

# **King of Kings Lutheran Church**

*Connecting People to Christ Now and Forever*

**Sunday of the Passion**  
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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.

## ***PARTICIPATION IN HOLY COMMUNION***

St. Paul urges us to examine ourselves before partaking of Holy Communion (*1 Cor. 11:28*). 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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## Preservice Music

### Processional Gospel

*John 12:12–19*

- P** The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out,
- C** **"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!"**
- P** And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,
- C** **<sup>15</sup>"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"**
- P** His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another,
- C** **"You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."**
- P** Hosanna!
- C** **Hosanna to the Son of David!**
- P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
- C** **Hosanna in the highest!**

### Processional Song

### Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You  
We turn to You  
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You  
We long for You

'Cause when we see You we find strength to face the day  
In Your presence all our fears are washed away  
Washed away

Hosanna hosanna  
You are the God who saves us  
Worthy of all our praises  
Hosanna hosanna  
Come have Your way among us  
We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You  
We turn to You  
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new  
You make us new

'Cause when we see You we find strength to face the day  
In Your presence all our fears are washed away  
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## Welcome

### Invocation

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

### Confession and Absolution

**P** On this Passion Sunday, we join with the crowds welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem knowing the full payment for sin is soon to be paid. With true repentance and contrition let us make our confession before the Lord.

**P** We confess before You, Lord, that we have sinned against You.

**C We have sinned not only against You but one another, with what we have thought, what we have said, and by what we have or have not done.**

- P** We unseat You and put ourselves on the throne that belongs only to You.
- C** **Our pride in these and all sins deserves Your punishment, yet today we approach Your throne of grace, asking for Your mercy. Amen.**
- P** So I ask you now: are you sincere in this, your confession before God, and promise, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to amend your sinful life? If so, answer, "Yes, with the help of God."
- C** **Yes, with the help of God.**
- P** Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday to show His love for you at the cross. At the cross, He showed His passion for you by dying for your sins and paying the price we could not pay. 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  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen! Thank You, Lord, for Your passion for us.**

## **Song of Praise**

## **How Great is Our God**

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice

How great is our God  
Sing with me, how great is our God  
And all will see how great  
How great is our God

And age to age He stands and time is in His hands  
Beginning and the End, beginning and the End  
The Godhead three in one, Father Spirit Son  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God  
Sing with me, how great is our God  
And all will see how great  
How great is our God

Name above all names, worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing how great is our God  
Name above all names, worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing how great is our God

How great is our God  
Sing with me, how great is our God  
And all will see how great  
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## Collect

**P** Most merciful God,  
**C** **as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

✠✠✠ **Sacrament of Holy Baptism** ✠✠✠  
*Aiden & Aaron Murphy*

## Baptismal Address

**P** Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

## Naming of the Candidate

**P** How are you named?

**R** *Aiden Murphy*  
*Aaron Murphy*

## Sign of the Cross

- P** Aiden and Aaron Murphy, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

## The Flood Prayer

- P** Let us pray.  
Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin. We pray that You would behold Aiden and Aaron according to Your boundless mercy and bless them with true faith by the Holy Spirit. Grant that they be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, they would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

## Reading: Romans 6:3–5

- P** In Romans chapter 6, the apostle Paul gives to us the most beautiful description of the full reality of our baptism into Christ.

<sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## Renunciation

- P** Aiden and Aaron, do you renounce the devil?  
**R** *Yes, I renounce him.*  
**P** Do you renounce all his works?  
**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*  
**P** Do you renounce all his ways?  
**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

## Profession of Faith

- P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?  
**R** *Yes, I believe.*
- P** Do you believe 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?  
**R** *Yes, I believe.*
- P** Do you 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?  
**R** *Yes, I believe.*
- P** Aiden and Aaron, do you desire to be baptized?  
**R** *Yes, I do.*

## The Baptism

- P** Aiden Murphy/Aaron Murphy, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

## Blessing of the Newly Baptized

- P** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.  
**C** **Amen.**

## Presentation of the White Garment

- P** Receive this white garment to show that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

## Presentation of the Baptismal Candle

- P** Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

## The Welcome

- P** In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brothers in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.
- C** **Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

## Collect for the Newly Baptized

- P** Let us pray.  
Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Aiden and Aaron the new birth in Holy Baptism and made them members of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly ask that these young men would grow in wisdom and knowledge to lead godly lives to the praise and honor of Your glorious name, and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Old Testament

*Deuteronomy 32:36–39*

<sup>36</sup> The LORD will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants, when he sees that their power is gone and there is none remaining, bond or free. <sup>37</sup>Then he will say, "Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge, <sup>38</sup>who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise up and help you; let them be your protection!

<sup>39</sup>"See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand."

- R** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**



## Epistle

*Philippians 2:5–11*

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 25:31–46*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

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

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup>Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup>And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' <sup>40</sup>And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' <sup>41</sup>"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

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

## Children's Message

### Sermon Song

### Hosanna

I see the King of glory coming on the clouds with fire  
The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes

I see His love and mercy washing over all our sin  
The people sing, the people sing

Hosanna hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest

I see a generation rising up to take their place  
With selfless faith, with selfless faith

I see a near revival stirring as we pray and seek  
We're on our knees, we're on our knees

Hosanna hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest

Heal my heart and make it clean  
Open up my eyes to the things unseen  
Show me how to love like You have loved me  
Break my heart for what breaks Yours  
Everything I am for Your Kingdom's cause  
As I walk from earth into eternity

Hosanna hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest  
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### Prayer of the Church

**P** Almighty God, King of the universe, we come before You humbly asking that You would hear our prayers and answer them according to Your will.

We bow before You and give unto You our worship and praise.

**C We worship You not because we love You, but You loved us first and gave the King's ransom to pay our sin's debt. Thank You, Jesus, for loving us so much.**

**P** We thank You for the working of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and lives both to bring us to faith and keep us in the faith.

**C Continue to open the eyes of our hearts and those around us, that we might see Your entry with palms for what it really was—Your passion to save us.**

**P** We lift up those who are sick and those who are suffering, especially those whom we know and love.

**C Be with them, ease their pain, and bring relief from sicknesses through doctors, nurses, medicines, and miracles to accomplish Your will in their lives.**

**P** For Your church in all places, that the Gospel would be powerfully proclaimed this week, and the Holy Spirit stir faith in the hearts of many,

**C use us according to Your will, that others may see the life of Jesus in us.**

**P** Before Your throne, almighty King, we lift these and all petitions of our hearts, trusting You will answer all according to Your will.

**C We pray in the name of Jesus, who with the Father and Holy Spirit is one God, now and forever. 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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has rescued us from death and everlasting condemnation. With the joy of repentant hearts, we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament.

**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.**

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## Prayer to Depart

### 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**

## **The Lion and the Lamb**

He's coming on the clouds  
Kings and kingdoms will bow down  
And every chain will break  
As broken hearts declare His praise  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah  
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him  
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain  
For the sins of the world His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
Every knee will bow before Him

So open up the gates  
Make way before the King of kings  
The God who comes to save  
Is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah  
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him  
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain  
For the sins of the world His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
Every knee will bow before Him

Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
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Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
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Every knee will bow before Him

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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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