

# **King of Kings Lutheran Church**

*Connecting People to Christ Now and Forever*

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Thank you for worshiping at home 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:

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## Prelude

## Welcome

### Opening Hymn

### God Himself is Present – LSB 907

God Himself is present: let us now adore Him  
And with awe appear before Him.  
God is in His temple; all within keep silence;  
Humbly kneel in deepest rev'rence.  
He alone on His throne is our God and Savior;  
Praise His name forever!

God Himself is present: hear the harps resounding;  
See the hosts the throne surrounding.  
"Holy, holy, holy!" Hear the hymn ascending,  
Songs of saints and angels blending.  
Bow Your ear to us here: Hear, O Christ, the praises  
That Your Church now raises.

Fount of ev'ry blessing, purify my spirit,  
Trusting only in Your merit.  
Like the holy angels, worshiping before You,  
May I ceaselessly adore You.  
Let Your will ever still rule Your Church terrestrial  
As the hosts celestial.

Text: Gerhard Tersteegen, Frederick W. Foster, John Miller | Tune: Joachim Neander | Lutheran Service Book #907

### Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

### Opening Sentences

**P** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

**C** and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

**P** The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

**C** and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

**P** Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:

**C** "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go."

**P** Seek the LORD while He may be found;

**C** call upon Him while He is near.

## Confession and Absolution

**P** The Word of God assures us that the LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. With confidence in His goodness and grace we come to confess our transgressions to the Lord.

**P** Almighty and all-merciful God,

**C** **in wisdom You have created all things, and in grace, You seek the lost and erring. Yet, through our selfish choices and sinful nature, we ignore Your wisdom and refuse Your grace. We prefer our own way, resisting the Holy Spirit and His work of bringing forth the fruits of faithfulness. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, console and correct us, that we might forsake our wicked ways and turn to You, the God who has compassion and abundant pardon. Amen.**

**P** The Lord has brought His righteousness in giving His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for you. Through Him, and Him alone, you have forgiveness, life, and salvation. In the stead and by the command of Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise

## Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness – LSB 849

Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;  
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease,  
Calming storms, and feeding thousands with the very Bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong, yet gentle, word;  
Praise the One who drove out demons with the piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand;  
From this Well comes living water, quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose victorious that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done;  
Let us praise the true Redeemer, praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards | Tune: *The Sacred Harp* | © 1987 Hope Publishing Co. | LSB Hymn License no. 110004465 | Lutheran Service Book #849

## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

**P** O Lord, our God,

**C** **You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; 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

### Old Testament

*Isaiah 65:1–9*

<sup>1</sup>I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here am I, here am I," to a nation that was not called by my name. <sup>2</sup>I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; <sup>3</sup>a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks; <sup>4</sup>who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat pig's flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels; <sup>5</sup>who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all the day. <sup>6</sup>Behold, it is written before me: "I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their bosom <sup>7</sup>both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they made offerings on the mountains and insulted me on the hills, I will measure into their bosom payment for their former deeds."

<sup>8</sup>Thus says the LORD:

"As the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,' so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. <sup>9</sup>I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of my mountains; my chosen shall possess it, and my servants shall dwell there."

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*Acts 14:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>Now at Iconium they entered together into the Jewish synagogue and spoke in such a way that a great number of both Jews and Greeks believed. <sup>2</sup>But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers. <sup>3</sup>So they remained for a long time, speaking boldly for the Lord, who bore witness to the word of his grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands. <sup>4</sup>But the people of the city were divided; some sided with the Jews and some with the apostles. <sup>5</sup>When an attempt was made by both Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to mistreat them and to stone them, <sup>6</sup>they learned of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding country, <sup>7</sup>and there they continued to preach the gospel.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 8:26–39*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighth chapter.

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

<sup>26</sup>Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." <sup>29</sup>For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) <sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. <sup>32</sup>Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

<sup>34</sup>When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. <sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

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

## Children's Message

### Sermon Hymn

### Built on the Rock – LSB 645

Built on the Rock the Church shall stand even when steeples are falling.  
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land; bells still are chiming and calling,  
Calling the young and old to rest, but above all the souls distressed,  
Longing for rest everlasting.

Surely in temples made with hands God, the Most High, is not dwelling;  
High above earth His temple stands, all earthly temples excelling.  
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above chooses to live with us in love,  
Making our bodies His temple.

We are God's house of living stones, built for His own habitation.  
He through baptismal grace us owns heirs of His wondrous salvation.  
Were we but two His name to tell, yet He would deign with us to dwell  
With all His grace and His favor.

Here stands the font before our eyes, telling how God has received us.  
The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice and what His Supper here gives us.  
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the same,  
And evermore, our Redeemer.

Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, that, when the church bells are ringing,  
Many in saving faith may come where Christ His message is bringing:  
"I know My own; My own know Me. You, not the world, My face shall see.  
My peace I leave with you. Amen."

Text: Nikolai Fredrik Severin Grundtvig, Carl Doving | Tune: Ludvig M. Lindeman | Lutheran Service Book #645

### 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 Hymn

### Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing – LSB 924

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us; O refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for Your Gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of Your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful to Your truth may we be found.

Savior, when Your love shall call us from our struggling pilgrim way,  
Let not fear of death appall us, glad Your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever reign with You in endless day.

## 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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