



2nd Sunday of Advent

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

December 8, 2024

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

FROM PASTOR ED

John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. We too are tasked with preparing Jesus' way. We too are called to repentance and forgiveness. We too are called to proclaim God's grace. We too are called to baptize, to give the gift of God's gracious promise of eternal love and presence. We are called to the ministry of John, of being God's messengers in the world, givers of God's love, proclaimers of God's grace.

May Advent and Christmas be for us a time of preparation for Christ's coming, for his coming on the last day, and his coming into our lives every day.

God bless you all, Pastor Ed

OUR WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM:

To join a worship service, please contact the church at 573-374-5267 for assistance.

Welcome to Worship

Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Christ as forerunner of the Lord of hosts. Finally, all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and assist all people in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."

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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.

Invocation and Opening Dialog

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity + one God, who forgives our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: The Sun of Righteousness shall rise with shining beams of healing. Let us gather under the wings of God's mercy

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Merciful 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 compassion, God 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.

Sharing of the Peace (We share a sign of peace with one another.)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Gathering Hymn

Christ, Be Our Light

ELW # 715, v. 1 & 2

Liturgy Setting 4

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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 sin 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 give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY

Children's Sermon

Pastor Ed

Lighting the Advent Candle

P: The second candle of Advent is the candle of LIGHT.

"The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." (Matthew 4:16)

C: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

P: Come again O Lord of Light.

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

ELW # 240, v. 2

Anthem

With Empty Hearts, We Wait

Kent Choir

First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

Old Testament

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Luke 1:68- (congregation reads responsively)

⁶⁸ Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,
you have come to your people and set them free.

⁶⁹ **You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,
born of the house of your servant David.**

⁷⁰ Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies,
⁷¹ from the hands of all who hate us,

⁷² **to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.**

⁷³ This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:

⁷⁴ to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**free to worship you without fear,
⁷⁵ holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.**

⁷⁶ And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

⁷⁷ **to give God's people knowledge of salvation**

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

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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.

Lamb of God

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Communion Hymns

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
Let All Things Now Living
Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

ELW # 815
ELW # 881
ELW # 242

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ELW # 631, v. 1 & 2

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

Shining Star

Joyce Wanamaker

Fellowship Time

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

WORSHIP LEADERS

PastorEd Foster
Organist/PianistJoyce Wanamaker
Choir Director.....Tracy Garrett
Choir Accompanist..... Tracey Atzeni
Handbells Director..... Toni Wagner

Altar Guild.....Karole Karls
 Greeters/UshersMike & Lee Ann McClain
 Liturgist Tracey Atzeni
 Lector..... Sally Burke
 Sound & Zoom Technician.....Mike Ward
 Coffee Fellowship.....Gail Kruse

COMING THIS WEEK

December 8-15

Today	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	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
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Worship & Music
	6:00 p.m.	Midweek Advent Worship & Potluck
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Cookie Decorating & Set Up
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	WELCA Cookie/Candy Sale (-Noon)
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† Prayer Concerns †

OUR MEMBERS

Maxine Williams	Marsha Gust	Pat Embich
Liz VanDeVeire	Geri Riley	Jim Gilbert
Donald Brumm	Stan Field	Gene Page

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Mary Ann Carter	Kirk McLaughlin	Tamara McClain
Brandon Rodewald	Stacy Carey	Jeanne Hines
Doug Jones	Ryan Dilhman	Mike Holmes
Sal Caudill	Trudy Hamilton	Steve Hughes
Patrick Parkhurst	Dianne Steingrubey	Vicki Sawyer
Kenny Mullins	Wayne Jackson	Marcille Bohling
Cindy Holm	Gil Wilde	

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Julie (Ziehl) Anderson	Evelyn Clements	Ken Gerardy
Evan Beaupre	Chuck Cuthbertson	Carla Glusing
Michelle Becker	Mary Beth Fair	Ruth Goddard & family
Jessica Birdsong	Ron Ferguson	CF Huff
Cindy Campbell	Stacey Fleck	Teresa Joslin
Shirley Clark	Al Gann	Linda Kimberling

Ed Krueger
Blanch Lacroix
Jennifer Pedersen
Jodi (Ziehl) Redmond
Ron Roberts

Marcia Robbins
Michele Schafer
Dave Shaver
Karen Thompson
Karen Tischnor

Theresa White
Bernie Wiegel
Jerry Williams

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 1

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. 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.

MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP - ADVENT: THE MUSICAL This Wednesday, December 11, 6pm, we will gather for the Second Act of ADVENT: The Musical, *Mothers Rejoice*. A potluck meal will follow worship, hosted by Budget & Finance and Long-Range Planning.

God's plan of salvation is beginning. God sends holy messengers to common, ordinary but faithful people. Through an elderly couple, a carpenter and young girl God is going to change everything. Through these unlikely people God is going to save the world from sin and death.

HURRICANE DECK CHRISTMAS STORE Hurricane Deck is having their "Christmas Store" on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12. I have applied for and received a Thrivent Action Team for Board Games. With prices rising as they are, my \$250 from Thrivent will not go very far. If you are interested in helping in any way---I and the boys and girls at Hurricane Deck would appreciate it. Toys and games need to be to the church by Sunday, December 8. Set up for the event will be Wednesday, December 11. Any help is appreciated. See Wendy Blomberg with any questions.

JOIN THE FUN We will be icing and decorating cut-out sugar cookies at 9:00 a.m. this Friday, December 13, for the WELCA Christmas Cookies, Bars, and Candies Sale. The baked sugar cookies and icing will be furnished, so bring your cookie sprinkles or decorations and join the fun. The Cookie Sale will be the following day, December 14, from 9am to noon, here at Kent. Proceeds will be donated to the nursing scholarship fund at Lake Regional Hospital. If you have questions, contact Joan Wilken, Lee Ann McClain, Linda Williams or Joyce Wanamaker.

FILLING GOODY BAGS Limber up your fingers and hands by next Sunday, December 15 so you can help fill our Christmas goodie bags for Hurricane Deck and Little Tigers. We'll meet at the back of the Fellowship hall after church. Thank you!

ADDITIONAL OFFERING COUNTERS NEEDED The Counting Team Leader would like you to know that we need a few more people to join the counting group. Currently, each team of two counts once every 6 weeks. We would like to add two teams and an additional person to substitute when the need arises. If you would like to help us out by joining this team or if you have any questions about the way it

works, please contact Jane Maher at 812-306- 5462.

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST PANTRY 'Tis the season once again. We will gratefully accept anything for holiday meals: turkeys, hams, Stove Top Stuffing, potatoes (real or boxed), canned veggies, fruit, and pie fillings. And soups too! Also, condiments of any kind like catsup, mustard, mayo and salad dressings. Bring your donations to church and put them in the big blue box in the narthex, outside of Pastor's office.

THE GREATER LAKE AREA CHORALE will present their Christmas concert this afternoon, 2:00 p.m., at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Camdenton. Admission is free. Donations are always welcome.

LAKE AREA COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA will present their Christmas concert this evening, December 8, 7pm, at High School Performing Arts Center, Versailles.