

Email Blast for January 1



Name of Jesus Sunday

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

This Sunday we celebrate the naming of our Lord, Jesus. His is the name that is so sweet in a believer's ear... the name at which every knee should bow... it is the name that should inspire hope in the hopeless... and a bit of fear in the hearts of those who would injure God's children. In obedience to the Law of God and the command of God's messenger, Mary and Joseph named the child, Jesus, the one who saves.

Personal Note: Thank you all for your amazing and moving kindness and generosity to me and my family. You warm our hearts and fill us with joy!

Merry Christmas,
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

From the beginning, through baptism, we are called Christian. We are “Christ-ened” at the font. Bearing Christ’s name, we share the same Father and are invited to address this parent intimately: Abba! Jesus bears our sins in humble obedience to the will of God. Today we pray that the mind of Christ, whose name we bear, would be our own. It is a good way to begin, again, another year.

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Prelude *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* 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.

The Name of Jesus

P: Our names - those collections of letters given to us at birth - identify us to the world. We respond whenever our names are called, and our names remind us of our ancestry and our family history. Then as we grow older, people associate our names with very specific personality characteristics and qualities.

C: Now the name of this holy child - the specifically selected collection of letters given to him at birth - is announced to the world.

P: Mary and Joseph are asked the all-important question, “How is this child to be named?” And they confidently respond: He shall be called Jesus,

C: because He will save his people from their sins.

P: They gave him the name that is above every name,

C: so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend.

P: In heaven and on earth and under the earth.

C: They gave him the name handed down through the ages.

P: He is not only the son of Mary and Joseph,

C: He belongs to the house and line of David.

P: But he is not only the Son of David.

C: He is the very Son of God, descended from the right hand of the Father.

P: His name will forever proclaim his deeds.

C: He will be called Wonderful Counselor and Prince of Peace.

P: He will be called Teacher and Healer and Savior.

C: When people ask if he truly is Jesus, the Christ, the Messiah,

P: He will release captives and bind up broken hearts.

C: He will crush death and break open the grave.

P: May this child named Jesus make his face shine on you this day through the forgiveness of your sins,

C: so that in all we say and do and are, the name Christian will be fully defined.

Sharing of the Peace

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

C: And also with you.

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: Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Ed

Special Music

There's Still My Joy

Vanessa Hebrank & Tracy Garrett

First Reading

Numbers 6:22-27

Old Testament p. 126

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8 (congregation reads responsively)

¹O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶You have made them rule over the works of your hands;

you have put all things under their feet:

⁷all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

**⁸the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

⁹O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Second Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

New Testament p. 181

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 Reading

Luke 2:15-21

New Testament p. 55

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

Away in a Manger

ELW # 278, v. 1 & 3

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: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

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

Offertory

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

Margo Strothmann

Offering Prayer

P: God of abundance,

**C: receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels,
and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the
abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. 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

*I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve
Love Has Come
Angels We Have Heard on High*

ELW # 271
ELW # 292
ELW # 289

Post-Communion Prayer

† *Prayer Concerns* †

OUR MEMBERS

Sharon & Bob Ballard
Carolyn Garrett
Linda Kimberling
Marsha Gust
Don Stout
Ken Gerardy

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Cody Blasberg – serious health concerns (friend of Kathy Fair)
Blanche Lacroix -- serious health concerns (Sister-in-law of Ray and Kat Lacroix)
Donna Englebert -- speedy knee replacement recovery (friend of Ray and Kat Lacroix)
Marsha Kidwell, Director, Quality Industries – surgery

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Pam Babcock	Linda Harris	Rev. Bill Peterson
Shirley Clark	Bryan Hastings	Ron Roberts
Evelyn Clements	Mike Holmes	Marcia Robbins
Emma	Marianne Howley	Dan Rogers
Mary Beth Fair	CF Huff	Karen Tischnor
Ron Ferguson	Teresa Joslin	Ellie Torres
Stacey Flect	Barry Mabe	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	

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 1

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 January is Joyce Burke, 712-298-0993.

2023 GIVING ENVELOPES DELAYED Our giving envelopes for 2023 have not yet arrived. An equipment breakdown and parts caught in the supply chain problems have put the company way behind.

Beginning January 1 until the envelopes arrive, please continue your weekly giving and write your envelope number on your check or your name on the envelope you use for cash. That will ensure your giving appears on your statement at the end of 2023. If you wish your offering to go somewhere besides the general fund, please be sure that is noted. Questions may be directed to Gail Kruse or Jane Maher.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A PART OF OUR KENT FAMILY? If you're interested in joining Kent Memorial, please speak with Pastor Ed.

USHERS, GREETERS, SOUND ROOM TECHS are a vital part of our worship. If you'd like to learn more about them, or if you already volunteer and would like a refresher course, join us on Saturday, January 14, at 10 a.m.

WELCA will meet on Tuesday, January 3rd, for our monthly business meeting at 11 A.M. All Kent ladies are invited to join us.

ZERO THE HERO is nearing the end of his/my yearly reign. The 100th day of school is February 6, 2023. I am giving each Hurricane Deck kindergartener (there are 32 of them) two rolls of pennies equally 100 cents for the 100th day of school. If you would like to support this fun project, please have your rolls of pennies to church by the end of January. Thank you!

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST FOR JANUARY Here are a few things we could use in the food pantry:

Cereal (hot & cold)

Condiments, like catsup, mustard, salad dressings, etc.

Cleaning supplies

Size 4 and 5 diapers (our babies are getting bigger!)

Baby wipes

Deodorant (Men & Women)

Shampoo (Women)

Body wash (Women)