

Email Blast for January 8



Baptism of Our Lord Sunday

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

When Jesus was baptized the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came through the rift; and the voice of God pronounced that Jesus was His beloved Son with whom He was well pleased. In our baptism's we share in that glory. We too are made children of God. The Holy Spirit resides with us. And our Heavenly Father proclaims that He is well pleased with us. This is our most essential identity. This is who we are.

How does knowing that you are a child of God shape how you see the world? How does knowing that

God is pleased with the real you change how you think about yourself? Where have you experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit?

Have a blessed week.
Shalom, Pastor Ed

OUR 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP AND WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY ARE AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM. To join us, please contact the church at 573-374-5267 for assistance.

Welcome to Worship

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

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Prelude *Find Us Faithful* 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.

Confession & Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Loving God,

C: we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.

P: Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of + 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.

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
manifested by the star to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest, and king supreme;
and at Cana wedding guest in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

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: O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, 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

Mary, Did You Know?

Kent Choir

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

Old Testament p. 686

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29 (congregation reads responsively)

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

Second Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Bible-New Testament p. 122

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 3:13-17

Bible-New Testament p. 3

P: The Gospel of the Lord
C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

As With Gladness Men of Old

ELW # 302, 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: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

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

Offertory

We Remember You

Joyce Wanamaker

Offering Prayer

P: Liberating God,

C: you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus 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.

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

*In the Bleak Midwinter
Brightest and Best
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

ELW # 294
ELW # 303, v. 1-3, 5
ELW # 815

† *Prayer Concerns* †

OUR MEMBERS

Carolyn Garrett
Linda Kimberling
Marsha Gust
Don Stout
Ken Gerardy

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Cody Blasberg (friend of Kathy Fair)
Blanche Lacroix (Sister-in-law of Ray and Kat Lacroix)
Donna Englebert (friend of Ray and Kat Lacroix)

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Pam Babcock
Shirley Clark
Evelyn Clements
Emma
Mary Beth Fair
Ron Ferguson
Stacey Flect
Barbara & Bob Gislason
Carla Glusing
Jerry Hansen
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REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Babcock
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Jason Judge
Adam Kralina
Matt Lee

Jordan Lindeman
Glenn Maddock
Tristan Morgan
Adam Peterson
Trent Simmons

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 8

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 Ed at the end of the service.

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

2023 FLOWER CHART is on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please sign up for the Sunday of

your choice. Flowers are \$20, payable to “Altar Guild”.

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. Join us on Saturday, January 14, at 10am for a refresher on ushering and working the sound room. If you’ve never done either one, but would like to learn more, you’re welcome, too. And we’ll have a brunch afterward provided by Pastor Ed. Please let Pastor Ed or Tracy know you’ll be there.

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)