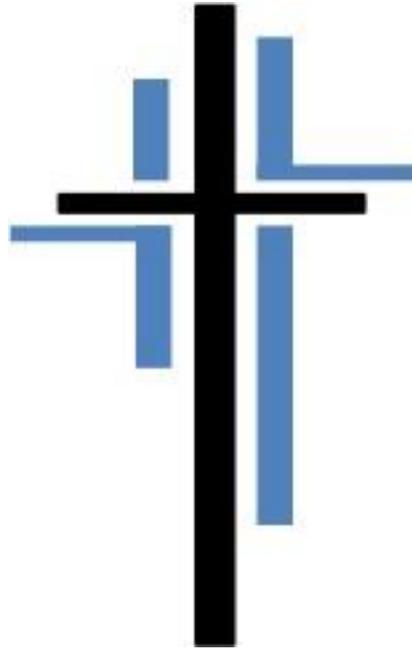


Email Blast for December 10



## **Second Sunday of Advent**

### **Kent Memorial Lutheran Church**

184 Sunset Hill Drive  
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

**The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor**

**December 10, 2023**

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

#### **FROM PASTOR ED**

John the Baptist, came we are told to prepare the way of the Lord. We too are called to prepare the Lord's way into our world today. How can we prepare the world around us to meet and welcome their savior and Lord? How do we make it easier for them to see God at work in their lives? How do we share the faith that has been given to us with those who so desperately need to know that God loves them?

Have blessed week,

Shalom,  
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

John calls people to repent, to clear the decks, to completely reorder their lives so that nothing gets in the way of the Lord's coming. The reading from Isaiah gives the context for this radical call: the assurance of forgiveness that encourages us to repent; the promise that the coming one will be gentle with the little ones. Isaiah calls us all to be heralds with John, to lift up our voices fearlessly and say, "See, your God is coming!" We say it to one another in worship, in order to say it with our lives in a world in need of justice and peace.

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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.*

**Call to Worship**

P: Comfort, comfort ye, my people.

**C: We find comfort in the midst of our daily struggle.**

P: Comfort, comfort ye, my people.

**C: We find comfort in the promise of daily living.**

P: Comfort, comfort ye, my people.

**C: We find comfort in the grace of daily service.**

P: Comfort, comfort ye, my people.

**C: We find comfort in God's perfect timing.**

P: Comfort, comfort ye, my people.

**C: We find comfort in the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Lest that day surprise us unprepared, let us make confession of our sins, imploring our heavenly Father to have mercy upon us for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Most merciful God,

**C: we confess to you all our sins and iniquities with which we have offended you – in our thinking, in our speaking, and in our doing. We fail to prepare the way of the Lord; the voice of your messenger goes unheeded; we try your patience. We beg your forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ, and seek the help of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

P: Comfort, O comfort my people, says our God. In Jesus Christ all your sins are forgiven and all things are made new. Rejoice in the good news.

**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**

*Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

ELW # 242, v. 1 & 2

Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning.  
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold! the Child of our longing.  
Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together,  
he opens wide the heav'nly door and lives now inside us forever.

To us, to all in sorrow and fear, Emmanuel comes a singing,  
his humble song is quiet and near, yet fills the earth with its ringing;  
music to heal the broken soul and hymns of loving-kindness,  
the thunder of his anthems roll to shatter all hatred and blindness.

**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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; 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**

*Emmanuel, Expected Jesus*

Kent Choir

**First Reading**

Isaiah 40:1-11

Old Testament p. 682

**L:** The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13** (congregation reads responsively)

<sup>1</sup>You have been gracious to your land, O Lord;  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup>**You have forgiven the iniquity of your people  
and blotted out all their sins.**

<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the Lord God is saying;

for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

<sup>9</sup>**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup>**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,**

**and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup>The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup>**Righteousness shall go before the Lord  
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

**Second Reading**

2 Peter 3:8-15a

New Testament p. 228

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Announcement**

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to Mark, the first chapter

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

**Gospel Reading**

Mark 1:1-8

New Testament p. 32

P: The Gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon**

Pastor Ed Foster

**Hymn of the Day**

*Comfort, Comfort You My People*

ELW # 256, v. 1

“Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace!” So says our God.  
Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow’s load.  
To God’s people now proclaim that God’s pardon waits for them!  
Tell them that their war is over; God will reign in peace forever.

