



Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 23, 2025

9:30 AM

*(You are welcome to share a prayer request to be used in worship today.
Prayer Cards will be collected during the Sermon Song.)*

WELCOME AND HIGHLIGHTED HAPPENINGS TO COME

GATHERING

(A time of silence to let go of daily worries and refocus on worshipping God)

PRELUDE (and lighting of the altar candles)



CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us invite Jesus into our homes, our hearts.

All: **Let us treat Jesus as an honored guest.**

Leader: Let us anoint his feet with the fine perfume of our love,

All: **And dry them with our commitment to justice.**

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT PRAYER

Leader: Lord God,

Thank you for bringing the Duwamish and Muckleshoot peoples to this region of the world, and giving them the strength and courage to make this their ancestral home, caring for this land since time immemorial. We recognize and honor these people, our Indigenous siblings, and pledge to continue their tradition of respecting and tending this part of that land while we use it for our church home.

Response: **Amen**

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Gracious God,
All: Help us embrace and extend the forgiveness and compassion
we witness in Jesus' actions.
May we live in grateful and faithful response
to your immeasurable love.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Welcome

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E E E

1. Let's walk to - geth - er
(2. Let's) talk to - geth - er
(3. Let's) dream to - geth - er

4 A/E B A B C#m

for a while and ask where we be - gin - - to
of a time when we will share a feast, - - where
of the day when earth and heaven are one, - - a

7 E A/E B

build a world where love can grow and
pride and pow - er kneel to serve the
ci - ty built of love and light, the

9 A B E D

hope can en - ter in, - - to be the hands of
lone - ly and the least, - - and joy will set the
new Je - ru - sa - lem, - - where our mourn - ing turns to

12 C#m F#

heal - ing and to plant the seed of peace, -
 ta - ble as we join our hands to pray, -
 danc - ing, ev - ery crea - ture lifts its voice, -

14 Bsus B *Refrain* B/D# E A B

- sing - ing wel - come,
 - sing - ing wel - come, wel - come to this place. You're in -
 - cry - ing wel - come!

17 B E A/C# B Bm9 E7 Amaj7

vit - ed to come and know God's grace. All are wel - come the

20 A B F#/A# F# F#m7 A B

love of God to share _____ 'cause all of us are wel - come here; -

23 C#m C#m7 F#m A

- all are wel - come in this place. -

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 MUSIC: Mark A. Miller

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WELCOME
 Irr. with Refrain

CONFESSION

Leader: We confess our sins before God and one another.
(Pause for a time of reflection)

God of light,

All: You reveal yourself to us, but we do not see.

You call to us, but we do not hear.

You reach out to us, but we do not feel.

Instead we live as though you are not our God.

**We act in ways that bring disunity, oppression, and pain
 to ourselves, our neighbors, and the world.**

Forgive us for our constant wandering.

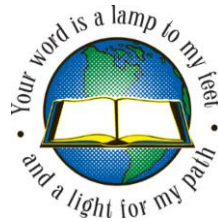
**Draw us back into your loving arms and re-direct our steps
 onto your path of love, justice, and healing,
 for the sake of all that you have made.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Children of light,
 God will always find us where we wander, and carry us safely home.
 We receive the entire forgiveness of all our sins now, for the sake of Jesus Christ,
 whose sacrificial selflessness has redeemed us and all of creation.

All: Amen.





THE WORD

THE READING Luke 7:36-50

Reader: The reading today is from the seventh chapter of Luke:

³⁶ One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and when he went into the Pharisee's house he reclined to dine. ³⁷ And a woman in the city who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. ³⁸ She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair, kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." ⁴⁰ Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak." ⁴¹ "A certain moneylender had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³ Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." ⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven loves little." ⁴⁸ Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹ But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰ But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE





SERMON SONG

Build a Longer Table

ACS 1062



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
 Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBERS

(We celebrate, as we officially welcome Janet Emerick and Dianne and Wayne Heath as members of Kent Lutheran Church)

PRESENTATION

INSTALLATION

WELCOME

Pastor: Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to this community of faith.

