

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 2021

The Blessings of gathering together:

The Lord exercises shepherding care for his people through his appointed servants.

Opening Hymn

295 st. 1-3 *Dearest Jesus, We Are Here*

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Minister The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said: “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptisms he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

C **Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

M As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

The Rite of Baptism continues at the font.

M In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought this child to be baptized. Jesus told us: “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” It is in Baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God’s Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

M Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart † to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

The minister applies water as he says:

John Hunter Ten Eyck, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven.

May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

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EXHORTATION

M Dear parents, our Lord Jesus Christ, in instituting Baptism, not only commanded that children should be baptized, but that they should be taught to obey everything he has commanded us. I therefore ask you:

Do you sincerely intend to bring up *John* in the way of the Lord and to instruct *him* in the truths of God's saving Word so that *he* may grow in faith, serve God with a Christian life, and remain in *his* baptismal grace unto the end? If so, answer: Yes, and *we* ask God to help *us*.

R **Yes, and we ask God to help us.**

M Let us pray.

Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of Baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptisms as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our lives. Look with special favor on *John* and grant *him* a rich measure of your Spirit that *he* may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Sing *Gracious Head, your member own; Shepherd, take your lamb and feed it;
Prince of Peace, make here your throne; Way of Life, to heaven lead it.
Precious Vine, let nothing sever From your side this branch forever.* [Hymn 295 st. 4]

Prayer of the Day Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; 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 **Numbers 27:12-23**– NIV®

What is the most important quality of a shepherd of God's people? Faithfulness to God's Word!

¹²Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go up this mountain in the Abarim Range and see the land I have given the Israelites. ¹³After you have seen it, you too will be gathered to your people, as your brother Aaron was, ¹⁴for when the community rebelled at the waters in the Desert of Zin, both of you disobeyed my command to honor me as holy before their eyes." (These were the waters of Meribah Kadesh, in the Desert of Zin.)

¹⁵Moses said to the LORD, ¹⁶"May the LORD, the God who gives breath to all living things, appoint someone over this community ¹⁷to go out and come in before them, one who will lead them out and bring them in, so the LORD's people will not be like sheep without a shepherd."

¹⁸So the LORD said to Moses, "Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit of leadership,^[the Spirit] and lay your hand on him. ¹⁹Have him stand before Eleazar the priest and the entire assembly and commission him in their presence. ²⁰Give him some of your authority so the whole Israelite community will obey him. ²¹He is to stand before Eleazar the priest, who will obtain decisions for him by inquiring of the Urim before the LORD. At his command he and the entire community of the Israelites will go out, and at his command they will come in."

²²Moses did as the LORD commanded him. He took Joshua and had him stand before Eleazar the priest and the whole assembly. ²³Then he laid his hands on him and commissioned him, as the LORD instructed through Moses.

Psalm of the Day **Psalm 23**

Second Lesson **Hebrews 13:7-8, 17-21**

God instructs us to respect those who speak God's Word to us so that the work of proclaiming Christ may be a joy for the leader and a blessing for those who hear.

⁷ Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

¹⁷ Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

¹⁸ Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way. ¹⁹ I particularly urge you to pray so that I may be restored to you soon.

²⁰ Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, ²¹ equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Verse of the Day M Alleluia. My Word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Alleluia.

C (speak) **Alleluia.**

Gospel of the Day **Mark 6:30-34**

The Good Shepherd, Jesus, cares for his servants who share his Word. He refreshes them with quiet and rest, and with his Word, that they might share his compassion again!

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. ³¹ Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

³² So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. ³³ But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

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

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Hymn of the Day **362** *Lord Jesus Christ, My Savior Blest*

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.**

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.

The Offering

Partners committed to the ministry of King of Kings give their offerings at this time in worship. Electronic giving is available at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1384880>
Or, mail: King of Kings Lutheran Church, 1593 Crescent Road, Clifton Park, NY 12065

Offering Hymn

[Hymn 737:1,5]

God's own child I gladly say it:
I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it,
Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many?
I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free,
Lasting to eternity!

