

KING OF KINGS

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Eyes that Don't Deceive
Faith that is Not Futile
A Message that Matters
A Truth that's Tested
A Love that Acts

Ascension: A Departure that Brings Nearer
A Promise that Overcomes

Hymn

CW 472 sts. 1–4

A hymn of glory let us sing!
New songs throughout the world shall ring:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, by a road before untrod,
ascends unto the throne of God.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The holy apostolic band
upon the Mount of Olives stand,

Alleluia, alleluia!

and with his followers they see
their Lord ascend in majesty.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

To them the shining angels cry,
“Why stand and gaze upon the sky?”

Alleluia, alleluia!

“This is the Savior,” thus they say.

“This is his glorious triumph day.”

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

“You see him now, ascending high
up to the portals of the sky.”

Alleluia, alleluia!

“Hereafter Jesus you shall see
returning in great majesty.”

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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GATHERING

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Clap your hands, all you nations;
shout to God with cries of joy.
For the LORD Most High is awesome,
the great King over all the earth.
God reigns over the nations;
God is seated on his holy throne.

God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.
Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
For God is the King of all the earth;
sing to him a psalm of praise.

Psalm 47

Confession and Forgiveness

1 John 1:5-9

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:
God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness,
we lie and do not live by the truth.

If we claim to be without sin,
we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

Father, I have sinned against you and am no longer worthy to be called your child. Yet in mercy you sacrificed your only Son to purge away my guilt. For his sake, God, be merciful to me, a sinner, and in the joy of your Holy Spirit let me serve you all my days.

Silence for personal examination and confession.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Having heard your confession, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn

CW 524

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2 The Lord, our Savior, reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

3 His kingdom cannot fail,
he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus giv'n:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

4 Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord and judge shall come
and take his servants up
to their eternal home:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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HEARING

Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

Hymn

CW 747:1-3, 5

1 Christ high-ascended, now in glory seated,
throned and exalted, victory completed,
death's dread dominion finally defeated,
we are his witnesses.

2 Christ, from the Father ev'ry pow'r possessing,
who on his chosen lifted hands in blessing,
sends forth his servants, still in faith confessing,
we are his witnesses.

3 Christ, who in dying won for us salvation,
lives now the firstborn of the new creation;
to win disciples out of ev'ry nation,
we are his witnesses.

5 As at his parting, joy shall banish grieving,
faith in his presence strengthen our believing;
filled with his Spirit, love and pow'r receiving,
we are his witnesses.

To each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says:

“When he ascended on high,
he took many captives
and gave gifts to his people.”

(What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.**

Offering

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Prayer

Please share any prayer requests with Pastor Doeblner. These can be prayers that can be included here as a congregation, or they can simply be added to his private prayer list during the upcoming week.

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.

RECEIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Distribution

King of Kings Lutheran Church observes the biblical practice of member communion (this has also been called close communion). If you are currently not a member of our congregation, we kindly ask that you speak with our pastor before communing. We look forward to talking about this very important issue with you!

Communion Hymn

CW 659

1 Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior,
turned away God's wrath forever;
by his bitter grief and woe
he saved us from the evil foe.

2 As his pledge of love undying,
he, this precious food supplying,
gives his body with the bread
and with the wine the blood he shed.

3 Jesus here himself is sharing;
take heed how you are preparing,
for if you do not believe,
judgment instead you shall receive.

4 Useless would be Jesus' passion
if salvation you could fashion.
Do not come if you suppose
you need not him who died and rose.

5 Christ says, "Come, all you that labor,
and receive my grace and favor;
those who feel no pain or ill
need no physician's help or skill."

6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken
that this food is to be taken
by the souls who are distressed,
by hearts that long for peace and rest.

7 Praise the Father, who from heaven
unto us such food has given
and, to mend what we have done,
gave into death his only Son.

8 If your heart this truth professes
and your mouth your sin confesses,
surely you will be his guest
and at his banquet ever blest.

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The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life
everlasting. Go † in peace.

Amen.

Hymn

1 You're the Word of God the Father
 from before the world began.
 Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet
 has been fashioned by your hand.
 All creation holds together
 by the power of your voice.
 Let the skies declare your glory,
 let the land and seas rejoice!
 You're the author of creation,
 you're the Lord of ev'ry man,
 and your cry of love rings out across the lands.

2 Yet you left the gaze of angels,
 came to seek and save the lost,
 and exchanged the joy of heaven
 for the anguish of a cross.
 With a prayer you fed the hungry,
 with a word you calmed the sea,
 yet how silently you suffered
 that the guilty may go free!
 You're the author of creation,
 you're the Lord of ev'ry man,
 and your cry of love rings out across the lands.

3 With a shout you rose victorious,
 wresting vict'ry from the grave,
 and ascended into heaven,
 leading captives in your way.
 Now you stand before the Father,
 interceding for your own;
 from each tribe and tongue and nation
 you are leading sinners home!
 You're the author of creation,
 you're the Lord of ev'ry man,
 and your cry of love rings out across the lands.

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Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

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