for December 4



## **First Sunday of Advent**

### **Kent Memorial Lutheran Church**

184 Sunset Hill Drive  
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

**The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor**

**December 4, 2022**

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

#### **FROM PASTOR ED**

This week John the Baptist appears in our Gospel reading, bringing his message of repentance and preparation to our Advent worship. Repentance is a vital part of our relationship with God. More than just feeling sorry for our sins, repentance is a transformation of our lives. What does it mean to repent? How does repentance happen? How do we become the people God created us to be?

## SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM:

To join a worship service, please contact the church at 573-374-5267 for assistance.

# Welcome to Worship

At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.

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### Prelude

*Prepare the Way*

Margo Strothmann

*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.*

### Invocation

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

C: Amen

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath – The Shepherds

P: In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”  
(Luke 2)

**C: Today we remember the shepherds, faithful workers, steadfast watchmen isolated and alone, far from the warmth of home and hearth, doing the jobs that no one else wants. And yet God saw them, God valued them, and God declared the greatest news ever- to them first of all**

P: When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

**C: Today we give thanks for the shepherds who were the first to worship our Lord, and we give thanks for those who are shepherds among us now: laborers, watchers, protectors and healers, who through faithful service make our lives better. And we give thanks for all those who like the shepherds tell the wonderful news that Christ is born.**

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us confess our sins to God and to one another. Almighty God,

**C: When we look at our lives, we find much that needs mending. We have done those things that we ought not to have done and left undone those things which we ought to have done. We know sin too well. And yet, when we have heard that word of judgment, we have gone about our business. When we have heard the words spoken by one wandering in the wilderness, we have turned a deaf ear. Today, give us the courage to own our lives and our shortcomings, so that we**

**might get to the work of making the crooked paths straight and making the rough places level. Give us the steadfastness to open our lives before the One who even now is coming, that we might be prepared to welcome him. Amen.**

P: Fear not, people of God: the Almighty has done great things for us. God casts away our sin from us and makes us a new creation. In + Jesus Christ, God comes to set you free. Take heart in the tender compassion of our God.

**C: Amen.**

### **Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

### **Gathering Hymn**

*Hark, the Glad Sound*

ELW # 239

Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long;  
let ev'ry heart prepare a throne and ev'ry voice a song.

He come the pris'ners to release, in Satan's bondage held.  
The gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure,  
and with the treasures of his grace to enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace, your welcome shall proclaim,  
and heav'n's eternal arches ring with your beloved name.

### **Liturgy Setting 4**

ELW p. 147

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.**

### **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:** This is the feast

ELW p. 149

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 Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

**All: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our**

**growth as people of repentance and peace; 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

**Anthem**

*I Hear the Prophet Calling*

Kent Choir  
Katie Heaford, soloist

**First Reading**

Isaiah 11:1-10

Bible-Old Testament p. 654

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19** (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>18</sup>**Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel;**

**you alone do wondrous deeds!**

<sup>19</sup>And blessed be your glorious name forever,

and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

**Second Reading**

Romans 15:4-13

Bible-New Testament p. 155

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Announcement**

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to Matthew, the third chapter

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

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 3:1-12

Bible-New Testament p. 2

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Ed Foster

**Hymn of the Day**

*On Jordan's Bank*

ELW # 249, v. 1, 2 & 5

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; make straight the way for God within,  
and let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.

All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won,  
whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.

### **Profession of Faith–Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **The Prayers**

P: God, in your mercy,  
C: hear our prayer.

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

**Offertory**

*Lost in the Night*

Margo Strothmann

### **Offering Prayer**

P: Eternal God,  
C: you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. 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...

### **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. 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.*

#### **Communion Hymns**

*Just As I Am*

ELW # 592

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about with many\_a conflict, many\_a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

ELW # 272

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung,  
it came, a flow'r so bright, amid the cold of winter,  
when half-spent was the night.

Isaiah had foretold it, the rose I have in mind;  
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love a right, she bore to us a Savior,  
when half-spent was the night.

This flow'r, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,  
dispels with glorious splendor the darkness ev'rywhere.  
True man, yet very God, from sin and death he saves us  
and lightens ev'ry load.

O Savior, child of Mary, who felt our human woe;  
O Savior, king of glory, who dost our weakness know;  
bring us at length, we pray, to the bright courts of heaven  
and into endless day.

*Refrain:* One bread, one body, one Lord of all;  
one cup of blessing which we bless,  
and we, though many throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more. *Refrain.*

Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all. *Refrain.*

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown.  
gathered to one for all. *Refrain.*

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

### **Benediction**

### **Announcements**

### **Sending Hymn**

*On Our Way Rejoicing*

ELW # 537

On our way rejoicing gladly let us go, Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe.  
Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy; who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy?

*Refrain:* On our way rejoicing; as we forward move, Hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!

Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing; unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring;  
unto God the Spirit bow we and adore, on our way rejoicing now and evermore. *Refrain.*

### **The Dismissal**

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

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

### **Postlude**

*Rejoicing from Royal Fireworks Suite*

Margo Strothmann

### **Fellowship Time**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor .....Ed Foster  
Organist/Pianist ..... Margo Strothmann  
Choir Director.....Tracy Garrett  
Handbells Director..... Katie Heaford

### 10:00 AM

Altar Guild.....Judy Ward  
Greeters/Ushers ..... Mary Evans & Karen Stanze  
Liturgist .....Tracy Garrett  
Lector.....Judy Ward  
Sound & Zoom Technician..... Al Mohling  
Coffee Fellowship..... Gerry & Linda Williams

## COMING THIS WEEK December 4-11

Today	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts) Handbells Rehearsal
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Evangelism Committee
	10:20 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
Tuesday	10:45 a.m.	WELCA Meeting
	10:20 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	10:20 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
	6:00 p.m.	Advent Worship & Potluck
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	10:20 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
Friday	10:20 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts) Handbells Rehearsal

## † *Prayer Concerns* †

### OUR MEMBERS

Linda Kimberling  
Marsha Gust  
Don Stout  
Ken Gerardy



## **OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS**

Marsha Kidwell, Director, Quality Industries – surgery  
Linda & Dan Smith (friends of Tracy Garrett)  
Ron Ferguson—serious health concerns (friend of Judy & Mike Ward)  
Barry Mabe—serious health concerns (son of Peggy & Herb Worker)  
Dan Rogers—serious health concerns (friend of Al & Cindy Mohling)  
Stacey Flect—serious health concerns (friend of Nancy Curtis)

## **CONTINUED PRAYERS**

Pam Babcock	Bryan Hastings	Ron Roberts
Shirley Clark	Mike Holmes	Marcia Robbins
Evelyn Clements	Marianne Howley	Karen Tischnor
Emma	CF Huff	Ellie Torres
Mary Beth Fair	Teresa Joslin	Bernie Wiegel
Barbara & Bob Gislason	Terry Miller	Melissa Wiles
Carla Glusing	Larry Mausbach	Larry Wilson
Jerry Hansen	Steve O'Connor	Jody Ziehl
Debbie Hanshaw	Mike Page	
Linda Harris	Rev. Bill Peterson	

## **REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

Christopher Babcock	Tanner Glodt	Jordan Lindeman
Eric Blomberg	Kristine Hubbard	Glenn Maddock
Ben Brammeier	Jason Ites	Tristan Morgan
Shade Bullock	Jason Judge	Adam Peterson
Salathiel (Sal) Caudill	Adam Kralina	Trent Simmons
Aaron Davis	Matt Lee	

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 4**

**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 Eldeen Hanke, 573-873-3579.

**MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES** continue on Wednesdays at 6pm. Advent offerings will be shared with Helping Hands Homeless Shelter and Kent's Social Ministry. Following worship, we will gather to share a potluck supper. You are invited to bring a dish or dessert to share.

**POINSETTIAS** Altar Guild has decked the sanctuary with poinsettias. If you would like to dedicate one (or more) of the poinsettias in honor or in memory of a loved one, the cost is \$15 each. Please complete the pink donation form in the bulletin and place it, along with a check made out to ALTAR GUILD, in the offering plate or drop it off in the office. All orders must be received by Sunday, December 18.

**CONCERT SEASON IS STARTING:**  
**The Lake Area Community Orchestra**

- Sunday, December 4, 7pm, Versailles Royal Theatre, Versailles
- Tuesday, December 6, 7pm, Hope Lutheran Chapel Sokoll Bldg., Osage Beach
- Sunday, December 11, 7pm, West Lake Christian, Laurie
- Tuesday, December 13, 7pm, Lake Ozark Christian, Lake Ozark – joint performance with the Greater Lake Area Chorale & Symphony of the Magic Dragon

#### **The Greater Lake Area Chorale**

- Sunday, December 4, 2pm, West Lake Christian, Laurie
- Sunday, December 11, 2pm, Morgan County Performing Arts Center, Versailles
- Tuesday, December 13, 7pm, Lake Ozark Christian, Lake Ozark – joint performance with the Greater Lake Area Chorale & Symphony of the Magic Dragon
- Sunday, December 18, 2pm, Christ the King Lutheran, Lake Ozark

**WELCA CHRISTMAS PARTY** WELCA will have their annual Christmas party on Tuesday, December 6, at 10:45am. The 1st grade children from Hurricane Deck will be presenting a musical program at 11am. A soup & salad luncheon is being planned so please sign up on the WELCA bulletin board. Please remember to bring your Christmas Stocking offering and canned goods for the food pantry. All Kent ladies are invited to attend.

**GOODIE BAGS FOR THE KIDS** Next Sunday, Dec. 11 after the service, we will fill the Christmas Goodie bags for Hurricane Deck and Little Tigers. Thanks in advance.

**HURRICANE DECK CHRISTMAS STORE DECEMBER 15** If you are out shopping for presents, remember the Hurricane Deck Christmas Store. All toys and games, etc., are welcome. The store will be open on Thursday, December 15. See the Kent Happenings Newsletter for more information. Thank you! Wendy Blomberg

**WE'RE IN SOUP SEASON!** Each Sunday through the winter, Kathy Fair makes soup for any of us who would like to take some home for lunch so we don't have to cook. Check out this week's offering in the fellowship hall.

#### **COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST NEEDS FOR DECEMBER**

Anything for a Christmas holiday meal. Suggestions are:

- Turkeys or Hams (we can freeze them)
- Potatoes, either fresh or instant
- Dressing mixes like Stove Top Stuffing Mix
- Chicken or Turkey stock
- Gravy mixes or in a bottle
- Jello
- Pies and whip cream (*yum-o!*)
- Veggies
- Soups
- Rolls, (we can freeze them)
- Butter or margarine
- Any baking items
- Sweet potatoes or canned yams

Or whatever is your favorite yummy thing you like to have for the holidays. And if you prefer a donation, specify "Holiday Meals" in the memo line and it will be used as such.