## KING OF KINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH FOLK SERVICE LITURGY



# serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received

1 Peter 4: 10

All services live-streaming at

#### **King of Kings Lutheran Church**

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / COMMITMENT WEEKEND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024 AT 5:00 P.M. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024 AT 11:00 A.M.



# Welcome to Worship!



### PROTOCOLS FOR WORSHIP AND OTHER INDOOR GATHERINGS AT KING OF KINGS REVISED AS OF August 17, 2024

These protocols are subject to change at any time based on information received from Bishop Egensteiner, the Orange County Health Department, and the Governor of New York.

Wearing of masks inside the church is optional. Anyone who chooses to wear a mask may do so without judgment. Masks and hand sanitizer are available from the Greeter.

Write or highlight your name (recorded for service attendance) at the lectern in the entryway.

Take a bulletin. You may place an offering in the offering plate in the entry area.

All pews are open for sitting.

The service is livestreamed and begins when the organist / pianist starts the prelude; please cease conversing and listen silently to prepare yourself for worship (your conversation may be heard on the livestream).

Worshippers are welcome to speak responses and sing hymns and liturgical music.

When sharing the peace, offer a smile or a hand signal, but do not touch.

PROTOCOL FOR COMMUNION: When the pastor invites you, EITHER --

- 1. Remain in the pew and tell the usher you want to commune in your pew; the pastor and the assistant will bring you the elements; give the assistant your empty cup.

  OR --
- 2. Come forward via the middle aisle at the direction of the usher, move to the right or the left of the altar rail, kneel or stand, and receive a wafer from the pastor or request a gluten-free wafer. From the tray held by the communion assistant, choose a cup of wine or grape juice (marked with "J" on the lid). Return to your pew by the side aisles, and dispose of the empty cup or container in the receptacle at the side of the chancel.

Please refrain from talking during the postlude so you are not heard on the livestream. Please have your post-worship discussions outside the Sanctuary.

Serving Saturday, October 5 at 5:00 pm

Greeter Position Available
Announcements
Acolyte / Crucifer
Lector Communion Asst
Position Available

Usher

Altar Guild Kathy Wurster, Nicole Wurster

Serving Sunday, October 6 at 11:00 am

Position Available

Greeter Wendy LaFratta
Announcements Valerie Farrell
Acolyte / Crucifer
Lector Position Available
Communion Asst
Usher Susan Cabrera

**Counters** Mariann Grassel, John Roper **Altar Guild** Kathy Wurster, Nicole Wurster

#### **COMMITMENT WEEKEND**

This weekend we dedicate our commitments to God and the mission of King of Kings through our Time and Talent Surveys and our monetary pledges. Completed surveys and pledges can be placed in the basket at the altar at the appropriate time or if you wish you may place your forms in the offering plate in the narthex. Those surveys and pledges that have been previously mailed or brought to church will be placed at the altar, also.



#### WE GATHER IN GOD'S HOUSE

#### Introduction

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does? As we make our 2025 commitments thus weekend, may we trust like a loving child that our heavenly Father will provide all our needs.

#### Preludes, Greetings, Announcements and Prayer Requests

Please stand as you are able.



- 2 Dios invita a todos los pobres a esta mesa común por la fe, donde no hay acaparadores y a nadie le falta el conqué. Estribillo
- 3 Dios nos manda a hacer de este mundo una mesa donde haya igualdad, trabajando y luchando juntos, compartiendo la propiedad. Estribillo

#### GREETING

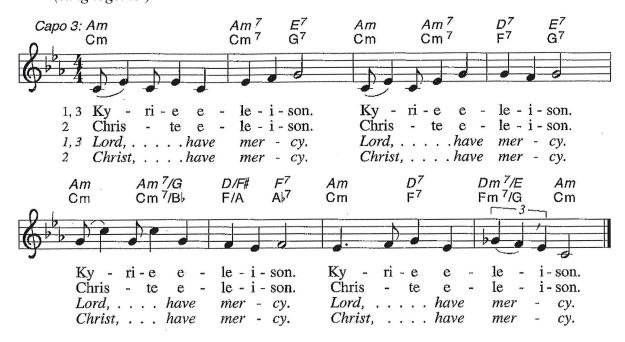
- P The grace of God in Christ Jesus, poured out in every gift of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
- C And also with you.



