



2nd Sunday of Christmas

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

January 5, 2025

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

FROM PASTOR ED

Jesus is the Word of God made flesh. In Jesus birth, life, death and resurrection, Jesus proclaimed God's opinion and intention for all of humanity. God loves us. God intends to for us to become righteous and holy people, living joyful and peaceful lives of meaningful service. In Jesus God has proclaimed grace and truth, forgiveness and repentance, love and life eternal. We no longer have to guess what God is like, or what God wants, in Jesus we have heard from God himself. God wants us.

Happy New Year,

May your 2025 be filled with grace upon grace.

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

Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.

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Prelude

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly Vanessa Hebrank & 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: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, the maker of heaven and earth, the Word made Flesh, the Lord and giver of life.

C: **Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection

C: **God of glory, God of peace, we confess that we have shunned the light that reveals the truth about us. We cling to worldly things rather than sharing the gifts of this earth. We trust ourselves above all. Save your people, O God: sustain the rivers and trees that sing your praise; and free us to live boldly in the light and truth of Jesus, our Savior.**

P: The grace of God shines upon us, bringing salvation to the whole world. We are saved, our sins are washed away, not because of anything we have done, but according to God's grace and mercy in Jesus Christ. Renewed by the Holy Spirit, let us live in hope, in peace, and in joy.

C: **Amen.**

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

Love Has Come

ELW # 292, 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

Canticle of Praise: This is the feast

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Prayer of the Day

All: Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through 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

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Old Testament

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147:12-20 (congregation reads responsively)

¹²Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem;
praise your God, O Zion,

¹³**who has strengthened the bars of your gates
and has blessed your children within you.**

¹⁴God has established peace on your borders
and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

¹⁵**God sends out a command to the earth,
a word that runs very swiftly.**

¹⁶God gives snow like wool,
scattering frost like ashes.

¹⁷**God scatters hail like bread crumbs.
Who can stand against God's cold?**

¹⁸The Lord sends forth the word and melts them;
the wind blows, and the waters flow.

¹⁹**God declares the word to Jacob,
statutes and judgments to Israel.**

²⁰The Lord has not done so to any other nation;
they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

New Testament

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to John, the first chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

John 1:1-18

New Testament

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

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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

Reflection

Vanessa Hebrank

Offering Prayer

P: God of heaven and earth,

C: from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight. The trees, the fields,
and the seas sing for joy. Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the
chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day. Amen.

Holy Communion

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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.

Communion Hymns

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
The First Noel
Angels, From the Realms of Glory*

ELW # 270
ELW # 300, v. 1-3
ELW # 275

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

ELW # 659, v. 1-3

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

We Three Kings

Vanessa Hebrank

Fellowship Time

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor	Ed Foster
Organist/Pianist	Vanessa Hebrank
Choir Director	Tracy Garrett
Choir Accompanist	Tracey Atzeni
Handbells Director	Toni Wagner
Altar Guild	Melba Bangert
Greeters/Ushers	Ruth Osterbur
Liturgist	Ed Foster
Lector	Mary Foster
Sound & Zoom Technician	Sam Foster
Coffee Fellowship	Lynn & Joyce Burke

COMING THIS WEEK

January 5-12

Today	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Altar Guild / Undecorate the church
	10:00 a.m.	Undecorate the church WELCA Crafts - Stuff Critters
	11:00 a.m.	WELCA Meeting
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study

Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School & Bible Study for all ages
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)

† *Prayer Concerns* †

OUR MEMBERS

Toni Wagner	Donald Brumm	Pat Embich
Kelly Covey	Marsha Gust	Jim Gilbert
Joe Poretta	Geri Riley	Gene Page
Liz VanDeVeire	Stan Field	

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Inge Robbins	Patrick Parkhurst	Wayne Jackson
Maria Garrick & family	Kenny Mullins	Gil Wilde
Art McCray	Cindy Holm	Tamara McClain
Esther Strothmann	Kirk McLaughlin	Jeanne Hines
Mary Ann Carter	Stacy Carey	Mike Holmes
Brandon Rodewald	Ryan Dilhman	Steve Hughes
Doug Jones	Trudy Hamilton	Marcille Bohling
Sal Caudill	Dianne Steingrubey	

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Julie (Ziehl) Anderson	Al Gann	Ron Roberts
Evan Beaupre	Ken Gerardy	Marcia Robbins
Michelle Becker	Carla Glusing	Michele Schafer
Jessica Birdsong	Ruth Goddard & family	Dave Shaver
Cindy Campbell	CF Huff	Karen Thompson
Shirley Clark	Teresa Joslin	Karen Tischnor
Evelyn Clements	Linda Kimberling	Theresa White
Chuck Cuthbertson	Ed Krueger	Bernie Wiegel
Mary Beth Fair	Blanch Lacroix	Jerry Williams
Ron Ferguson	Jennifer Pedersen	
Stacey Fleck	Jodi (Ziehl) Redmond	

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	

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 5

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 January is Joyce Burke, 712-298-0993.

SOCIAL MINISTRY & COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST Social ministry thanks all who contributed to help those in need in 2024. Unfortunately the number of those in need continues to grow, anyone that has approached Kent has been provided some relief. Continue to keep those in need of prayer and comfort in your hearts. May GOD's blessings be given to us all. AMEN.

ALTAR GUILD We will take down our Christmas decorations on Tuesday, January 7, following our meeting. Everyone is welcome to help.

WELCA will meet on the first Tuesday of January, January 7. We will undecorate & stuff "critters" at 10:00 a.m. The meeting is at 11:00 a.m. All women of the congregation are invited to join us.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL will resume on Sunday, January 12, at 9am.

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS Embark on a journey of discovery in the new year with the adult Sunday School class "What on Earth Am I Here For?". Created by Pastor Rick Warren, it combines videos and discussion taken from his book "The Purpose Driven Life," which sold 35 million copies. The six-week class will begin on Sunday, January 12, from 9:00 a.m. till 9:45 at the back of the Fellowship Hall. Books will be provided and Gerry Williams will facilitate discussion.