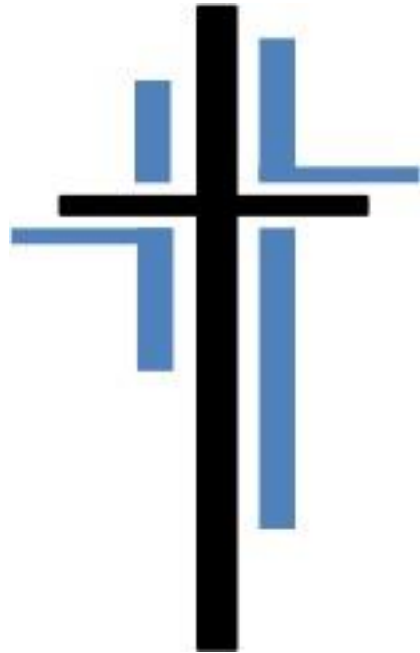


Email Blast for January 15



2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

January 15, 2023

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

FROM PASTOR ED

John the Baptist refers to Jesus as the “Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” It is a rich and beautiful description of Jesus and his ministry, and for the Gospel writer John it is a central theme. What is Jesus up to here on earth? What is God doing, and indeed what is God like? The answers are found in Jesus’ sacrificial giving of himself for the salvation of the world. Our God, our Messiah, our teacher is the Lamb who takes away sins of the world.

Have a blessed week,

Shalom, Pastor Ed

OUR 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP AND WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY are available on Zoom. Please contact the church office for assistance.

Welcome to Worship

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

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Prelude *Holy Spirit, Breath of Heaven* Vanessa Hebrank
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 and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Holy and faithful God,

C: We so often choose our own way instead of yours. We think we can evade your commandments. We have spoken in ways that kill, strayed with our hearts, betrayed friends, and hated enemies. We have broken our promises. Search us deeply and create us anew. Lift the heavy burden of our sin and free us to follow your way of life. Amen.

P: "Call upon me," says the Lord, "and I will answer." Our God has come among us to loose every bond and set us free from all that weighs us down. Receive the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of + Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

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

C: And also with you.

Gathering Hymn

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

ELW # 308, 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: Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Ed

Installation of Church Council

Anthem

Awesome God

Kent Handbells

First Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

Old Testament p. 695

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 40:1-11 (congregation reads responsively)

¹I waited patiently upon the LORD,
who stooped to me and heard my cry.

²**The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

³The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

⁴**Happy are they who trust in the LORD!
They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**

⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.

⁶**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;
you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**

⁷And so I said, "Here I am; I come.
In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

⁸**I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep within me.' "**

⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;
I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

¹⁰**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;**

I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.

¹¹You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;
may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

New Testament p. 157

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to John, the first chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

John 1:29-42

New Testament p. 86

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

He Comes to Us as One Unknown

ELW # 737, v. 1, 4 & 5

He comes to us as one unknown, a breath unseen, unheard;
as though within a heart of stone, or shriveled seed in darkness sown
a pulse of being stirred, a pulse of being stirred.

He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and birth;
to bear within our mortal frame a life, a death, a saving name,
for ev'ry child of earth, for ev'ry child of earth.

He comes in truth when faith is grown; believed, obeyed, adored;
the Christ in all the scriptures shown, as yet unseen, but not unknown,
our Savior and our Lord, our Savior and our Lord.

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

Repeated Blessings

Vanessa Hebrank

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.

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

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

ELW # 461

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.

Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.

Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast.

We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW # 471

Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain.*

Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain.*

Jesus, the Very Thought of You

ELW # 754

Jesus, the very thought of you fills us with sweet delight;
but sweeter far your face to view and rest within your light.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind recall
a sweeter sound than your blest name, O Savior of us all!

O Hope of ev'ry contrite soul, O Joy of all the meek,
how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!

O Jesus, be our joy today; help us to prize your love;
grant us at last to hear you say: "Come share my home above."

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn *O Lord, Now Let Your Servant Depart in Peace*

ELW # 313

O Lord, now let your servant depart in heav'nly peace,
for I have seen the glory of your redeeming grace:
a light to lead the nations unto your holy hill,
the glory of your people, your chosen Israel.

Then grant that I may follow your gleam, O glorious Light,
till earthly shadows scatter, and faith is changed to sight;
till raptured saints shall gather upon that shining shore,
where Christ, the blessed daystar, shall light them evermore.

The Dismissal

P: Hearing God's call and responding in love,
C: **we share Jesus with all!**

Postlude

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Vanessa Hebrank

Fellowship Time

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Ed Foster
Organist/Pianist Vanessa Hebrank
Choir Director Tracy Garrett
Handbells Director Katie Heaford

10:00 AM

Altar Guild Diane Ziehl
Greeters/Ushers Bob & Karole Karls
Liturgist Katie Heaford
Lector Judy Ward
Sound & Zoom Technician Al Mohling
Coffee Fellowship Donna Young

COMING THIS WEEK

January 15-22

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
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study
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

Carolyn Garrett
Linda Kimberling
Marsha Gust
Don Stout
Ken Gerardy

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Marcille Bohling (Eldeen Hanke's sister)
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
Debbie Hanshaw

Linda Harris
Bryan Hastings
Mike Holmes
Marianne Howley
CF Huff
Teresa Joslin
Marsha Kidwell
Barry Mabe
Terry Miller
Larry Mausbach
Steve O'Connor

Mike Page
Rev. Bill Peterson
Ron Roberts
Marcia Robbins
Dan Rogers
Karen Tischnor
Ellie Torres
Bernie Wiegel
Melissa Wiles
Larry Wilson
Jody Ziehl

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Babcock
Eric Blomberg
Ben Brammeier
Salathiel (Sal) Caudill
Shade Bullock
Aaron Davis

Tanner Glodt
Kristine Hubbard
Jason Ites
Jason Judge
Adam Kralina
Matt Lee

Jordan Lindeman
Glenn Maddock
Tristan Morgan
Adam Peterson
Trent Simmons

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 15

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.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Tracy & Dan Garrett in honor of Carolyn Garrett's 85th birthday (Jan. 2).

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.

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 A New Year, however help is still needed by those in our area. Please volunteer your time, at Community for Christ on Tues. Jan. 24, Thur. Jan. 26, and Sat. Jan. 28. **We need 3 to 4 helpers** in retail, in addition to men working downstairs. Men, need some new assistance with receiving goods and selling. Want to work in food pantry, sort and hang clothes downstairs or bring up additional clothes, make a note when you sign up. Really need volunteer help, many of our warm weather volunteers are now somewhere else for the winter. Thanks to all that have volunteered and to those who want to try for the first time. A reminder that Community for Christ is an outreach center, operated by volunteers, supported by seven Churches from the West Side. Again, **please sign up!**

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)

START SAVING THOSE POP TABS Hurricane Deck Kindergarteners are again collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House of Columbia, which serves our local community. Tabs off of tuna cans, soup cans, soda cans, any metal tabs will work. Bring them to Kent by March 26. A receptacle will be in the narthex.