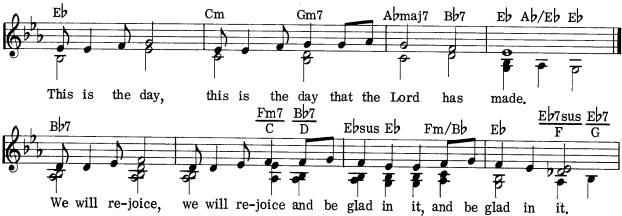
#### **DIALOG** (read responsively)

- L Holy is the Lord, the Almighty.
- C Who was, and is, and is to come.
- L God is worthy of glory and honor and power.
- C God created all things. By God's will they came to be.
- L Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain;
- C Worthy to take the scroll and break its seals.
- L By Christ's blood was purchased for God people of every race and tongue, of every folk and nation.
- C Christ made of them a kingdom and priests to serve our God.
- L And they shall reign on earth forever.
- C Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

#### KYRIE (sung together)



#### HYMN OF PRAISE (sung together)



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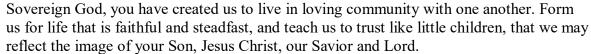


This is the day that the Lord has \_\_ made; We will re-joice and be glad in \_\_ it.



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.



C Amen.

Sit



#### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

#### **LESSON:** 1 Peter 4: 8-11b

Our faith in Christ encourages us to live love-giving lives in thought, word, and deed, serving others with our gifts from God, and trusting God's grace to strengthen and guide us.

L The Lesson is from the 4th chapter of the first letter of Peter.

Maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup>Be hospitable to one another without complaining. <sup>10</sup>Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. <sup>11</sup> Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ

- L Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
- C Thanks be to God.

Silence

#### **PSALM:** from the book of Sirach - a hymn in honor of ancestors

L Please join in reading the verses printed in bold.

<sup>1</sup>Let us now sing the praises of famous men, our ancestors in their generations.

<sup>2</sup> The Lord apportioned to them great glory, his majesty from the beginning.

<sup>8</sup> Some of them have left behind a name, so that others declare their praise.

<sup>9</sup> But of others there is no memory;

they have perished as though they had never existed;

<sup>10</sup> But these also were men of compassion whose righteous deeds have not been forgotten;

but their name lives on generation after generation.

<sup>15</sup> The assembly declares their wisdom,

and the congregation proclaims their praise.

Stand

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



#### HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 10: 2-16

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Hal - le

Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men

Hal

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jah!

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" <sup>3</sup>He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" <sup>4</sup>They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' <sup>7</sup>'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

<sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

- P This is the Word of the Lord for you and me this day.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

**GOSPEL RESPONSE** (Repeat the gospel acclamation on page 7.)

Sit

**SERMON** The sermon is followed by silence for reflection.

Stand



This gospel reading is one that hits everyone's ears as uncomfortable. Divorce has touched the lives of most listeners in some way, whether it's themselves, parents, siblings, children, colleagues, or friends. We all know and understand the sting of pain that divorce can cause. Holding this pain and naming its vulnerability in our lives might just be exactly what Jesus is getting at in his reply to the Pharisees.

Jesus' seemingly absolute prohibition on divorce is not meant to justify staying in a harmful or toxic relationship—quite the opposite. He is challenging the Pharisees to understand the damage that is caused when we discard another human being. This hurt is the opposite of what God intends for our relationships.

Jesus continues to draw his hearers into the power of loving relationships by welcoming children and blessing them. One way to interpret his words is that one must receive the kingdom of God the way one receives a little child. How we treat each other matters to God. God invites us into relationships to see the belovedness in one another, to uplift each other, and to care for one another. When a person is vulnerable like a child, this is exactly when we are to share grace and love, not the sting of law.



#### CREED

C We believe in God the creator and deliverer,

Who made and continues to make the heavens and the earth,

Who kept the promise to Abraham and Sarah,

Who delivered Israel from slavery and oppression,

Who spoke to the prophets,

Who continues to set before us the ways of life and death.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the redeemer and the word

Who was in the beginning with God,

Who came among us in human form to share our common lot,

Who preached good news to the poor and set captives free,

Who conquered sin and death and reconciled the world to God.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

Who moved on the waters at creation,

Who continues to nourish and sustain our lives,

Who binds together as a family people of all races, tongues and ages,

Who renews the Church and gives us peace. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

Silence

After each prayer petition:

- L God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever..
- C Amen.

#### WE SHARE IN GOD'S MEAL

#### **GREETING OF PEACE**

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

The pastor and congregation may greet one another sharing a physically-distanced sign of peace. The Sharing of the Peace is a sign of the community we share in Christ, so we are careful to respect the choices of each worshipper so that no one feels left out or put upon or judged. One person may not tolerate touch, while another may not be able to navigate eye contact. The Council is recommending a fist bump with the words, "The Peace of the Lord," but some worshippers may choose to kiss or shake hands or offer a nod or a two-fingered peace sign or a "namaste" with palms together and a bow of the head. Please choose a sign with which you are comfortable, remembering that others have different comfort levels. Let's try to share the peace in a manner that welcomes all gently and respectfully and not take it personally if someone else chooses a different manner of peace-sharing than the one we prefer.







Sha-lom, my friends! Sha-lom, my friends! Sha-lom! Sha-lom!



God's peace be with you! God's peace be with you! Sha - lom! Sha - lom!

Sit

#### FOLK CHOIR ANTHEM

You Are the Seed



#### Invitation to Present Our Commitments

#### Offering of 2025 Commitment of Time, Talent & Treasure

During the singing of We Give Thee But Thine Own, you may bring forward your pledge cards and time and talents forms and place them in the offering plates in front of the altar. If you have already turned them in, you may remain seated or come forward for a brief prayer at the altar. If you have commitment forms, but are not able to bring them forward, please hand them to an usher to present at the altar for you. If you are not prepared to make a commitment today, you may bring your commitment to the church office or put it in the offering plate next Sunday.

SONG

#### WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN

ELW 410, vs. 1, 2, 4

- We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
- 2 May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.
- 4 And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be: whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.



#### SHARING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

You may share an offering for the work of God through King of Kings in a variety of ways, either weekly or monthly or periodically. You may place cash or a check in the offering plate. You may use an envelope from the rack on the table in the narthex or request a set of personalized envelopes. If you use a check or identify yourself on an envelope, you will receive quarterly summaries of your giving. You may also mail in a contribution or give on-line through your bank or give by using the e-giving link on the kofk.com website or the "Vanco" app on your smartphone (see ORB bits for more information).

- P Having received all that we have from God, we now share a portion of our income for the work of God through this congregation. We give in different ways, and we give according to our ability. We give now as God has blessed us!
- C Thanks be to God!

#### **OFFERTORY** (sung together) (Offering and gifts are brought forward.)

#### GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER

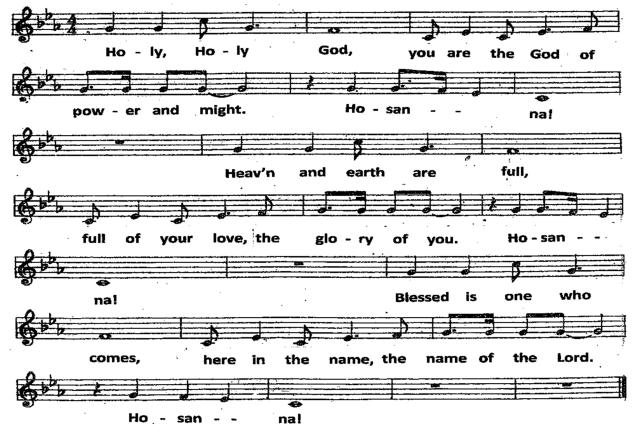
While the gifts are being presented to the altar, Pastor will lead us in singing:

C God loves a cheerful giver
Give it all you've got,
God loves to hear you laughing
when you're in an awkward spot.
When the odds add up against you,
It's time to stop and sing,
Praise God, to praise God is a joyous thing.



