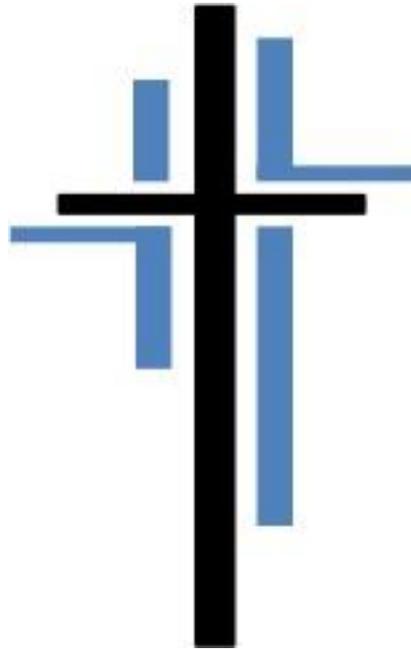


Email Blast for January 28



## **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

### **Kent Memorial Lutheran Church**

184 Sunset Hill Drive  
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

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

**January 28, 2024**

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

#### **FROM PASTOR ED**

There was something nearly (but not completely) irresistible about Jesus. People who encountered him were often moved to drop everything to be in his presence, leaving jobs, family, the rest of their lives. At least part of the attraction the Bible attributes to Jesus' teaching with authority. In Jesus and in his words, people experienced God in person. It was for many a life-changing experience. We too experience the fullness of God in our encounters with Jesus and his teaching, often in unexpected and lifechanging ways.

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

In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

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**Prelude**

*All Is Well*

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.*

**An Epiphany Litany**

P: From the darkest recesses of space, God spoke in a loud voice for six days, saying, "Let there be..." and there was.

**C: From far away, God spoke to all creation.**

P: From within a vision, God spoke to Abraham about becoming the father of many nations.

**C: From the far reaches of a dream, God spoke of a covenant he would never forget.**

P: From high on Mt. Sinai, God spoke in a loud voice telling Israel his commands and decrees.

**C: From far away, God spoke to his people of old.**

P: Now the Words of God come from a very human voice, from a seemingly ordinary man.

**C: Christ comes – fully human yet fully divine.**

P: Standing in the synagogue with the people of Galilee, Christ taught them about the Scriptures.

**C: From among people like us, Christ spoke with wisdom from above.**

P: Surrounded by the sick and the demon-possessed, Christ took their diseases away and ordered their demons to be silent.

**C: From among people like us, Christ stood out as one who could heal with a touch.**

P: Present with us now, Christ cares for the needs of the Church.

**C: From the midst of people gathered here, Christ is still teaching and touching, healing and serving by his Spirit's power.**

P: For wherever two or three are gathered in his name,

**C: there Christ dwells in the midst of them.**

P: Speak to us, Lord!

**C: May we know you among us.**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

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

**C: Amen**

P: Today we hear the voice of him who speaks with authority, the promised Prophet of the Lord.

**All: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your Word and shrink from your will, and so we follow other gods. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us. Forgive us, renew us, and let your light shine upon us, so that your will may be our delight, your ways the path we follow to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: The Son of God has come with great authority. He has the authority to forgive sins, to give us life and salvation. By his promise and his command, and with his authority your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and 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**

*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

ELW # 886, v. 1, 2, 3 & 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

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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: Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Children's Sermon**

Pastor Ed

**Special Music**

*As the Deer*

Joyce Burke & Tracey Atzeni

**First Reading**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Old Testament p. 178

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 111** (congregation reads responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup>**Great are your works, O LORD,  
pondered by all who delight in them.**

<sup>3</sup>Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,  
and your righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup>**You cause your wonders to be remembered;  
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>You give food to those who fear you,  
remembering forever your covenant.

<sup>6</sup>**You have shown your people the power of your works  
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup>The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;  
all of your precepts are sure.

<sup>8</sup>**They stand fast forever and ever,  
because they are done in truth and equity.**

<sup>9</sup>You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;  
holy and awesome is your name.

<sup>10</sup>**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.**

**Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

New Testament p. 163

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 1:21-28

New Testament p. 33

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Ed Foster

**Hymn of the Day**

*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

ELW # 310, v. 1, 2 & 4

**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**

*Winter's Serenade*

Joyce Wanamaker

**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**

*There Is a Balm in Gilead  
God Whose Almighty Word  
How Good, Lord, to Be Here!*

ELW # 614

ELW # 673

ELW # 315

**Post-Communion Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Announcements**

**The Dismissal**

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

**C: we share Jesus with all!**

**Postlude**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Joyce Wanamaker

**Fellowship Time**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

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

**10:00 AM**

Altar Guild..... Katie Heaford  
 Greeters/Ushers .....Jim & Karen Mellody  
 Liturgist ..... Vanessa Hebrank  
 Lector..... Kathy Fair  
 Sound & Zoom Technician..... Al Mohling  
 Coffee Fellowship.....

**COMING THIS WEEK**

**January 28-February 4**

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	6:00 p.m.	Chorale rehearsal
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	USA Tours Meeting in Fellowship Hall (-2:00 p.m.)
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
	6:00 p.m.	Lake Jazz Band rehearsal
Sunday	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

## † *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

*Christian condolences and hope are extended to Bill and Karen Pragman and their family on the death of his mother, Helen, on January 22.*

### **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	Ginger Frazier	Blanch Lacroix
Dana Anderson	Al Gann	Jim Marco
Michelle Becker	Ken Gerardy	Debbie McDermott
Jessica Birdsong	Carla Glusing	Dave & Sara Newton
Cody Blasberg	Ruth Goddard & family	Steve O'Connor
Marcille Bohling	Lyn Golvig	Jennifer Pedersen
Cindy Campbell	Gary Hansen	Doris Peterson
Shirley Clark	Debbie Hanshaw	Zach Rezac
Evelyn Clements	Linda Harris	Ron Roberts
Lance Craft	Bryan Hastings	Marcia Robbins
Duane & Grace Cridland	Rod Hayes	Dan Rogers
Chuck Cuthbertson	Mike Holmes	Pat & Shirley Rogers
Mary Beth Fair	CF Huff	Karen Tischnor
Ron Ferguson	Beth Jackson	Theresa White
Stacey Flect	Teresa Joslin	Bernie Wiegel
Dave Fosler	Linda Kimberling	Jerry Williams
Shane Foster	Ed Krueger	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 28

**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 Tracy Garrett in thanks for all the musicians at Kent.

**CARE CORE** for January is Joyce Burke, 712-298-0993; for February is Cindy Mohling, 319-269-9853.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** will meet at 6pm until Ash Wednesday. 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!

**SHINE YOUR LIGHT** There's an opportunity to "Shine your light" at Community for Christ on Tues. Feb. 13, Thur. Feb. 15 and Sat. Feb. 17. Sign-up sheet posted in the meeting hall. Because of the cold weather more families than ever are asking for assistance, retail sales are important. CFC can't achieve the goal of serving those in need without your help! Thank you all for your continued support.

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE NEEDS NEW MEMBERS** 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](http://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.