

Email Blast for January 29



4th Sunday after Epiphany

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

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

The Beatitudes promise a future where what are curses for us now are transformed into blessings. The meek, those who mourn, the poor in spirit and all the others be blessed and the sorrow and pain of this world will be transcended. It is easy to see why Jesus became so popular with some and so despised by others, the Kingdom he proclaimed was going to turn everything upside down. Jesus is still turning things upside down and inviting us to live by the ethics and logic of his rule, where being merciful, pure of heart and peacemakers is the essence of who we are.

SUPER BOWLS! I know that I forgot to bring my items for the collection for Super Bowl Sunday and the Super Bowl challenge from Thriven last Sunday, I'm guessing some other did too. We are striving to collect 150 food items that could be eaten from a bowl (and really what couldn't?), when we do, Thrivent will donate \$150 to Community For Christ!

God Bless You All!

Pastor Ed

Welcome to Worship

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

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Prelude

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

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.

Call to Worship

P: Jesus said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit."

C: Help us, O Lord, to surrender our spirits to you and to open ourselves to your work within us.

P: Jesus said, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

C: Give us peace, O Lord, in the midst of grief, and fill us always with the sure hope of your resurrection.

P: Jesus said, "Blessed are the meek."

C: Help us, O Lord, to be humble and obedient to your will.

P: Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness."

C: Help us, O Lord, to be enriched by your Word and to be nourished by the bread and wine, the body and blood of Holy Communion.

P: Jesus said, "Blessed are the merciful."

C: Help us, O Lord, to love and forgive all those around us.

P: Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart."

C: Help us, O Lord, to be genuine in all we say and do.

P: Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers."

C: Help us, O Lord, to bring harmony and unity to this broken and divided world.

P: Jesus said, "Blessed are you."

C: Help us to remember, O Lord, that you have blessed us with all we have and are. Help us now to use those blessings to bring blessings to others.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess our lack of peace. We are unsettled and disturbed. We try to structure our world for maximum protection, yet we find our fortress of self-sufficiency penetrated daily. Lord, we need your peace. We want to know that you love us and that our sin is forgiven. We want to stretch out and rest in your loving arms. Lord, forgive the distance we have placed between you and us.

P: God is a great God! God has forgiven our sin. With love, God brings the gifts of peace, patience, and kindness. God's Spirit helps us to live confidently, knowing that our strength is in Christ. Through Jesus' death and resurrection God has set us free to know real peace.

Sharing of the Peace

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

C: And also with you.

Gathering Hymn

Rejoice You Pure in Heart

ELW #873, 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, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Ed

Special Music

Peace I Leave With You

Kirsten Blaney, Jane Maher &
Bill Work

First Reading

Micah 6:1-8

Old Testament p. 891

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 15 (congregation reads responsively)

1LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.
They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

New Testament p. 158

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to Mathew, the fifth chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

New Testament p. 4

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

ELW # 719, v. 1 & 4

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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Margo Strothmann

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.

Lamb of God

ELW p. 154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymns

*We Place Upon Your Table, Lord
Come, Let Us Eat
O Master, Let Me Walk with You*

ELW # 467

ELW # 491

ELW # 818

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

ELW # 705 v. 1 & 4

The Dismissal

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

C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Margo Strothmann

Fellowship Time

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

WORSHIP LEADERS

PastorEd Foster
Organist/PianistMargo Strothmann
Choir Director..... Tracy Garrett
Handbells Director..... Katie Heaford

10:00 AM

Altar Guild..... Ruth Osterbur
Greeters/UshersLinda & Gerry Williams

LiturgistPastor Ed Foster
 Lector.....Judy Ward
 Sound & Zoom Technician.....Mike Ward
 Coffee Fellowship.....Lynn & Joyce Burke

✠ *Prayer Concerns* ✠

OUR MEMBERS

Linda Kimberling
 Marsha Gust
 Don Stout
 Ken Gerardy

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Ricky, son of Camdenton teacher Codi Shephard (in NICU)
 Marcille Bohling (Eldeen Hanke's sister)
 Cody Blasberg (friend of Kathy Fair)
 Blanche Lacroix (Sister-in-law of Ray and Kat Lacroix)

CONTINUED PRAYERS

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

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 JANUARY 29

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.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Bill Work & Jane Maher in memory of loved ones.

CARE CORE for January is Joyce Burke, 712-298-0993; for February is Cindy Mohling, 319-269-9853

SUPER “BOWLS” for Community for Christ. In conjunction with Thrivent, Kent accepted the challenge to donate at least 150 food items for CfC - anything that can be eaten out of a BOWL. Bring your donations to church Sunday and place them in the pyramid on the table in the gathering place. Then we'll send a picture to Thrivent for the chance to win another \$150 donation to CfC.

RESCHEDULED--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, February 11, at 10 a.m. Goodies will be provided.

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.

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.

IT'S EASTER PAGEANT TIME Every Easter morning we present our annual pageant, “He Is Risen.” We need lots of cast members, both speaking and non-speaking parts. If you're interested in being in the cast of the Annual Easter Pageant – both men and women – please see Gail Kruse.

VALENTINE'S DAY GOODIE BAGS During Fellowship on Sunday, February 5th help is needed to fill Valentine goodie bags for the students at Hurricane Deck Elementary and Little Tigers Learning Center. No experience necessary! 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)