**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**

*O Come, O Come Immanuel*

Joyce Wanamaker

**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**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

ELW # 631

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee!  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!

*How Firm a Foundation*

ELW # 796

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said

who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through fi’ry trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.  
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.”

“Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove  
my sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,  
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.”

*Around You, O Lord Jesus*

ELW # 468

Around you, O Lord Jesus, your own you gather still  
to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.  
You say to us so lovingly, “Take, eat! This is my body!  
Take, drink! This is my blood!”

We hear your invitation, and heed, O Lord, your call;  
your word of consolation is spoken here to all.  
It draws us to your loving heart; it brings to us your blessing,  
which never will depart.

We are your own forever; until our final breath  
we will be true and never--- in joy, in grief, in death---  
depart from you, for you are still among your people dwelling,  
as you have said you will.

**Post-Communion Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Announcements**

**Sending Hymn**

*On Jordan’s Bank The Baptist’s Cry* ELW # 249, v. 1, 2 & 5

On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be ev’ry life from sin; make straight the way for God within,  
and let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.

All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won,  
whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.

**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**

Pastor .....Ed Foster  
 Organist/Pianist .....Joyce Wanamaker  
 Choir Director.....Tracy Garrett  
 Handbells Director..... Katie Heaford

**10:00 AM**

Altar Guild..... Diane Ziehl  
 Greeters/Ushers .....Randy & Ruth Osterbur  
 Liturgist ..... Tracey Atzeni  
 Lector..... Mary Foster  
 Sound & Zoom Technician..... Michael Wagner  
 Coffee Fellowship.....Lynn & Joyce Burke

**COMING THIS WEEK**

**December 10-17**

Today	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	8:45 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
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Social Ministry Committee
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Worship & Music Committee
	6:00 p.m.	Midweek Advent Worship & potluck
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Friday	6:00 p.m.	Church Council Xmas Party
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**† 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**

Beth Jackson—health concerns (niece of Blomberg & Poretta)  
 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

**CONTINUED PRAYERS**

Gary Andeline	Cody Blasberg	Duane & Grace Cridland
Cheryl Anderson	Marcille Bohling	Chuck Cuthbertson
Dana Anderson	Cindy Campbell	Mary Beth Fair
Pam Babcock	Matthew Clark	Ron Ferguson
Michelle Becker	Shirley Clark	Stacey Flect
Jessica Birdsong	Evelyn Clements	Dave Fosler

Shane Foster  
Ginger Frazier  
Ken Gerardy  
Carla Glusing  
Ruth Goddard & family  
Lyn Golvig  
Gary Hansen  
Debbie Hanshaw  
Linda Harris  
Bryan Hastings  
Rod Hayes  
Mike Holmes

CF Huff  
Teresa Joslin  
Linda Kimberling  
Ed Krueger  
Blanch Lacroix  
Barry Mabe  
Larry Mausbach  
Dave & Sara Newton  
Steve O'Connor  
Mike Page  
Jennifer Pedersen  
Rev. Bill Peterson

Gloria Peterson  
Kathy Pipes  
Zach Rezac  
Ron Roberts  
Marcia Robbins  
Dan Rogers  
Pat & Shirley Rogers  
Shelley  
Karen Tischnor  
Bernie Wiegel  
Jerry Williams  
Larry Wilson

### **REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

Christopher Babcock  
Eric Blomberg  
Ben Brammeier  
Shade Bullock  
Salathiel (Sal) Caudill  
Dylan Craig

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 DECEMBER 10**

**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 December is Linda Williams, 573-374-9147.

**MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE & POTLUCK** continue this Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. Theme is "Angels From the Realms of Glory: Joseph." A potluck will follow the service. Altar Guild will host.

**CHRISTMAS GOODIE BAGS** Help us put together the Christmas Goodie Bags for our schools today following worship, in the fellowship hall.

**DEDICATE A POINSETTIA** The Altar Guild is again offering the opportunity to dedicate one of the poinsettias in our Sanctuary. The dedications will be recognized in the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service bulletin. To dedicate a poinsettia, please fill out the pink form (found in the Gathering Place and the church office). Please print so the dedication is correct. Cost is \$18. Checks may be made to Kent Altar Guild.

**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 want 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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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**

Cereals - hot and cold

Condiments like catsup, mustard, salad dressings, mayo

Taco & chili seasonings

Chef Boyardee canned meals

Egg noodles

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!!