

# **King of Kings Lutheran Church**

*Connecting People to Christ Now and Forever*

## **The Fifth Sunday of Easter** **May 18, 2025 | 11:00am**

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Thank you for worshiping with us at King of Kings! Our prayer is that the Holy Spirit will draw you closer to the living God through your time of worship today and strengthen your connection to Christ our Savior.

### ***HONORING GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS***

King of Kings believes firmly in the biblical principle of honoring God through our tithes and offerings. We consider giving to be an act of worship that both expresses and exercises our love and trust in the Lord as the source of all He has entrusted to us. If you are our guest today please know you are under no obligation to give. The mission and ministry of this church is supported by those who have committed themselves to this community of faith. If you do desire to give we ask only that you do so with a joyful heart. King of Kings offers a variety of ways to give:

- An offering basket is located at the rear of sanctuary/worship center where you can place your gift.
- **eGiving:** Scan the QR code or visit [www.koklcms.org](http://www.koklcms.org) and look for the donations tab.
- **Text2Give:** You can text your gift to 844.969.0788. Simply enter the amount (no \$ is necessary) and send. It's that simple.



(NOTE: For both eGiving and Text2Give a one-time account set up will be necessary.)

## Preservice Music

### Welcome

### Call to Worship

### Glorious Day

I was buried beneath my shame  
Who could carry that kind of weight  
It was my tomb 'til I met You

I was breathing but not alive  
All my failures I tried to hide  
It was my tomb 'til I met You

You called my name and  
I ran out of that grave  
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day  
You called my name and I ran out of that grave  
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

Now Your mercy has saved my soul  
Now Your freedom is all that I know  
The old made new Jesus when I met You

You called my name and  
I ran out of that grave  
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day  
You called my name and I ran out of that grave  
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

I needed rescue my sin was heavy  
But chains break at the weight of Your glory  
I needed shelter I was an orphan  
Now You call me a citizen of Heaven  
When I was broken You were my healing  
Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing  
I have a future my eyes are open

'Cause when You called my name  
I ran out of that grave  
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day  
You called my name and I ran out of that grave  
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

## **Opening Prayer**

### **Call to Worship**

Father let your kingdom come, Father let your will be done  
On Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart

Father let your kingdom come, Father let your will be done  
On Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart

Give us this day our daily bread  
Forgive us forgive us  
As we forgive the ones who sinned  
Against us forgive them  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from the evil one  
Let your kingdom come

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Against us forgive them  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from the evil one  
Let your kingdom come

It's yours it's yours, all yours all yours  
The kingdom, the power, the glory are yours  
It's yours it's yours, all yours all yours  
Forever and ever, the kingdom is yours

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### **The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)**

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## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

**P** We have come together to praise and thank God for His overwhelming grace and mercy. Singing and rejoicing are natural for us, but we cannot come to God with our sins and failures. Let us therefore confess our sins and ask for mercy for the sake of Christ.

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **we acknowledge our sinful nature and repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. For the sake of Jesus, our Lord, grant us Your divine absolution so that, as Your redeemed people, we be fit places for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and serve You in time and for eternity. Have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to life everlasting. Amen.**

**P** God has called you to life, He has given His Son to pay for your sins, and He has given you and all believers in Christ the faith to trust all His promises. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Song of Praise

## 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

Worship Your holy name  
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

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## Prayer of the Day

**P** O God, our heavenly Father,

**C** **You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### First Reading

*Acts 11:19–30*

<sup>19</sup>Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. <sup>20</sup>But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. <sup>21</sup>And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. <sup>22</sup>The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. <sup>23</sup>When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, <sup>24</sup>for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. <sup>25</sup>So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, <sup>26</sup>and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

<sup>27</sup>Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. <sup>28</sup>And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). <sup>29</sup>So the disciples determined, everyone according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea. <sup>30</sup>And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle

*Revelation 21:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup>And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup>And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. <sup>7</sup>The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

*John 16:12–22*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup>[Jesus said:] "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

<sup>16</sup>"A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me."

<sup>17</sup>So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" <sup>18</sup>So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." <sup>19</sup>Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? <sup>20</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup>When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup>So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Children's Message

### Sermon Song

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven  
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets  
To look upon the one who bled to save me  
And walk with Him for all eternity

There will be a day when all will bow before Him  
There will be a day when death will be no more  
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again  
Holy holy is the Lord

### Hymn of Heaven

And ev'ry prayer we prayed in desperation  
The songs of faith  
We sang through doubt and fear  
In the end we'll see that it was worth it  
When He returns to wipe away our tears

There will be a day when all will bow before Him  
There will be a day when death will be no more  
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again  
Holy holy is the Lord

And on that day we join the resurrection  
And stand beside the heroes of the faith  
With one voice a thousand generations  
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Forever He shall reign

There will be a day when all will bow before Him  
There will be a day when death will be no more  
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again  
Holy holy is the Lord

So let it be today we shout the hymn of Heaven  
With angels and the Saints we raise a mighty roar  
Glory to our God who gave us life beyond the grave  
Holy holy is the Lord  
Holy holy is the Lord  
Holy holy is the Lord

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## Sermon

### Apostle's Creed

**☑ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✝ everlasting.  
Amen.**



## Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

### Prayers of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.  
Lord in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer**
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

- C** **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.**

### Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

### Closing Song

### Your Grace is Enough

Great is Your faithfulness, oh God  
You wrestle with the sinner's heart  
You lead us by still waters into mercy  
And nothing can keep us apart

So remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise, oh God

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice, God  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation  
And all Your people sing along

So remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise, O God

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me  
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me

So remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise, O God

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me  
Your grace is enough, heaven reaches out to us  
Your grace is enough for me

God, I sing Your grace is enough  
I'm covered in Your love  
Your grace is enough for me, for me

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## Announcements

### Sending

**P** With boldness and courage we go now, believing this eternal truth...

**C** **God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power and authority to do the good works He has prepared for us to do. Amen.**

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