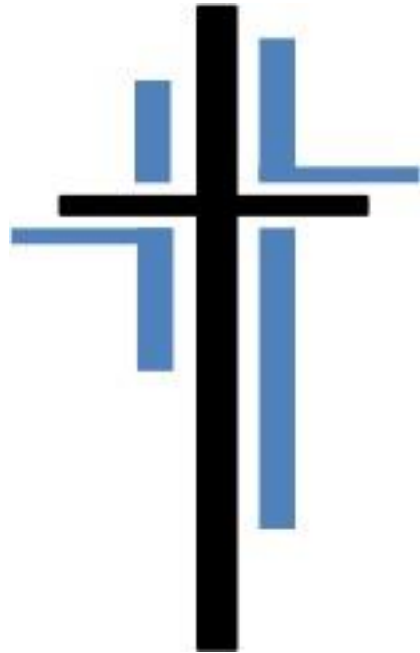


Email Blast for February 2



Presentation of Our Lord Sunday

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

February 2, 2025

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

FROM PASTOR ED

Mary and Joseph bring baby Jesus to the temple to present him to the Lord. What must have seemed like a special but also common occurrence, all first born children were presented to the Lord, became another occasion for them to be amazed. Simeon and Anna see the child and rejoice. The Holy Spirit has shown them that this child will be their (and our) salvation. The secret was already getting out, shepherds and wisemen, now Simeon and Anna believe that through this child God is bringing salvation to Israel and to the entire world. Where is the Holy Spirit revealing God's salvation to us? Where do we see Christ

breaking into our world to bring as Simeon put it, “the rising and falling of many, and to be a sign to be opposed?” We to can rejoice, our Lord is working in our world even now to bring salvation to all God’s children.

Shalom!
Pastor Ed

OUR WORSHIP AND EVENING BIBLE STUDY ARE AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM:

To join us, please contact the church at 573-374-5267 for assistance.

Welcome to Worship

The Presentation of Our Lord is referred to in some corners of the church as Candlemas because of an ancient tradition of blessing all the candles to be used in the church in the coming year at the mass celebrated on that day. It was a way of underscoring the truth of Simeon’s confession that this baby Jesus was “a light for revelation to the Gentiles” and a light for glory to Israel. Let the light of every candle in church be a little epiphany of the love of God for all people in the person of God’s son, Jesus, the light of the world.

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Prelude

Adoration

Vanessa Hebrank

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of our Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

Litany for Presentation of Our Lord

P: You have come, O Lord, as you have promised. You are the Messiah whom we have waited for.

Lord, now let your servants go in peace.

C: Your word has been fulfilled.

P: We have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people. Lord, now let your servants go in peace.

C: Your word has been fulfilled.

P: You were destined for the falling and the rising of many and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed. Lord, now let your servants go in peace.

C: Your word has been fulfilled.

P: You have called us to follow in your footsteps, bringing the Good News of your salvation to the poor and the powerless, to lowly and the outcast. Lead us now so that we can faithfully say...

C: Lord, now let your servants go in peace, your word has been fulfilled.

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

We All Are One in Mission

ELW # 576, v. 1 & 2

Hymn of the Month: the choir will sing verse 1, then we will all sing verses 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: This is the feast

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L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

All: Almighty and ever-living God, your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple.

May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Children's Sermon

Pastor Ed

Anthem

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Kent Choir

First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

Old Testament

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84 (congregation reads responsively)

¹ How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!

² **My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

³ Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young,
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my king and my God.

⁴ **Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be praising you.**

⁵ Happy are the people whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

⁶ **Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

⁷ They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

⁸ **Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob.**

⁹ Behold our defender, O God; and look upon the face of your anointed.

¹⁰ **For one day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

¹¹ For the Lord God is both sun and shield, bestowing grace and glory;
no good thing will the Lord withhold from those who walk with integrity.

¹² **O Lord of hosts, happy are they who put their trust in you!**

Second Reading

Hebrews 2:14-18

New Testament

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to Luke, the second chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:22-40

New Testament

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

Shine, Jesus, Shine

ELW # 671

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: 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.

Lamb of God

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Communion Hymns

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
A Mighty Fortress*

ELW # 502, v. 1-4

ELW # 490

ELW # 504

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

ELW # 545, 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..... Melba Bangert
Greeters/UshersRandy & Ruth Osterbur
Liturgist Al Mohling
Lector..... Kathy Fair
Sound & Zoom Technician..... Sam Foster
Coffee Fellowship.....Donna Young

COMING THIS WEEK

February 2-9

Today	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	9:15 a.m.	Children's Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)
Monday		Handbells Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Evangelism
	6:00 p.m.	Chorale Rehearsal
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Altar Guild
	10:00 a.m.	WELCA-Crafts
	11:00 a.m.	WELCA Meeting
Wednesday	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		"SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY
	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	9:15 a.m.	Children's 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

Joe Poretta
Donald Brumm
Marsha Gust

Geri Riley
Stan Field
Pat Embich

Jim Gilbert
Gene Page

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

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

Doug Jones
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
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 FEBRUARY 2

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 are given by Mike & Judy Ward for their family.

CARE CORE for February is Cindy Mohling, 319-269-9853.

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.

BLOOD DRIVE FEBRUARY 28 11:30AM -5:30PM **Take the 56-Day Challenge! Give blood * Save lives * Repeat! All blood types needed.** Please join us for this Kent Memorial Lutheran Church blood drive on February 28, 11:30a.m. – 5:30p.m. Appointments are strongly encouraged. Get a free hoodie for all donors, while supplies last. Eat tasty snacks. Save lives! To schedule your appointment, call 417-227-5006 or visit donor.cbco.org. Thank you!

KENT'S 75TH BIRTHDAY In 2026, Kent Memorial Church will be 75 years old. The Long Range Planning Committee has been charged with the task of planning the events and/or projects to celebrate. Some ideas/events have been suggested by existing Kent Committees (much appreciated!) but any Kent member who has a project/event or an idea for a project/event let the Long Range Planning Committee know so your idea may be discussed. 75th Anniversary Planning Committee members are: Tracey Atzeni, Sally Burke, Kathy Fair, Kat LaCroix, Karen Thompson, Mike Ward, Gerry Williams & Bill Work, Chair. Our next meeting is February 17, 2025, at 10 AM. (This meeting is open to all who wish to attend)

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE The Evangelism Committee is looking for additional members to join our committee. We assist the pastor and the church council with many ministries that serve the various needs of our community and the social needs of our congregation as well as promoting our events and ministry to others in our community. Please contact

Cindy Mohling (319-269-9853) if you would like to join us.

THRIVENT MEMBERS Are you a Thrivent member? Have you used any of your available Action Team? Al Mohling, our Finance Chair, keeps track of how we have used our Action Teams to benefit our benevolence committees and the church. If you've used one, please let Al know. If you'd like to know more about Action Teams, and how you can use them for the good of others, see Al or Joyce Wanamaker.

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