Response: **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

DECLARATION OF FAITH

Leader: We declare our faith:

All: **I believe in the Holy One, known as God,
the creator of all that has been and ever shall be.
I believe God's creation is amazingly diverse and beautiful.
I believe that human life is in God's image.
I believe that God's very essence is love
and that God is good and gracious.
I believe in Jesus, a child of God, born to Mary,
who lived and died to show us the way and truth and life.
I believe Jesus loves me and that his love is forever and ever.
I believe Jesus taught us to follow his way,
to love all people and to forgive each other
and to be peacemakers.
I believe in the Holy Spirit of God
who calls each of us to follow Jesus,
and who gathers us as God's people.
I believe the Holy Spirit of God empowers us
to make a difference with our lives
and to live as people of grace and forgiveness today.
Amen.**





COMMUNITY PRAYERS

Leader: We pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

(silence for reflection)

Leader: As we seek your forgiveness, help us to release the burdens of shame and guilt. Help us to come to you with sincerity and renew our hearts and lives.

God, draw near.

Response: Receive our prayer.

Leader: Bring restoration and healing to all of creation, especially areas most affected by pollution and lack of care.

God, draw near.

Response: Receive our prayer.

Leader: Bless leaders in our local communities with open hearts and minds. Guide them with your ways as they navigate the challenges of governance.

God, draw near.

Response: Receive our prayer.

Leader: Pour out your grace on those facing injustice and affliction, illness or addiction, injury or grief. Bring restoration and healing to all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit. Hold them in your loving arms and give them strength and courage in their difficulties. Guide and sustain those who are tending to their needs, and give support and comfort to their families and friends through these trying times.

God, draw near.

Response: Receive our prayer.

Leader: Sustain nonprofits and organizations dedicated to helping and uplifting communities. Multiply their resources and help them make a positive impact with their work.

God, draw near.

Response: Receive our prayer.

Leader: We give you thanks for our new members, Janet, Dianne and Wayne, whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close together in your Spirit – in the breaking of bread, in prayers, and in service to others.

God, draw near.

Response: Receive our prayer.

Leader: May the stories of saints who have gone before us encourage us to seek reconciliation and healing in our lives and communities. We give you thanks for those beloved saints who are no longer with us, including.... Confident in the promise of the resurrection, we wait with anticipation and with certainty that we will be reunited with them again at your heavenly banquet. Until that time, comfort those who are mourning the physical loss of their loved ones, and be with them as they struggle to find a path through their grief back to joy.

God, draw near.

Response: Receive our prayer.

Leader: Listen now to the prayers of your people, spoken aloud or silently...
(pause for personal prayers)
(special congregational prayers are lifted up)

A more complete list of all whom the congregation is praying for this week is in the announcement insert in your bulletin.

Leader: God, draw near.

Response: Receive our prayer.

Leader: Trusting in your mercy and grace, we lift up all of our prayers to you.

Response: Amen.

MEAL



(Note: Receptacles for your offerings are available on stools at the front on either side of the center aisle as you come forward for communion)

OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: Our offering prayer:

God,
we offer these gifts out of such love as was shown
by the woman with the jar of ointment.
Accept and use them to lavish hospitality and welcome to all,
including those who suffer want.
In Jesus' name we pray.

Response: Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.



LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: We join in the prayer Jesus taught us to pray.

All: Our [Father | Mother | Heavenly Parent | Creator] in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom,
the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.



