

King of Kings Lutheran Church

Connecting People to Christ Now and Forever

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Thank you for worshipping 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.

PARTICIPATION IN HOLY COMMUNION

St. Paul urges us to examine ourselves before partaking of Holy Communion (*1 Cor. 1:28*). We urge you to do so, on the basis of these questions.

- 1. Do you believe you are a sinner? (*Romans 3:23*)**
- 2. Are you truly sorry for your sins? (*Psalms 51:17*)**
- 3. Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior? (*Romans 5:6-8*)**
- 4. Do you intend with the power of the Holy Spirit, to amend your sinful life? (*Romans 6:1-4*)**
- 5. Do you believe you receive Christ's true Body and Blood along with the blessed bread and wine for the forgiveness of your sins?**

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Pre-Service Music

Welcome

Call to Worship

We worship the God who was, we worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors, He parted the raging sea
My God, He holds the victory

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet, we shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet, we shout out Your praise

We sing to the God who heals, We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung upon that cross, then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet, we shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet, we shout out Your praise

We were the beggars, now we're royalty
We were the prisoners, now we're running free
We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise

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House of the Lord

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There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet, we shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet, we shout out Your praise

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Opening Prayer

Opening Song

Stand in Your Love

When darkness tries to roll over my bones, when sorrow comes to steal the joy I own
When brokenness and pain is all I know
I won't be shaken, I won't be shaken

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love
My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love
My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love

Shame no longer has a place to hide, I am not a captive to the lies
I'm not afraid to leave my past behind
I won't be shaken, I won't be shaken

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love
My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love
My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love

There's power that can break off every chain, there's power that can empty out a grave
There's resurrection power that can save, there's power in Your name, power in Your name

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love
My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love
My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love
My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love
My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love
Standing in Your love

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Invocation

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

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

P This is the day that the LORD has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

C **death no longer has dominion over Him.**

P Christ has risen from the dead.

C **God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.**

P He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

C **He has put all things under His feet.**

Confession and Absolution

P Brothers and sisters in Christ. The Lord is good and He has called us into His presence this day. Yet we come to Him with unwashed hands. The stain and struggle of sin is real in our lives. It is only right that we should first come to Him openly confessing our sin and then by faith eagerly receive His declaration of grace that You are, indeed, forgiven and free.

P Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

C **we admit and confess our sinfulness to You. We are by nature sinful, and we have not always lived as Your thankful and joyful people. We have indeed turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us, gracious Father; forgive us all that is past, blot out our sins, and with the power of the Holy Spirit, direct our lives so that we serve You in true faithfulness. Grant us steadfastness among all the changes of this world and build Your kingdom among us here through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. May He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit and grant you a victorious life on earth and finally a triumphant life with Him in heaven forever. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Song of Praise

Alabaster Heart

So here it is, my alabaster heart
I'm keeping nothing back from who You are
No hidden treasure veiled by key or lock
You're a lifetime worth of worship, and that's only just the start

Here it is, my every waking day
The minutes, hours, the years of endless praise
For You're worthy far beyond all I could say
There's a lifetime worth of worship in the nuance of Your names

Let it rise like incense, my whole life, a fragrance
Every ounce here broken at Your feet
Every breath an offering, my heart cries, these lungs sing
Over You, my worthy King of Kings

There it is, Your alabaster cross
Giving all You are for all I'm not
I can't believe that's the kind of King You are
How could I not bring a lifetime worth of worship to You, God?

Let it rise like incense, my whole life, a fragrance
Every ounce here broken at Your feet
Every breath an offering, my heart cries, these lungs sing
Over You, my worthy King of Kings

All my love, all my love
All my love, You can have it all
All my love, all my love
All my love, You can have it all

All my heart and all my soul
All I own, You can have it all
All my heart and all my soul
All I own, You can have it all

Let it rise like incense, my whole life, a fragrance
Every ounce here broken at Your feet
Every breath an offering, my heart cries, these lungs sing
Over You, my worthy King of Kings

Prayer of the Day

P O God,

C through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, 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 3:11–21

¹¹While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. ¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

¹⁷And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:1–4

¹For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36–49

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children's Message

Sermon Song

My Worth is Not in What I Own

My worth is not in what I own; not in the strength of flesh and bone.
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross.

My worth is not in skill or name; in win or lose, in pride or shame.
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.

I rejoice in my Redeemer. Greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul.
I will trust in Him, no other; my soul is satisfied in Him alone.

As summer flowers we fade and die; fame, youth and beauty hurry by.
But life eternal calls to us at the cross.

I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom's fleeting light.
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross.

I rejoice in my Redeemer. Greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul.
I will trust in Him, no other; my soul is satisfied in Him alone.

Two wonders here that I confess: my worth and my unworthiness.
My value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross.

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Sermon

Total Fitness

Nicene Creed

☩ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer for the Offering

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,

☩ 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.

☩ Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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 Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord, our God, for, like as a Father, You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son for our salvation. Pour out upon us the gift of Your Spirit, that we may receive Your blessings with true thanksgiving. Grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as a guarantee of our salvation and as a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

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.**

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Participation in Holy Communion

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Post-Communion Song of Celebration

O Come to the Altar

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

O come to the altar, the Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today, there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

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O come to the altar, the Father's arms are open wide
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Oh what a Savior, isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen
Bow down before him, for he is Lord of all
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O come to the altar, the Father's arms are open wide
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Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

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.

G Amen.

Closing Song

Christ is Risen

Let no one caught in sin remain inside the lie of inward shame
But fix our eyes upon the cross and run to Him who showed great love
And bled for us, freely You've bled for us

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling over death by death
Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave
Christ is risen from the dead, we are one with Him again
Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave

Beneath the weight of all our sin You bowed to none but heaven's will
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown, no burden great can hold you down.
In strength You reign, forever let Your church proclaim

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling over death by death
Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave
Christ is risen from the dead, we are one with Him again
Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave

O death, where is your sting?
O hell, where is your victory?
O church, come stand in the light
The glory of God has defeated the night

Singing O death, where is your sting?
O hell, where is your victory?
O church, come stand in the light
Our God is not dead
He's alive, He's alive

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling over death by death
Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave
Christ is risen from the dead, we are one with Him again
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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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