There is nothing worth comparing
To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring:
Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising,
Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ;
I'm a child of paradise!

Prayer of the Church

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.

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.

C (sing) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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Closing Hymn

375 st. 1-3, 6 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

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The *paschal candle*, symbolizing the living Christ, is lit on the Sundays of the year when we especially celebrate the resurrection victory of our Lord. These include the Sundays of Easter, the Sundays when we celebrate a Holy Baptism, and the final two Sundays of the church year: *Saints Triumphant* and *Christ the King*.

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Welcome in the name of the triune God! We especially welcome our guests today at King of Kings. If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please sign our guest register before you leave.

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 Paint the Church: Today 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. Please see Amie LeMieux (wlemieux67@gmail.com) or Pastor Kluball (gkluball@gmail.com) with any questions.

Playground Planning: This Friday, July 30, at 6:00pm. Cookout, fire pit, and planning for the church playground. Bring a side dish to share. Please let Mike Vooris (Voorisfam@gmail.com) know if you are coming.

Young Adults' Fellowship: This 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.

Pioneers Prep Day: Next Sunday, August 1, at 11:00am. Pioneers will prepare for staffing their Family Fun Day booth. Please see Amie LeMieux (wlemieux67@gmail.com) with any questions.

Evangelism Class: Family Fun Day is coming up soon, and all sorts of neighbors and guests will be visiting our church. This will be a wonderful opportunity to witness to friends and neighbors in a friendly environment. When the opportunity comes to you, do you feel prepared to share your faith with them? Would you like help starting conversations that make it easy to invite others to our church? The Evangelism Team is here to help! **We have a special upcoming class which will focus only on ways to make the most of your time with our neighbors on Family Fun Day.** People visiting a church will expect us to discuss our church and our beliefs – let us share some easy and fun ways to do this with them. Anyone who attends will leave with at least 5 simple ways to act natural as you talk about our beliefs. The class will be held six days before Family Fun Day, so the material will be fresh in your mind for that day. Hope to see you there – King of Kings Evangelism Team

Our class will be held **next Sunday August 1st, from 11 AM to 12:30 PM in the Activity Room. A pizza lunch will be served to you.** Please RSVP to Nick Baldasaro (boomstick2@gmail.com or in person) to help us get a headcount.

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.

Art Camp: Monday, August 9 through Thursday, August 12 from 9:00am to noon. Volunteers are needed to help! Sign up on the sheet if you can help, whether for a couple of hours one day or for the whole week! Register participating children at <https://tinyurl.com/p68p795x>. Please see Megan Mosca (megankluball@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

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 18: 69 General Offering (mailed-in offerings plus what was received in worship) – \$2,267. Building Capital Fund - \$25,000. Memorials and Special Gifts (May Neary) - \$150. Memorials and Special Gifts (Peter Ellis) - \$100.

For Worship:

tinyurl.com/KingofKingsNY

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

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This Week at King of Kings

Sunday	9:30am	Worship
	11:00am	Pioneers Paint the Church
Wednesday	8:00am	Men's Group
Friday	6:00pm	Playground Planning at church
Saturday	4:00pm	Young Adults' Fellowship at the parsonage
Sunday	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:00am	Pioneers Family Fun Day Prep
	11:00am	Evangelism Training Session

Serving God and Us Today

9:30am

Pianist: Laura Rodrigue
 Ushers: Chris Brown, Toby Paulsen
 Video: Lucas Wilson
 Altar Care: Bonnie Selke, Sandy Pudim
 Counters: Curt Becker, Nancy Paulsen

Serving God and Us Next Week

9:30am

Pianist: Laura Rodrigue
 Ushers: Dave Eaton, Jim Becker
 Elder: Chuck Waterstram
 Video: Lucas Wilson
 Altar Care: Mary Duncan, Marlys Anderson
 Counters: Curt Becker, Nancy Paulsen
 Cleaners: Waterstram, Selke, Feuz, & C. Becker
 Mowers: Czirr Family