

Email Blast for December 24 – 10am service



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

December 24, 2023

10:00 a.m.

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

FROM PASTOR ED

When the angel announced to Mary what God was going to do for her (and the rest of the world), she was perplexed. It truly seemed impossible. It was both too good to be true and, since she was a virgin, not possible by the rules of this world. The angel tells her though, "nothing is impossible for God." On Christmas day, God did indeed do the impossible for us, and as we celebrate the birth of our Lord, we proclaim with the angel that nothing, nothing at all, is impossible for God.

Have a very blessed Christmas!

God bless you all,
Pastor Ed

OUR 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM:

To join a worship service, click the link below. Please mute your phone and turn off video when you join the meeting to ensure everyone can hear.

SUNDAY MORNING ZOOM LINK

To join Zoom Worship just click on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87847144381?pwd=WW56YklPSmFyQ3JqR3NsdUZKTWU5dz09>

Meeting ID: 878 4714 4381

Passcode: 602549

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We will celebrate Holy Communion. Have a piece of bread or cracker and a small amount of wine or juice ready for consecration.

If this is your first time on Zoom, please contact the church at 573-374-5267 for assistance.

Welcome to Worship

God keeps the promise made to David to give him an everlasting throne. The angel tells Mary that God will give David's throne to her son Jesus. She is perplexed by Gabriel's greeting and by the news of her coming pregnancy, but she is able still to say, "Count me in." We who know that Jesus is called king only as he is executed still find it a mystery hard to fathom, but with Mary today we hear the news of what God is up to and say, "Count us in."

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Prelude *Immanuel (From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable)* 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.

Invocation

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

C: **Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

P: The sun of righteousness shall rise with shiny beams of healing. Let us gather under the wings of God's mercy.

P: Gracious God,

C: **We acknowledge that we are sinners and we confess our sins, those known to us that burden our hearts, and those unknown to us but seen by you. We know that before you nothing remains hidden, and in you everything is revealed. Free us from the slavery of sin; liberate us from the bondage of guilt; work in us that which is pleasing in your sight; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: With a heart full of mercy and compassion, God saves us and forgives us all our sins. Christ, the dawn from on high, shines upon us, and by the light of the Holy Spirit guides our feet into the way of peace and joy.

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

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

ELW # 257, v. 1 & 2

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: This is the feast

ELW p. 149

L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

All: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Lighting the Advent Candle

P: The fourth candle of Advent is the candle of JOY.

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

sing the glory of his name;

give to him glorious praise. (*Psalm 66:1-2*)

All: I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. (*John 15:11*)

P: Come again O Lord of joy.

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

ELW # 240, v. 4

Children's Program

Away in a Manger

Happy Birthday to Jesus!

Special Music

Be Born in Me

Tracey Atzeni

First Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Old Testament p. 285

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm – Luke 1:46b-55

^{46b}My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

⁴⁷my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸**for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant.**

From this day all generations will call me blessed:

⁴⁹you, the Almighty, have done great things for me and holy is your name.

⁵⁰**You have mercy on those who fear you,**

from generation to generation.

⁵¹You have shown strength with your arm and scattered the proud in their conceit,

⁵²**casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.**

⁵³You have filled the hungry with good things

and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴**You have come to the aid of your servant Israel,**

to remember the promise of mercy,

⁵⁵the promise made to our forebears, to Abraham and his children forever.

Second Reading

Romans 16:25-27

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 Luke, the first chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:26-38

New Testament p. 53

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

Joy to the World

ELW # 267, v. 1, 2 & 5

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

Tenderly

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	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	ELW # 279
	<i>The First Noel</i>	ELW # 300
	<i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i>	ELW # 276

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn	<i>Angels From the Realms of Glory</i>	ELW # 275, v. 1, 2 & 4
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The Dismissal

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

Postlude	<i>Emmanuel</i>	Joyce Wanamaker
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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.....	Ruth Osterbur
Greeters/Ushers	Randy Osterbur
Liturgist	Joyce Burke
Lector.....	Mary Foster
Sound & Zoom Technician.....	Sam Foster
Coffee Fellowship.....	Al & Cindy Mohling

