

Email Blast for December 11



Third Sunday of Advent

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

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

FROM PASTOR ED

After he was arrested John the Baptist sent his followers to ask Jesus, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" With Christmas in the air there are many who are asking if the Jesus of Christmas really is the one. Is he the one who will bring them peace? Is he the one who will relieve their torment? Is he the one who can change their lives, indeed give them real life? Is he the one, or should they look for another? How does Jesus reveal himself to be the Messiah for people today? How does he make himself known to you? To your family and friends? To the world that is ever more skeptical and is looking all over for a savior?

Advent Worship and Potlucks have been great! Hope you can join us!

This weekend is the cookie and candy sale! 9am-Noon.

God bless you all as we make our way towards Christmas, looking forward to the coming of Christ – into our hearts and finally to finish the work begun in Bethlehem so long ago.

Shalom,
Pastor Ed

OUR SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM

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

Welcome to Worship

A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom, and Jesus points to the unexpected and transforming signs of God's reign. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us.

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Prelude

I Wonder as I Wander

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.

Lighting the Advent Candle -- Mary

L: "And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name'" (Luke 1:46-49).

L: Today we remember Mary, innocent and faithful, sacred and scared, worried and waiting as the Savior of all grows within her. She sings boldly when she might be meek; she faces the future with the confidence of a warrior; she is a part of this wonderful work that God is doing as the proud are brought down and the lowly lifted up.

C: Today we give thanks for Mary, who faithfully accepted the mission God gave her, and lovingly cared for her son – The Son of God. And we give thanks for the Mary's among us, the unintended pioneers determined to do as God asks; fearless and fearfully stepping out in faith and beckoning us to do the same.

L: On this third Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of Mary, mother of God, faithful servant, brave witness to the Good News.

Prayer of Confession

All: We confess to you, O God, our unwillingness to wait, our eagerness to grasp at answers other than those you would have us seek. We look to our own devices, our own power, and believe in our own mastery over the earth; yet every day, we are confronted by human violence and its failures to give life. Forgive our presumption in thinking we have all the answers. We come to you, O God.

Absolution

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Give us grace to look to you, the Fount of all wisdom, for answers you have us given us in him who came to free us from sin in the fullness of your time, even Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

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

C: And also with you.

Gathering Hymn

Prepare the Royal Highway

ELW # 264, v. 1-3

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: 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: Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; 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

Go and Tell John

Kent Choir

First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

Old Testament p. 678

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146:5-10 (congregation reads responsively)

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading

James 5:7-10

New Testament p. 221

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to Matthew, the eleventh chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:2-11

New Testament p. 10

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

ELW # 242, v. 1 & 2

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, in your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

Reception of Offerings *Please fill out the red friendship pad and pass it to your neighbor*
Offertory *Coventry Carol* *Joyce Wanamaker*

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

Break Now the Bread of Life
Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!
Remember and Rejoice

ELW # 515

ELW # 246

ELW # 454

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

ELW # 311, v. 1, 3 & 4

The Dismissal

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

C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

Joyce Wanamaker

Fellowship Time

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

WORSHIP LEADERS

PastorEd Foster
Organist/PianistJoyce Wanamaker
Choir Director.....Tracy Garrett
Handbells Director..... Katie Heaford

10:00 AM

Altar Guild..... Diane Ziehl
Greeters/UshersGail Kruse
Liturgist Katie Heaford
Lector.....Judy Ward
Sound & Zoom Technician..... Dan Garrett
Coffee Fellowship.....Lynn & Joyce Burke

COMING THIS WEEK

December 11-18

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.	Social Ministry
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Advent Worship & Potluck
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
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

Bev Kidder
Carolyn Garrett
Linda Kimberling
Marsha Gust
Don Stout
Ken Gerardy

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

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
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 Larsen)

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 Glott	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 11

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 until December 21. Advent offerings will be shared between Helping Hands Homeless Shelter and Kent's Social Ministry. Following worship each week, 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 11, 7pm, West Lake Christian, Laurie
- Tuesday, December 13, 7pm, Lake Ozark Christian, Lake Ozark – Joint Concert with the Greater Lake Area Chorale & Symphony of the Magic Dragon

The Greater Lake Area Chorale

- Sunday, December 11, 2pm, Morgan County Performing Arts Center, Versailles

- Tuesday, December 13, 7pm, Lake Ozark Christian, Lake Ozark – Joint Concert with the Greater Lake Area Chorale & Symphony of the Magic Dragon
- Sunday, December 18, 2pm, Christ the King Lutheran, Lake Ozark

GOODIE BAGS FOR THE KIDS Today 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, please remember the Hurricane Deck Christmas Store. All toys and games, etc., are welcome. The store will be open on Thursday, December 15. Gifts need to be at the church by Tuesday, December 13. 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 YOU Holiday season is here, the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. HELP is needed at Community for Christ on Tues. Dec. 20 and Thur. Dec. 22 for those in need, please sign up. (Closed Dec. 24) **We need 3 to 4 helpers** for retail in addition to men working downstairs. Men need some new assistance with receiving goods and selling. Give CFC a couple of hours your first time. Want to work in food pantry, sort and hang clothes downstairs or bring up additional clothes, make a note when you sign up. Thanks to all that have volunteered and to those who want to try for the first time. Again, **please sign up!** An enjoyable time will be had by all! Merry Christmas to all!

CFC FOR DECEMBER *Thank You!! Thank You!!* Thank you for all of the turkey's, hams, stuffing, potatoes, pies and everything else for Thanksgiving meals!!! I really wish you could see the delight when we are giving this food out! Honestly, there are tears sometimes!!

The holidays are not quite over yet, so if you are still able, we could use a few more turkeys or hams. Even beef roasts are good too. And of course, anything that might go with it too.

Here are a few other things we could use as well.

- 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 & woman)
- Shampoo (Woman)
- Body wash (Women)

Again thank you so very much!! The food pantry has been very busy. Already this year we have greatly surpassed last year's stats on food, and really on everything.

Karen Mellody

Thrift Store & Outreach Director