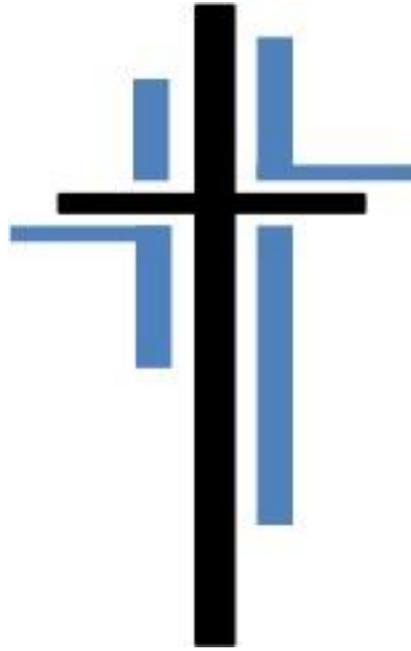


Email Blast for December 3



First Sunday of Advent

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
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The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

December 3, 2023

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

FROM PASTOR ED

Keep awake, Jesus warns us. Keep awake, be prepared, for one day he shall return. After 2000 years how do we actually do that? How do we stay prepared for that second coming? How we hold on to that hope and expectation? Indeed, where do we see the signs that God's love and power are breaking into the world even now?

Have a glorious week,
God bless you all,
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

Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

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Prelude *Once in Royal David's City* 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.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity + one God, who shapes the whole creation, who comes with might and mercy, who fills the hungry with good things.

C: Amen.

P: Let us approach the throne of grace with repentant hearts.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Faithful God,

C: we confess that we have been unfaithful to you. Like dry leaves and withered grass, our lives are blown about by our sins and the powers of evil surround us. Restore us, O God; let the light of your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

P: God is patient, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. In the name of Jesus Christ, I bring you this good news: You are free from all that imprisons you; your sins are forgiven; God heals your broken hearts. Live in peace and harmony as you wait for the day of God.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace (We share the words, "Peace be with you" with one another.)

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

C: And also with you.

Gathering Hymn

The King Shall Come

ELW # 260, v. 1, 2 & 5

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 your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Lighting the Advent Candle

P: The first candle of Advent is the candle of love

For the LORD is good;

his steadfast LOVE endures forever,

his faithfulness to all generations (*Psalms 100:5*)

L: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. (*John 3.16*)

P: Come again O Lord of Love.

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

ELW # 240, v. 1

Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.

He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Ed

Anthem

Holy, Holy, Holy Hosannah

Kent Choir

First Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

Old Testament p. 711

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (congregation reads responsively)

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

²**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

³Restore us, O God;

let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁴**O LORD God of hosts,**

how long will your anger fume when your people pray?

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
⁶**You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**
⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
¹⁷**Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one you have made so strong for yourself.**
¹⁸And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.
¹⁹**Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

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 Mark, the thirteenth chapter

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading

Mark 13:24-37

New Testament p. 47

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–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: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

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

Offertory

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Margo Strothmann

Offering Prayer

P: God our provider,

C: **by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus 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, our duty and our joy...

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

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ELW # 815

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

ELW # 597

Blest Be the God of Israel

ELW # 250

Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Cookie Sale (-2pm)
	9:45 a.m.	Community for Christ
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & Bible Study for all ages
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts) Handbells Rehearsal

✠ *Prayer Concerns* ✠

OUR MEMBERS

Pat Embich	Bill Work
Karen Thompson—health concerns	Joel Hellman
Judy Bradley—minor health issues	Gene Page—health concerns
Jim Kruse	Toni Wagner

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Al Gann—serious health issues (friend of Lacas' & Mellody's)
 Lance Craft—serious health issues (Ron & Judy Bradley's son-in-law)
 Eric Blomberg & The USS Laboon as they deploy
 Ed Krueger—pancreatic cancer (Marianne Howley's brother-in-law)
 Chuck Cuthbertson—tests (Marianne Howley's brother-in-law)

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Gary Andeline	Ginger Frazier	Steve O'Connor
Cheryl Anderson	Ken Gerardy	Mike Page
Dana Anderson	Carla Glusing	Jennifer Pedersen
Pam Babcock	Ruth Goddard & family	Rev. Bill Peterson
Michelle Becker	Lyn Golvig	Gloria Peterson
Jessica Birdsong	Gary Hansen	Kathy Pipes
Cody Blasberg	Debbie Hanshaw	Zach Rezac
Marcille Bohling	Linda Harris	Ron Roberts
Cindy Campbell	Bryan Hastings	Marcia Robbins
Matthew Clark	Rod Hayes	Dan Rogers
Shirley Clark	Mike Holmes	Pat & Shirley Rogers
Evelyn Clements	CF Huff	Shelley
Duane & Grace Cridland	Teresa Joslin	Karen Tischnor
Mary Beth Fair	Linda Kimberling	Bernie Wiegel
Ron Ferguson	Blanch Lacroix	Jerry Williams
Stacey Flect	Barry Mabe	Larry Wilson
Dave Fosler	Larry Mausbach	
Shane Foster	Dave & Sara Newton	

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 3

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.

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE & POTLUCK begins this Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. Theme is “Angels From the Realms of Glory: Zachariah, Elizabeth & Mary.” A potluck will follow the service. Altar Guild and Worship & Music committees will host.

WELCA CHRISTMAS PARTY & LUNCHEON The ladies of Kent Memorial are invited to WELCA’s Christmas party and luncheon on Tuesday, December 5th. We need to be seated by 11 A.M. as children from Hurricane Deck will be giving a presentation of ‘The Leader in Me’. A soup, salad, & dessert luncheon will be served. Following lunch we will learn how to create a Christmas floral arrangement & other decorating ideas. The WELCA officers have been busy planning a festive Christmas party for you to enjoy!

ANNUAL COOKIE & CANDY SALE FOR NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS WELCA’s annual cookie & candy sale will be December 9, beginning at 9am. Cookies, bars, candy, etc., are needed for the sale. Please bring your treats to church on December 8 at 9am, and plan to stay and help decorate cookies and set up for the sale. Volunteers to help during the sale are welcome.

HURRICANE DECK ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS STORE On Thursday, Dec. 14th, Hurricane Deck will again be having their Christmas Store. I have received a Thrivent Action Team for Board Games and with all your wonderful donations for Vinny's 50th birthday, we have a great start on toys for the store. If, however, you are wanting to contribute more, of course we'll take it and can definitely use it. Toys and games should be to the Kent Buddy Pack room by Sunday, Dec. 10. Thank you so much for all your generosity and support.

THE GIVING TREE presented by the Social Ministry is up in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for adopting all our names. Please return unwrapped gifts to Kent no later than Sunday, December 10th. All gifts are for family members that have been affected by Domestic Violence. Questions, please ask members of your Social Ministry committee: Sheryl Boos, Melba Bangert, Judy Ward, Sharon Ballard, Mary Evans, Karen Stanze, Jim Mellody. Thanks to all of you for your continued giving spirit.

CFC FOOD PANTRY NEEDS What is your favorite dinner item you look forward to during the holidays? That’s what CFC would love to have, and then we’ll provide and share to our community.

CFC thanks you for your continued support throughout this last year, not only your donations of food, but with volunteering at the store. It’s truly because of you that CFC is able to support our community!!