

Email Blast for January 7



Baptism of Our Lord

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

On this Sunday will be the first Sunday in the Season of Epiphany. We will remember the wisemen who followed the star and found the baby Jesus so that they could worship the newborn king of the world. The season of Epiphany is about discovering the ways that God has made Jesus known. It is about how Jesus has been a light to the world, revealing God's goodness and love to all people. How is Jesus revealed to us now? How is he still a light to the world?

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

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

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Prelude *What Sweeter Music* 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: John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
C: We acknowledge our own baptism and rejoice in the promise of God's love.
P: The Holy Spirit came upon Jesus as he came up out of the water, and God said, "*You are my Son, the beloved; with you I am well pleased.*"
C: In quietness and humility, we await the renewing power of God's Holy Spirit.

Prayer of Confession

All: O God, John's baptism of repentance is for us. We are the ones who have been baptized into your name but find countless ways to bring dishonor to our status as your children. Forgive us for acting as those who have not heard your name or your command to love you and love our neighbor as ourselves. Help us to live lives that inspire people to faith. Your Son has given us forgiveness through his own death and resurrection. We celebrate our standing as redeemed and forgiven of our sins. In the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Absolution

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you and for his sake, God forgives you all your sins. Our merciful God promises you the Holy Spirit to become and be children of God. You are invited to the table to be renewed today. Let your faith be fed. Let your life reflect that love.

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 *Brightest and Best of the Stars* ELW # 303, 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: 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, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, 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

Special Music

I Wonder as I Wander

Vanessa Hebrank

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

Old Testament p. 1

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29 (congregation reads responsively)

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

Second Reading

Acts 19:1-7

New Testament p. 132

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.**Gospel Announcement**

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P: The gospel according to Mark, the first chapter

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

Mark 1:4-11

New Testament p. 32

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

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Hymn of the Day*Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God*

ELW # 458, 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: God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

Reception of Offerings *Please fill out the red friendship pad and pass it to your neighbor*
Offertory *Cold December Flies Away* Margo Strothmann

Offering Prayer

P: Blessed are you, Holy One,

C: for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. 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

What Feast of Love

ELW # 487

Love Has Come

ELW # 292

Away in a Manger

ELW # 277, v. 1 & 3

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

Remember and Rejoice

ELW # 454, v. 1, 2 & 4

The Dismissal

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

C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude

Shepherds at the Manger

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.....Karole Karls
Greeters/UshersAltar Guild/Diane Ziehl, Tracy Garrett
LiturgistKatie Heaford
Lector.....Kathy Fair
Sound & Zoom Technician.....Dan Garrett
Coffee Fellowship.....Joyce & Lynn Burke

COMING THIS WEEK

January 7-14

Today	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & Bible Study for children
	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
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Undecorate the church
	9:40 a.m.	Community for Christ Volunteer Opportunity
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
Saturday	9:40 a.m.	Community for Christ Volunteer Opportunity
	9:40 a.m.	Community for Christ Volunteer Opportunity
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & Bible Study for children
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts) Handbells Rehearsal

† *Prayer Concerns* †

OUR MEMBERS

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

Christian condolences and hope are offered to Judy & Ron Bradley on the death of their son-in-law.

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Dave Shaver (friend of Wendy Blomberg)

Susan Lingwall—serious health issues

Jacque Ray Higgenbotham—lung & liver cancer (friend of LeeAnne Brumm)

Doris Peterson (Tracey Atzeni's mother)

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Cheryl Anderson

Dana Anderson

Michelle Becker

Jessica Birdsong

Cody Blasberg

Marcille Bohling

Cindy Campbell

Shirley Clark

Evelyn Clements

Lance Craft

Duane & Grace Cridland

Chuck Cuthbertson

Mary Beth Fair

Ron Ferguson

Stacey Flect

Dave Fosler

Shane Foster

Ginger Frazier

Al Gann

Ken Gerardy

Carla Glusing

Ruth Goddard & family

Lyn Golvig

Gary Hansen

Debbie Hanshaw

Linda Harris

Bryan Hastings

Rod Hayes

Mike Holmes

CF Huff

Beth Jackson

Teresa Joslin

Linda Kimberling

Ed Krueger

Blanch Lacroix

Jim Marco

Debbie McDermott

Dave & Sara Newton

Steve O'Connor

Jennifer Pedersen

Zach Rezac

Ron Roberts

Marcia Robbins

Dan Rogers

Pat & Shirley Rogers

Karen Tischnor

Theresa White

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 JANUARY 7

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 January is Joyce Burke, 712-298-0993.

REMINDER ~ All books are due for audit by January 10. Please leave them in the church office.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST Volunteer help opportunity at Community for Christ THIS WEEK on Tuesday, January 9, Thursday, January 11, and Saturday, January 13. Sign-up sheet posted in the fellowship hall. Did you know that in 2023, 1,600 families were assisted by CFC? Thank you all for your continued support.

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!!

SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY is February 11. Bring soup and Chef-Boy-R-Dee For Community for Christ. And we are challenging Our Savior's Lutheran. Our standing record is more than 337 cans from 2022. Let's try to beat it!