

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.

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 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.)

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now – LSB 902

Lord Jesus Christ, be present now; our hearts in true devotion bow.
Your Spirit send with light divine, and let Your truth within us shine.

Unseal our lips to sing Your praise in endless hymns through all our days.
Increase our faith and light our minds; and set us free from doubt that blinds.

Then shall we join the hosts that cry, "O holy, holy Lord Most High!"
And in the light of that blest place we then shall see You face to face.

△ All glory to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity, be praise throughout eternity!

Text: *Lutherisch Hand-Buchlein* | Tune: *Cantionale Germanicum* | Lutheran Service Book #902

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.**

Hymn of Praise

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus – LSB 821

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by His blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him when the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise: "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary, earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.
As within the veil You entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest,
Here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by His blood."

Text: William C. Dix | Tune: Rowland H. Prichard | Lutheran Service Book #821

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray together. 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 Hymn

With High Delight Let Us Unite – LSB 483

With high delight let us unite in songs of great jubilation.
Ye pure in heart, all bear your part, sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.
To set us free forever, He is ris'n and sends to all earth's ends
Good news to save ev'ry nation.

True God, He first from death has burst forth into life, all subduing.
His enemy doth vanquished lie; His death has been death's undoing.
"And yours shall be like victory o'er death and grave," saith He, who gave
His life for us, life renewing.

Let praises ring; give thanks, and bring to Christ our Lord adoration.
His honor speed by word and deed to ev'ry land, ev'ry nation.
So shall His love give us above, from misery and death set free,
All joy and full consolation.

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Sermon

Total Fitness

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.**

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,

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

☩ 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.

☩ Amen.

Closing Hymn

Spread the Reign of God the Lord – LSB 830

Spread the reign of God the Lord, spoken, written, mighty Word;
Ev'rywhere His creatures call to His heav'nly banquet hall.

Tell how God the Father's will made the world, upholds it still,
How His own dear Son He gave us from sin and death to save.

Tell of our Redeemer's grace, who, to save our human race
And to pay rebellion's price, gave Himself as sacrifice.

Tell of God the Spirit giv'n now to guide us on to heav'n,
Strong and holy, just and true, working both to will and do.

Enter, mighty Word, the field; ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few for the work there is to do!

Lord of harvest, great and kind, rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all see Your light and heed Your call.

Text: Jonathan Friedrich Bahnmaier | Tune: *Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch* | Lutheran Service Book #830

Announcements

Sending

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

☩ 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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