

Email Blast for January 26



Third Sunday after Epiphany

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
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The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

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

FROM PASTOR ED

As Jesus began his ministry, he came to his hometown of Nazareth and proclaimed that Isaiah's promises of a savior were being fulfilled in him. It was an outrageous and audacious statement, unless of course it was true. Jesus' divinity and his identity as the Messiah were revealed to the world, as he did those things Isaiah claimed that he would. Jesus gave sight to the blind, set captives free and proclaimed the Good News to the poor. Jesus is still made visible when his compassionate mission is carried out in our midst. When those who are poor, those who are oppressed and those who are either physically or spiritually blind are given back their sight, we

catch a glimpse of God, we experience God's presence, and the Good News of Jesus is made real in our lives and in the lives of those around us. Love and compassion are still epiphanies of God's rule among us.

Have a blessed week, Stay warm.
Shalom
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

God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

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Prelude

Adoration

Vanessa Hebrank

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.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

C: Amen.

P: Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Mighty and loving God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.

P: Hear the voice of Jesus: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives." In the name of + Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

C: Amen.

Litany: Promises Revealed

P: Through your Word, O Jesus of Nazareth, you have shared the message of salvation.

C: Reveal your good news to us again this day.

P: O Christ, our brother, you took on human flesh and became poor for our sake, so that our souls might be renewed.

C: Reveal to us your mighty power to enrich the very poor in spirit.

P: O Lord, our healer, you set your followers sights on the treasures of heaven.
C: Reveal to us how you open the eyes of those who are blinded by the things of this world.
P: On the cross, O Savior, you took on the sins of the whole world.
C: Reveal to us how you release us from captivity in sin, through your life, death and resurrection.
P: In your life, you fulfilled all the prophecies about the Messiah.
C: Show us how God's will can be fulfilled in our life of faith.
P: Son of God the Father,
C: speak to us now, through your Holy Scriptures.

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

Arise, Your Light Has Come!

ELW # 314

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: Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Ed

Anthem

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Kent Choir

First Reading

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Old Testament

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.**Psalm 19** (congregation reads responsively)¹ The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.² **One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**³ Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,⁴ **their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world,
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**⁵ It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.⁶ **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**⁷ The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.⁸ **The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.¹⁰ **More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**¹¹ By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.¹² **Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**¹³ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.¹⁴ **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.****Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

New Testament

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.**Gospel Announcement**

P: The gospel according to Luke, the fourth chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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Gospel Reading

Luke 4:14-21

New Testament

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

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Hymn of the Day*Christ, Be Our Light*

ELW # 715, v. 1, 2 & 5

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: hear 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 grace,

C: your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. 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. Wine and grape juice are available. Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing.

Communion Hymns

*One Bread, One Body
Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

ELW # 496
ELW # 886, v. 1-4

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

ELW # 654, v. 1 & 2

The Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

Benediction

Vanessa Hebrank

Fellowship Time

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

WORSHIP LEADERS

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

Altar Guild.....Judy Ward
Greeters/UshersGerry & Linda Williams
LiturgistTracy Garrett
Lector..... Mary Foster
Sound & Zoom Technician..... Sam Foster
Coffee Fellowship.....Al & Cindy Mohling

COMING THIS WEEK

January 26-February 2

Today	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	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) Handbells Rehearsal
Tuesday	9:20 a.m.	Community for Christ Volunteer
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study
Thursday	9:20 a.m.	Community for Christ Volunteer
	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	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)
Handbells Rehearsal

† *Prayer Concerns* †

OUR MEMBERS

Joe Poretta
Donald Brumm
Marsha Gust

Geri Riley
Stan Field
Pat Embich

Jim Gilbert
Gene Page

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Catharine Allington
John Welsh
Tom Williams
Inge Robbins
Maria Garrick & family
Art McCray
Esther Strothmann
Mary Ann Carter
Brandon Rodewald

Doug Jones
Sal Caudill
Patrick Parkhurst
Kenny Mullins
Cindy Holm
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
Ron Ferguson
Stacey Fleck

Al Gann
Ken Gerardy
Carla Glusing
Ruth Goddard & family
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 JANUARY 26

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.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this morning are given by Ruth & Randy Osterbur.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR LAST WEEK were given by Don & Joan Wilken in memory of their parents.

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

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS Embark on a journey of discovery 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.” The six-week class is on Sundays, 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.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY Our Evening Bible Study, led by Pastor Ed, continues the study of Galatians. We meet 6:00-7:00 p.m. and everyone is welcome to join in. There is a Zoom Link in the weekly Email Blast if you can't join us in person.

THE “SOUPER” BOWL IS BACK 530 Cans. That is our record. 530 cans of soup, chili, pasta and other canned meals. Our SOUPER BOWL collections have been fantastic in the past few years. We have supplemented our monthly donations and helped keep the shelves at CFC filled for our neighbors who are hungry. Can we outdo ourselves this year? Can we break the record? Can we help CFC score a touchdown for their clients? Once again, we are encouraging one another to bring canned soup, Chef Boyardee and other canned meals between now and the Super Bowl (SOUPER BOWL) on Sunday, February 9th. I'm not saying that bringing food will help your team win the big game, but it will help our neighbors so very much!

PS> I have not been here for the Souper Bowl Challenge for a few years. If Kent can beat last year's total of 530 cans, I will contribute 25¢ for each can donated to Community for Christ. I have watched Kent's generosity from afar, but I am excited to help participate this year. Wendy B.

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST Time to volunteer at Community for Christ on Tue. Jan. 28th, Thur. Jan. 30th and Sat. Feb. 1st. Signup sheet on the infamous bulletin board. By way of information Community for Christ is an outreach center and emergency food pantry serving parts of Morgan and Camden counties. Assistance for rent, utilities, gasoline, prescriptions and food are some of the areas of help provided. CFC is a faith-based organization supported by 7 area churches. All funds available to CFC are through donations and retail sales. No government funding is used. This is truly neighbors helping neighbors. Won't you please consider volunteering?

COMMUNITY FOR CHRST FOOD PANTRY CFC would like to thank each of you for the wonderful gift of holiday food that without a doubt brought joy to many families. There's nothing better than a warm holiday meal with family & friends. We can't thank you enough!!! Now, we are deep into winter. (ugh!) Here's a new list of things our food pantry is really in need of:

- Hamburger Helper type box meals
- Cereal (hot or cold)
- Diapers - (Sizes 4, 5, 6)
- Cleaning supplies
- Any personal hygiene products

COMMITTEE CHAIRS—Year-end reports are due in the office by January 30.