

Email Blast for January 21



3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

January 21, 2024

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

FROM PASTOR ED

In our Gospel lesson this week, Jesus calls his disciples telling them that they will be fishers of people. We are all called by our Lord to be a part of God's work in our world. Some indeed are called to be fishing for people, but all of us are called to use our talents and skills our very selves to bring God's grace and love into the world. What is your special calling? How is God using you to advance the kingdom? What is our calling as a congregation and as the people of God?

Keep your eye on your email this week for information about Sunday Worship. The cold weather is causing problems that may cause us to have to be online again this week.

God bless you all, stay warm and safe.

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

As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of the call to discipleship show us the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.

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Prelude

Serenata

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: In the name of the father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all.

C: If we walk in the light as he is in the light we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.

P: Today the good news is announced. The Savior calls!

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. Our lives are short-sighted and surrounded only by ourselves. We need repentance and the good news your Son, Jesus Christ came to proclaim. For his sake, have mercy upon us. Forgive us, renew us, and let your light shine upon us, so that we may delight in your will and follow where you call, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Good News! Jesus Christ was given to die for you; in him the time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God has come near. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

ELW # 588, 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

Canticle of Praise: Glory to God in the highest

ELW p. 148

Prayer of the Day

All: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Ed

Anthem

Fishers of Men

Kent Choir

First Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Old Testament p. 885

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 62:5-12 (congregation reads responsively)

⁵For God alone I wait in silence;
truly, my hope is in God.

⁶**God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

⁷In God is my deliverance and my honor;
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

⁸**Put your trust in God always, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.**

⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted.
Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

¹⁰**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**

¹¹God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,
that power belongs to God.

¹²**Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,
for you repay all according to their deeds.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

New Testament p. 162

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 1:14-20

New Testament p. 33

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

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: God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

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

Offertory

Bright and Glorious is the Sky

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

	<i>Here Is Bread</i>	ELW # 483
	<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>	ELW # 661
	<i>I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light</i>	ELW # 815

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn (Hymn of the month – the choir will sing both parts once to demonstrate, then the congregation will join and sing each section twice.)

<i>The Lord Now Sends Us Forth</i>	ELW # 538
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The Dismissal

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

Postlude

<i>Simple Gifts</i>	Margo Strothmann
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Fellowship Time

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor	Ed Foster
Organist/Pianist	Margo Strothmann
Choir Director	Tracy Garrett
Handbells Director	Katie Heaford
Choir Accompanist	Tracey Atzeni

10:00 AM

Altar Guild	Judy Ward
Greeters/Ushers	Mike & Judy Ward
Liturgist	Tracy Garrett
Lector	Kathy Fair
Sound & Zoom Technician	Larry Fair
Coffee Fellowship	Lynn & Joyce Burke

COMING THIS WEEK

January 21-28

Today	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)
		Handbells Rehearsal
Monday		Fellowship Hall Closed for rug cleaning
Tuesday		Fellowship Hall Closed
Wednesday		Fellowship Hall Closed
	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
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† *Prayer Concerns* †

OUR MEMBERS

Marsha Gust

Karen Thompson—health concerns

Judy Bradley—minor health issues

Jim Kruse

Bill Work

Joel Hellman

Gene Page—health concerns

Toni Wagner

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Dave Shaver (friend of Wendy Blomberg)

Susan Lingwall—serious health issues

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

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

Doris Peterson

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	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 JANUARY 21

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 Altar Guild.

CARE CORE for January is Joyce Burke, 712-298-0993.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY We will try again on January 17 at 6pm. Join us at any time. Come in person or online (the link is at the top of the Sunday email blast). Bring your dinner or there will be sandwich fixings there, too.

SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY is February 11. Between now and February 11, bring cans of soup and Chef-Boy-R-Dee products for Community for Christ. We are challenging Our Savior's Lutheran and our standing record is more than 337 cans from 2022. Let's try to beat it!

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR The new calendar for putting flowers on the altar is up in the fellowship hall! Reserve the Sunday you would like to celebrate with flowers now. Flowers are \$20, payable to "Altar Guild."

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU As my life seems to be getting busier and busier and I need to cut back some of my duties; I've let the Scholarship Committee members know this will be my last year as Chairman. We, as a committee, are going out to the congregation for anyone interested in being a part of this wonderful project for our schools. It's a wonderful opportunity to help the youth in our community and our future leaders. If interested, please come join us this year and see if it's something you'd be willing to participate in. Thank you and God's Blessings. Kat Lacroix

OTHER 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!!

USA BUS TOURS is hosting a Luncheon at Kent on Tuesday, January 30 from 12 Noon - 1:30pm to explain and promote their upcoming bus tours. The luncheon is free to anyone who is interested in attending, but reservations are required. To reserve a place for the free luncheon, call 573-341-8186. There will be 2 drawings at each of their luncheon locations for 50% off on a trip in 2024. Other luncheon dates are available at other Missouri locations.

For more bus tour information and details about the USA Tours bus company, go to tourUSA.com.

USA Tours is the bus company from Rolla that took Kent to the Branson Sight & Sound Theatre last Fall.

They provided a very reasonable price for our trip and have asked to use our facility (per Kent facility use guidelines) to advertise and promote their bus tours.