ABOUT COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. Please wait in your pew until the usher indicates that it is your turn, then come forward using the center aisle. If you and/or your children are not comfortable participating in the Rite of Communion, **know that all are still welcome to come forward for a blessing – just let the presider know your preference when you and/or your children are in front of the first Chancel step.** When you are at the front, please fill in a vacant spot. **If you would like a gluten free alternative to the bread, or if you prefer grape juice instead of wine, please indicate that to the presider.** After you have communed, please discard the empty cup to be recycled in the trash can by the side wall before returning to your seat.*

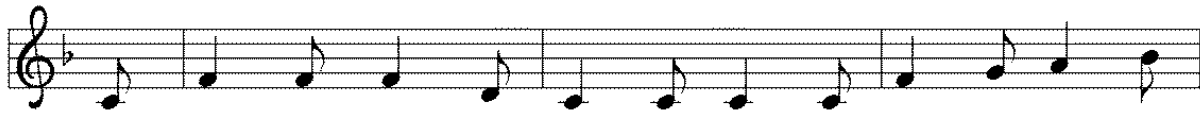
COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Leader: We will commune those in the Sanctuary first and then those who are online. If you are joining us online and want to participate in Holy Communion, have your bread or cracker and your wine or juice ready.

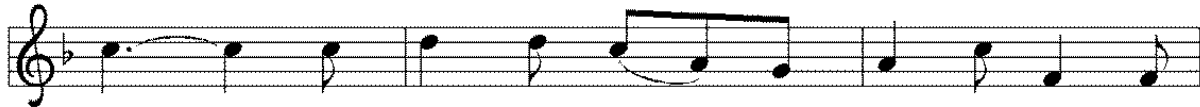
As Jesus dined with his host,
now come to the table of life,
where Jesus is the host,
and where Jesus anoints our feet and
treats us as honored guests.

Come with your siblings in Christ and
be nourished for life in his name.





1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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(when all in the sanctuary have been fed)

Pastor: Those joining us online – pick up your bread and hear these words:

This is the body of Christ given for you.

Eat and receive saying, "Amen."

Lift up your cup of wine or juice and hear these words:

This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

Drink and receive saying, "Amen."

COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Response: Amen.

BLESSING

Leader: May the blessing of the three-in-one God be yours.

May the Spirit bless you with hope
poured out like water and flowing as the river.

May Jesus bless you with discomfort at injustice and oppression.

May the Creator who holds the Earth as an artist holds brush and palette,
fill your imagination,
so that you always find the world inspiring and wonderful.

May God in whose being beauty shines on you, journey with you.

God says to you, "You are my beloved.
Be blessed this day and always."



SENDING SONG

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

ELW 535

Refrain— sung twice each time

Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness. *End*

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in G major (one sharp). It consists of three systems of music. The first system is the refrain, which is repeated twice. The lyrics are: 'Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.' The word 'End' is written above the final measure of the third system.

1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain

I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

Text: South African; tr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984

Music: HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA, South African; arr. *Freedom Is Coming*

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WE GO

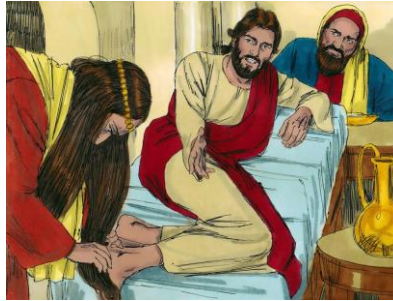
Pastor: Let us go now, to follow Jesus,
to serve our neighbor,
to stand with the oppressed,
to proclaim and live God's grace,
and to share God's peace with one another and our world!

Response: **Thanks be to God!**

(As we pass the peace, ALL people have the right to choose if they would like a verbal greeting, a handshake, or a hug.)

POSTLUDE





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KENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

lives and celebrates the accepting love of Christ

CORE VALUES

We affirm the following values:

- * We value the love of God revealed in Christ Jesus;
- * We value God's love as a gift to be shared with everyone;
- * We value everyone as a child of God, and invite all to be embraced by God;
- * We value providing a loving, caring environment supporting spiritual needs;
- * We value that all people are empowered by the Holy Spirit to serve God and community.
- * We value the participation of people of all ages, ethnic background, sexual orientation, gender identity, educational background, different abilities, and economic conditions.

OUR VISION

Kent Lutheran Church, a Christ-centered, sacred place
for spiritual, cultural, and community enrichment.

Kent Lutheran Church is an **RIC (Reconciling in Christ)** congregation.

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