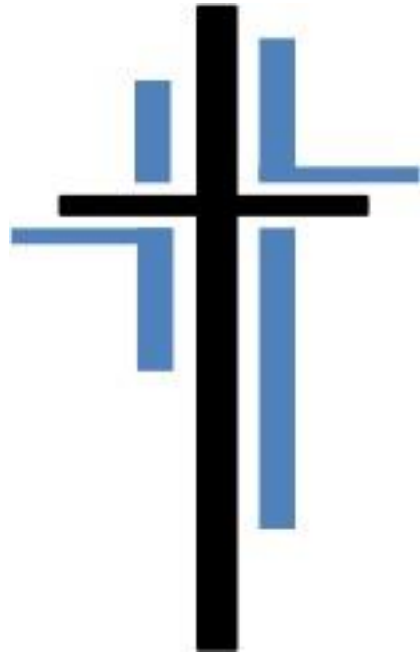


Email Blast for December 29



1st Sunday of Christmas

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

December 29, 2024

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

FROM 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

On the first Sunday of Christmas we find the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus, both in the temple, both growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind. We too have returned to the house of God “to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God,” who has gifted us with a savior. As the festival continues, “let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.” It is Christmas, still.

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Prelude

Worship the King

Tracey Atzeni

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: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

C: who was born for us in Bethlehem,

P: the love of God,

C: who sent the Christ Child for us,

P: and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

C: who brings us to the Christ of Christmas,

P: be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Litany of New Birth, New Life

P: The birth of Christ has come, and the news of his salvation is being passed on from person to person.

C: We praise our Messiah who has come at last.

P: Like Simeon in the temple courts, we see this child is destined for greatness.

C: We look forward to the glory he will reveal to every person in heaven and on earth.

P: Like Anna in the temple courts, we give thanks to our God who has answered the prayers of his people.

C: We bow our heads in adoration, grateful to God for sending us a Savior.

P: Like Simeon, we are moved by the Spirit to draw near to the Lord.

C: We hold Jesus close to our hearts and feel his tender touch.

P: Like Anna we wait for God to act when and where he wills.

C: We worship the One whom God sent in the fullness of time.

P: For Jesus alone will bring us wisdom and understanding.

C: Christ alone will bring us grace and peace.

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.

Carol

Joy to the World

ELW # 267, v. 1 & 4

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.

Prayer of the Day

All: Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Ed

Carol

Away in a Manger

ELW # 277, v. 1 & 3

First Reading

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Old Testament

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148 (congregation reads responsively)

¹Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.

²**Praise the Lord, all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

³Praise the Lord, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴**Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name of the Lord,
who commanded, and they were created,

⁶**who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

⁷Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸**fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

⁹mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰**wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;**

¹¹sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;

¹²**young men and maidens,
old and young together.**

¹³Let them praise the name of the Lord,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴**The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!**

Carol

Angels We Have Heard on High

ELW # 289, v. 1 & 3

Second Reading

Colossians 3:12-17

New Testament

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Carol

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

ELW # 275, v. 1 & 4

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to Luke, the second chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:41-52

New Testament

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Carol *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ELW # 279

Sermon Pastor Ed Foster

Carol *What Child Is This* ELW # 296

The Prayers

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

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

Offertory

He Is Born

Tracey Atzeni

Offering Prayer (sung) *As with Gladness Men of Old* ELW # 302, v. 1 & 3

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

ELW p. 153

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. Wine and grape juice are available. Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing.

Communion Carols

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

ELW #270

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

ELW # 276

Love Has Come

ELW # 292

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Carol *Go Tell It on the Mountain* ELW # 290

The Dismissal

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

C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude

Pat-a-pan

Tracey Atzeni

Fellowship Time

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

WORSHIP LEADERS

PastorEd Foster
 Organist/Pianist Tracey Atzeni
 Choir Director.....Tracy Garrett
 Handbells Director..... Toni Wagner

10:00 AM

Altar Guild..... Diane Ziehl
 Greeters/Ushers Katie & Bill Heaford
 Lector..... Teri Stout
 Sound & Zoom Technician..... Sam Foster
 Coffee Fellowship.....Worship & Music Committee

COMING THIS WEEK

December 29-January 5

Today	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship with Cookies & Cocoa
Wednesday		New Year’s Day Office Closed
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Lake Jazz Band Rehearsal
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)

† Prayer Concerns †

OUR MEMBERS

Toni Wagner
 Kelly Covey
 Joe Poretta
 Liz VanDeVeire

Donald Brumm
 Marsha Gust
 Geri Riley
 Stan Field

Pat Embich
 Jim Gilbert
 Gene Page

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Art McCray
 Esther Strothmann
 Mary Ann Carter
 Brandon Rodewald

Doug Jones
 Sal Caudill
 Patrick Parkhurst
 Kenny Mullins

Cindy Holm
 Kirk McLaughlin
 Stacy Carey
 Ryan Dilhman

Trudy Hamilton
Dianne Steingrubey
Wayne Jackson

Gil Wilde
Tamara McClain
Jeanne Hines

Mike Holmes
Steve Hughes
Marcille Bohling

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Julie (Ziehl) Anderson
Evan Beaupre
Michelle Becker
Jessica Birdsong
Cindy Campbell
Shirley Clark
Evelyn Clements
Chuck Cuthbertson
Mary Beth Fair
Ron Ferguson
Stacey Fleck

Al Gann
Ken Gerardy
Carla Glusing
Ruth Goddard & family
CF Huff
Teresa Joslin
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 29

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, 573-374-9147 or 573-480-3008; for January is Joyce Burke, 712-298-0993.

THANK YOU MUSICIANS Saying a huge thank you to all the musicians of Kent for making 2024 and especially the Christmas season so special!

SALVATION ARMY DONATIONS Interesting fact--80% percent of monies donated in this area stay in this area. Remember this when you pass bell ringers. Or if you chose to send in your donation, if possible, make certain that your check shows a zip code of this area. Funds are distributed thru organizations such as Community for Christ. Bless you and thanks for your generosity.

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.