

# **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.
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## Preservice Music

### Welcome

#### Call to Worship

I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies  
I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief  
I raise a hallelujah, my weapon is a melody  
I raise a hallelujah, Heaven comes to fight for me

I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm  
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar  
Up from the ashes hope will arise  
Death is defeated, the King is alive

I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me  
I raise a hallelujah, I will watch the darkness flee  
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery  
I raise a hallelujah, Fear, you lost your hold on me

I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm  
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar  
Up from the ashes hope will arise  
Death is defeated, the King is alive

Sing a little louder in the presence of my enemies  
Sing a little louder, louder than the unbelief  
Sing a little louder, my weapon is a melody  
Sing a little louder, Heaven comes to fight for me

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Sing a little louder, louder than the unbelief  
Sing a little louder, my weapon is a melody  
Sing a little louder, Heaven comes to fight for me  
Sing a little louder

I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm  
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar  
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#### Raise a Hallelujah

I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm  
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar  
Up from the ashes hope will arise  
Death is defeated, the King is alive

I raise a hallelujah, I raise a hallelujah  
I raise a hallelujah, I raise a hallelujah

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## Opening Prayer

## Opening Song

When all I see is the battle, You see my victory  
When all I see is the mountain, You see a mountain moved  
And as I walk through the shadow, Your love surrounds me  
There's nothing to fear now for I am safe with You

So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees with my hands lifted high  
O God, the battle belongs to You  
And every fear I lay at Your feet, I'll sing through the night  
O God, the battle belongs to You

And if You are for me who can be against me  
For Jesus, there's nothing impossible for You  
When all I see are the ashes, You see the beauty  
When all I see is a cross, God You see the empty tomb

So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees with my hands lifted high  
O God, the battle belongs to You  
And every fear I lay at Your feet, I'll sing through the night  
O God, the battle belongs to You

Almighty Fortress, You go before us  
Nothing can stand against the power of our God  
You shine in the shadows, You win every battle  
Nothing can stand against the power of our God

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## Battle Belongs

So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees with my hands lifted high  
O God, the battle belongs to You  
And every fear I lay at Your feet, I'll sing through the night  
O God, the battle belongs to You  
O God, the battle belongs to You

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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** Invited by His steadfast love, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, confessing our sins and rejoicing in His gift of forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess together,

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** **we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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

## Holy Forever

A thousand generations falling down in worship  
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb  
And all who've gone before us and all who will believe  
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all  
All thrones and dominions, all powers and positions  
Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry, "Holy"  
All creation cries, "Holy"  
You are lifted high, holy  
Holy forever

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
We'll sing the song forever and amen

And the angels cry, "Holy"  
All creation cries, "Holy"  
You are lifted high, holy  
Holy forever

Hear Your people sing, "Holy"  
To the King of Kings, "Holy"  
You will always be holy  
Holy forever

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## Prayer of the Day

**P** Almighty and everlasting God,

**C** **who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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

*Deuteronomy 31:1–8*

<sup>1</sup>So Moses continued to speak these words to all Israel. <sup>2</sup>And he said to them, "I am 120 years old today. I am no longer able to go out and come in. The LORD has said to me, 'You shall not go over this Jordan.' <sup>3</sup>The LORD your God himself will go over before you. He will destroy these nations before you, so that you shall dispossess them, and Joshua will go over at your head, as the LORD has spoken. <sup>4</sup>And the LORD will do to them as he did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites, and to their land, when he destroyed them. <sup>5</sup>And the LORD will give them over to you, and you shall do to them according to the whole commandment that I have commanded you. <sup>6</sup>Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you."

<sup>7</sup>Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous, for you shall go with this people into the land that the LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall put them in possession of it. <sup>8</sup>It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."

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

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

### Second Reading

*Acts 20:17–24*

<sup>17</sup>Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him.

<sup>18</sup>And when they came to him, he said to them:

"You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, <sup>19</sup>servicing the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; <sup>20</sup>how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, <sup>21</sup>testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup>And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, <sup>23</sup>except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. <sup>24</sup>But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

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

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

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 10:16–33*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

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

<sup>16</sup>Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup>Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, <sup>18</sup>and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup>When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. <sup>20</sup>For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. <sup>21</sup>Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, <sup>22</sup>and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

<sup>24</sup>A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. <sup>25</sup>It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

<sup>26</sup>So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. <sup>27</sup>What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. <sup>28</sup>And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup>Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup>So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

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

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

## Children's Message

## Sermon Song

## I Will Follow

Where You go, I'll go  
Where You stay, I'll stay  
When You move, I'll move  
I will follow

All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure, I will trust in You alone  
Higher than my sight, high above my life, I will trust in You alone

Where You go, I'll go  
Where You stay, I'll stay  
When You move, I'll move  
I will follow You  
Whom You love, I'll love  
How You serve, I'll serve  
If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah  
I will follow You, yeah

Light into the world, light into my life, I will live for You alone  
You're the One I seek, knowing I will find all I need in You alone, in You alone

Where You go, I'll go  
Where You stay, I'll stay  
When You move, I'll move  
I will follow You  
Whom You love, I'll love  
How You serve, I'll serve  
If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah  
I will follow You, yeah

In You, there's life everlasting  
In You, there's freedom for my soul  
In You, there's joy, unending joy  
And I will follow

Where You go, I'll go  
Where You stay, I'll stay  
When You move, I'll move  
I will follow You  
Whom You love, I'll love  
How You serve, I'll serve  
If this life I lose, I will follow



Where You go, I'll go  
Where You stay, I'll stay  
When You move, I'll move  
I will follow You  
Whom You love, I'll love  
How You serve, I'll serve  
If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah  
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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.**

## 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 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

## 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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