COMING THIS WEEK

December 24-31

Today	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)
	4:30 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal
	5:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
Monday		CHRISTMAS DAY Office closed
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
	10:20 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study
	10:20 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
Friday	10:20 a.m.	Westside Senior Center

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Hymn & Carol Sing Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (Cookies & Cocoa)

† Prayer Concerns †

OUR MEMBERS

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

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Jacque Ray Higgenbotham—lung & liver cancer (friend of LeeAnne Brumm)
 Doris Peterson (Tracey Atzeni’s mother)
 Theresa White—health concerns (friend of Susan Clark)
 Debbie McDermott—health concerns (friend of Susan Clark)
 Jim Marco—serious health concerns (Kathleen Marco’s father)
 Beth Jackson—health concerns (niece of Blomberg & Poretta)

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Cheryl Anderson	Shane Foster	Ed Krueger
Dana Anderson	Ginger Frazier	Blanch Lacroix
Michelle Becker	Al Gann	Barry Mabe
Jessica Birdsong	Ken Gerardy	Larry Mausbach
Cody Blasberg	Carla Glusing	Dave & Sara Newton
Marcille Bohling	Ruth Goddard & family	Steve O’Connor
Cindy Campbell	Lyn Golvig	Jennifer Pedersen
Shirley Clark	Gary Hansen	Zach Rezac
Evelyn Clements	Debbie Hanshaw	Ron Roberts
Lance Craft	Linda Harris	Marcia Robbins
Duane & Grace Cridland	Bryan Hastings	Dan Rogers
Chuck Cuthbertson	Rod Hayes	Pat & Shirley Rogers
Mary Beth Fair	Mike Holmes	Karen Tischnor
Ron Ferguson	CF Huff	Bernie Wiegel
Stacey Flect	Teresa Joslin	Jerry Williams
Dave Fosler	Linda Kimberling	Larry Wilson

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Babcock	Aaron Davis	Matt Lee
Eric Blomberg	Tanner Glott	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

***Our thanks to these members & friends for providing
poinsettias to beautify our Sanctuary this season***

Phil & Melba Bangert—in honor of our family
Joanne & Kirsten Blaney—in memory of Jon & Jackie Erickson
Allan & Sally Burke—in memory of loved ones
Lynn & Joyce Burke—in memory of our lost ones & in honor of loved family
John Coyner (2)—in memory of Paul & Doris Coyner
Mary Evans—in honor of family
Pat Garrett—in memory of Joe Garrett
Sandra Gilbert—in memory of my mother
Bill & Katie Heaford—in memory of our families
Jake & Linda Jacobson—in honor of Jesus, our Savior & Lord
Allen & Linda Kimberling—in memory of Brian Welsh
*Ron & Jane Kornfeind—in memory of parents & Erv & Agnes Rasmussen; & of Fred &
Jean Kornfeind*
Jim & Gail Kruse—in memory of Betty Buss
Nancy Larson—in memory of Ron Larson & Jim Curtis
Larry & Suzanne Lutjen—in memory of Sharon Lutjen
Harry Mason—in memory of Dianna in heaven & in honor of Mason & Salyer Family
Mike & Lee Ann McClain—in memory of Kathy Frey
Jim & Karen Mellody—in memory of family no longer with us, & friends, too
Al & Cindy Mohling—in memory of our loved ones
Ingrid, Erik, Erika & Karl Niemann—in memory of Charles E. Niemann
Curtis Reams—in memory of Diane Reams
Tom & Karen Ringsdorf—in memory of our parents
Teri Stout & Kelly Bryant—in memory of Loyd Cunningham
Karen Thompson (2)—in memory of Mr. & Mrs. HV McCray; & of Jack Thompson
*Don & Joan Wilken—in memory of our parents; & in honor of our children &
grandchildren*
Women of the ELCA—in memory of Lorraine Boyd
Vince & Barb Yount—in memory of Joyce Yount & Dennis Droege
Diane Ziehl—in memory of Jim Ziehl

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 24

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.

THANK YOU to all who donated toys to the Hurricane Deck Christmas Store. We had Christmas a little brighter for 130 children.

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 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!!

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Join us this evening at 6:00 p.m. for the Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship.