

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 11, 2021

In July and August we will focus each Sunday on The Blessings of Gathering Together. After a year plus of Covid disruption we consider different ways in which God blesses his people as they gather for worship.

Today God's Word shows us the opposition and hostility of the world to God's truth. How wonderful to gather with like-minded believers in our times of trouble that we might encourage and steady one another in the guidance and promises of God!

Encourage one another in troubling times with Scripture!

Today's Worship

Opening Hymn

532 *God is Here! As We His People*

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M – Minister The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C – Congregation (speak) **And also with you.**

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M We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever.

You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C (speak) **Amen.**

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C (sing) **Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues forever. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.**

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Prayer of the Day

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C (sing) **Amen.**

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First Lesson

Ezekiel 2:1-5 – NIV©

What happened to Ezekiel was not an exception. The world rejected all the prophets, Jesus, and the apostles. We should expect treatment no different.

2 He said to me, "Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you." **2** As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.

3 He said: "Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me to this very day. **4** The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says.' **5** And whether they listen or fail to listen—for they are a rebellious people—they will know that a prophet has been among them.

Second Lesson

2 Timothy 3:10-4:5

The Apostle Paul teaches what to expect when you live a godly life.

¹⁰You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, ¹¹persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. ¹²In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, ¹³while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the servant of God^[that you, a man of God,] may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

4 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ²Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

Verse of the Day

M Alleluia. Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. Alleluia.

C (speak) **Alleluia!**

Gospel of the Day

Mark 6:1-6

How powerful the influence of the world! Jesus' own neighbors rejected him at church. Still he spoke amazing words. Good news. That people might believe.

6 Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. ²When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

"Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing?" ³Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

⁴Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home." ⁵He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶He was amazed at their lack of faith. Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village.

C (sing) ***Praise be to you, O Christ!***

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Hymn of the Day

538 *The Church's One Foundation*

Sermon

The 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.**

If you would like more information about King of Kings Church, or if you are interested in membership, please contact Pastor Kluball.

The mission of King of Kings Evangelical Lutheran Church, in accordance with the inspired and inerrant Word of God, is to glorify the Lord God through worship, teaching, fellowship and sharing the message of salvation with its members, the community, and the world. [Mt 28:18-20]

Pioneers' Pool Party: Today at 12:00pm at Hertzels' home. Please see Amie LeMieux (wlemieux67@gmail.com) with any questions.

Pastor Installation: Grace of God Lutheran Church in Dix Hills, NY, invites you to share their joy in receiving the gift of a pastor. Pastor-elect Timothy J. Walsh will be installed and ordained **next Sunday, July 18 at 4 pm**. A celebration meal will follow the service. Please let Pastor Kluball (gkluball@gmail.com) know if you are interested in attending.

Congregational Meeting: Next Sunday, July 18 after church.

Quarterly Voters' Meeting: Thursday, July 22 at 7:00pm on Zoom.

WinGS Pool Party: Saturday, July 24 at 1:00pm at Amie LeMieux's house (across the street from church). All women and teen girls are invited. Please bring a side dish to share. Swimming not required! Just come to share in the fellowship, food, and fun! Please sign up on the sheet on the round table. Please see Amie LeMieux (wlemieux67@gmail.com) with any questions.

Pioneers Paint the Church: Sunday, July 25 at 11:30am. Brunch will be served at 11:00am. Pioneers of all ages are invited to help paint the church exterior. No experience necessary. We will train you. All interested, please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the round table. Please see Amie LeMieux (wlemieux67@gmail.com) or Pastor Kluball (gkluball@gmail.com) with any questions.

Young Adults' Fellowship: Saturday, July 31 at 4:00pm at the parsonage. Yard games and cookout for college age and up. Sign up at church. Contact Pastor Kluball or Diana Kluball if you have any questions.

Family Fun Day: Saturday, August 7 from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Sign up sheets for various activities are out now. Please sign up to help! Please see Ernie Selke (ernieselke@gmail.com) if you have questions.

Church Cookbook: Kevin & Ryan Hertzell are collecting recipes for a King of Kings congregation cookbook. Please email whatever you would like to be included to kevinhertzell@gmail.com or give them a paper copy. They would like to have it ready for distribution by late summer.

Labor Day Retreat: Saturday, September 4 to Monday, September 5 at Camp Danbee, Hinsdale (Peru), MA. Info and registration at welsretreat.com.

Worship attendance Sunday, July 4: 53 General Offering (mailed-in offerings plus what was received in worship) – \$2,835.
Sunday School - \$5. Memorials and Special Gifts (May Neary) - \$50.

For Worship:

tinyurl.com/KingofKingsNY

For all Zoom events (classes, meetings, etc.):

Join using link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7768519304?pwd=NDFRdXlyZHNvWUhkUUV5OXErUGNxdz09>

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This Week at King of Kings

Sunday	9:30am	Worship
	12:00pm	Pioneers' Pool Party at Hertzels
Wednesday	8:00am	Men's Group
	9:00am	Clifton Park Moms' Club
Sunday	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:45am	Congregational Meeting
	11:30am	Crafternoon
	4:00pm	Dix Hills, NY Pastor Installation

Serving God and Us Today

9:30am

Pianist: Laura Rodrigue
Ushers: Jeff Slater, James Rosenthal
Video: Lucas Wilson
Altar Care: Bonnie Selke, Sandy Pudim
Counters: Dan Englert,

Serving God and Us Next Week

9:30am

Pianist: Laura Rodrigue
Ushers: John Czirr, Tim Czirr
Elder: Dave Waldek
Video: Lucas Wilson
Altar Care: Bonnie Selke, Sandy Pudim
Counters: Marc Rodrigue, Toby Paulsen
Cleaners: Slater & Rodrigue
Mowers: Pudim Family