#### **COMMUNION**

- 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 our thanks and praise.
- P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





P O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise your name; call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child; When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.

He was born among the poor, lived under oppression, and wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted us everlasting life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

- P Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.
- C Amen.
- P Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.
- C Amen.
- P Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.
- C Amen.
- P O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.
  - O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.
  - O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.
  - O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son,

the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Version crafted by the 2012 and 2013 confirmation classes.

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- C Our God, Holy is your name.

  Make things happen in your way.

  Give us our daily needs,

  Forgive us our wrongdoings

  as we forgive those who do bad things to us.

  Lead us on the path of life, and keep us safe.

  You've got the power. Amen



#### Invitation to Communion

- P Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God, who nourishes and sustains you.
- C Thanks be to God.

Sit



#### WE SHARE IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST WITH THE BODY OF CHRIST

All are welcome at Jesus' table of grace at this service.

PROTOCOL FOR COMMUNION: When the pastor invites you, EITHER --

- 1. Remain in the pew and tell the usher you want to commune in your pew; the pastor and the assistant will bring you the elements; give the assistant your empty cup. OR --
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Please be assured that no matter your preferences, Jesus comes to you in this meal.

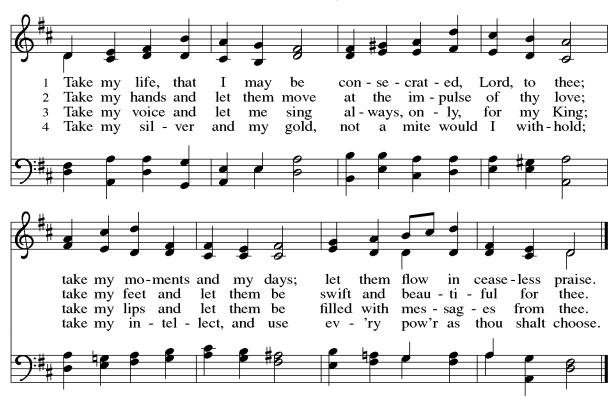
#### **LAMB OF GOD** (sung together)





#### TAKE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY BE

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5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

If additional music is needed, we will sing Let Us Break Bread Together:

- 1 Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.
- 2 Let us drink wine together . . .
- 3 Let us praise God together . . .



#### **Preparing for Next Week**

**Monday** (Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America, died 1787)

Psalm 112. **Tuesday** 1 Corinthians 7: 10-16.

**Wednesday** Jeremiah 3: 6-14. **Thursday** (Massie L. Kennard, renewer

of the church, died 1996) Psalm 90: 12-17.

**Friday** Hebrews 4: 1-11. **Saturday** Amos 3: 13—4: 5.

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90: 12-17; Hebrews 4: 12-16; Mark 10: 17-31.

#### SACRAMENTAL BLESSING

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace and unto everlasting life.
- C Amen.

#### **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** (sung together)



Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy



bread is bro-ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo-ken and seen and heard.



Je - sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a - bound!

Silence

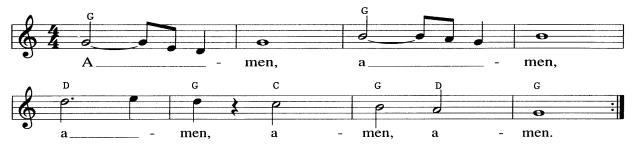
#### WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

#### BLESSING

P Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. May God bless and keep you through + Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit forever and ever.



#### AMEN (sung together)





#### DISMISSAL

- L Go in peace. Follow Jesus.
- C Thanks be to God!

#### **POSTLUDE**





#### October 5 & 6, 2024 † 20th Sunday after Pentecost

#### On Sunday we commemorate William Tyndale, translator, martyr, died 1536

Tyndale was ordained a priest in England, and wished to translate the Bible into English. He was opposed in this by King Henry VIII, causing him to flee to Germany. He completed the New Testament in 1525, but before he could finish the Old Testament, he was tried for heresy and burned at the stake.

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