



6th Sunday after Epiphany

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

February 16, 2025

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

Welcome to Worship

Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the “blessed are” and the “woe to” are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.

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Prelude

He Knows My Name

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.” The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

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.

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

ELW # 858, v. 1, 2 & 4

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: Glory to God in the highest

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Prayer of the Day

All: Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Ed

Anthem

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Kent Handbells

First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Old Testament

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1 (congregation reads responsively)

¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

² **Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;

everything they do shall prosper.

⁴ **It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶ **For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

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 sixth chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:17-26

New Testament

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

When Our Song Says Peace

ELW # 709

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

Sweet Hour of Prayer

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

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW # 471

We All Are One in Mission

ELW # 576

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW # 465

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign

ELW # 434, v. 1, 2 & 5

The Dismissal

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

C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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..... Katie Heaford
Greeters/Ushers Don & Joan Wilken
Liturgist Joyce Burke
Lector..... Kathy Fair
Sound & Zoom Technician..... Sam Foster
Coffee Fellowship..... Cindy & Al Mohling

COMING THIS WEEK

February 16-23

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| Today | 8:30 a.m. | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 9:15 a.m. | Handbells 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 | 10:00 a.m. | 75 th Anniversary Committee |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Chorale Rehearsal |
| Tuesday | 6:00 p.m. | Church Council 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 |
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† *Prayer Concerns* †

OUR MEMBERS

Karen Thompson
Joe Poretta
Donald Brumm

Marsha Gust
Geri Riley
Stan Field

Pat Embich
Jim Gilbert
Gene Page

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Michelle Becker
Cooper Cupp (6 yr. old)
William Niemann
Kyle Pedersen
John Welsh
Tom Williams
Inge Robbins
Maria Garrick & family

Art McCray
Mary Ann Carter
Brandon Rodewald
Doug Jones
Patrick Parkhurst
Cindy Holm
Stacy Carey
Ryan Dilhman

Trudy Hamilton
Wayne Jackson
Gil Wilde
Tamara McClain
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
Jeanne Hines
Teresa Joslin
Linda Kimberling
Ed Krueger
Blanch Lacroix
Jodi (Ziehl) Redmond

Ron Roberts
Marcia Robbins
Michele Schafer
Dave Shaver
Dianne Steingrubey
Esther Strothmann
Karen Tischnor
Theresa White
Bernie Wiegel
Jerry Williams

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Babcock
Eric Blomberg
Ben Brammeier
Shade Bullock
Dylan Craig
Salathiel (Sal) Caudill

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 16

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 Denise Kralina in memory of Steve Kralina.

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

KENT'S GRIEF GROUP will not meet on February 19.

THE "SOUPER" BOWL IS HERE AND GONE but your amazing generosity lives on. Final count = 961 cans of soup, chili, pasta and other canned meals have been donated this year to Community for Christ. We can't thank you enough!!!

VOLUNTEER AT COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST Time to volunteer at Community for Christ on Tue. Mar. 4th, Thur. Mar. 6 and Sat. Mar. 8th. Signup sheet is on the infamous sign-up sheet board. This is truly neighbors helping neighbors. Won't you please consider volunteering? Thank you! Questions? Talk to Jim Mellody or Chuck Wanamaker.

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!

WELCA WEDNESDAY will be February 26 at Studebaker's in Camdenton at 11:30 a.m. Please sign up on the WELCA sign-up board in the fellowship hall so we know how many seats we need. If you would like to meet at church and carpool, we will leave Kent at 10:45 a.m.

LOVE YOUR HEART BRUNCH Join Lake Regional Hospital at On the Rise Restaurant for "Love Your Heart Brunch" benefitting Lake Regional at 9:30 a.m. Friday, February 28. Enjoy an upscale brunch buffet with signature drinks, and learn from Lake Regional Cardiovascular-thoracic Surgeon Randy G. Brown, M.D., FACS, and Lake Regional CEO Kevin McRoberts, FACHE, what's next for Lake Regional's heart program. Tickets are \$75 (gratuities not included) and available at OnTheRise.givesmart.com.

EASTER PAGEANT Easter is April 20 this year and it will be the 55th performance of "He Is Risen!" Cast members of all ages are needed to make this beloved annual event a success. If you want to be in on the fun, see Gail Kruse.

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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS continues on a journey of discovery with Pastor Rick Warren, “What on Earth Am I Here For?”. Through videos and discussion, taken from Warren’s book “The Purpose Driven Life,” this six-week class is on Sundays, from 9:00 a.m. till 9:45 at the back of the Fellowship Hall. Books are provided and Gerry Williams facilitates the 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.