

# Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 2021

In July and August we will focus each Sunday on The Blessings of Gathering Together. Today we consider how God raises up believers through the ministry of the gospel and equips them to share the Savior with others.

***God raises up believers to share the Savior with others!***

## Today's Worship

### Opening Hymn

**525** *The Son of God, Our Christ*

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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.**

M God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**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** (speak) **Amen.**

M For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C** (sing) **Lord, have mercy.** *page 27*

M For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C** (sing) **Christ, have mercy.** *page 27*

M For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C** (sing) **Lord, have mercy.** *page 27*

M Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

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

M The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

**C** (sing) **O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth. Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love. You take away our sin; you comfort our spirit; you make us pure and holy in your sight. You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth. O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father, you came to live with us; you made your Father known; you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the King of glory; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.** *page 28*

### Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

**First Lesson****Amos 7:10-15**

The LORD sent the farmer Amos to speak God's Word to people.

<sup>10</sup> Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: "Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words. <sup>11</sup> For this is what Amos is saying:

"Jeroboam will die by the sword,  
and Israel will surely go into exile,  
away from their native land."

<sup>12</sup> Then Amaziah said to Amos, "Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there. <sup>13</sup> Don't prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king's sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom."

<sup>14</sup> Amos answered Amaziah, "I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. <sup>15</sup> But the LORD took me from tending the flock and said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

**Psalm of the Day****Psalm 78****Second Lesson****Ephesians 1:3-14**

God blesses us from eternity to eternity through the gospel that we might proclaim his glory to others.

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. <sup>4</sup> For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to sonship<sup>[full legal standing of an adopted male heir in Roman culture]</sup> through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, <sup>9</sup> he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, <sup>10</sup> to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

<sup>11</sup> In him we were also chosen,<sup>[were made heirs]</sup> having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, <sup>12</sup> in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

**Verse of the Day**

M Alleluia. The Word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. Alleluia.

C (speak) Alleluia.

**Gospel of the Day****Mark 6:7-13**

Jesus sent his disciples to preach that people should repent that they might receive forgiveness, freedom, and blessing.

<sup>7</sup> Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.

<sup>8</sup> These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. <sup>9</sup> Wear sandals but not an extra

shirt. <sup>10</sup> Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. <sup>11</sup> And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them."

<sup>12</sup> They went out and preached that people should repent. <sup>13</sup> They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

**Hymn of the Day**    **770**    *O Christ, Who Called the Twelve*

**Sermon**

**The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. 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**    *We give thee but thine own,                      May we thy bounties thus*  
[485:1, 2]                      *Whate'er the gift may be;                      As stewards true receive*  
*All that we have is thine alone,                      And gladly, as thou blessest us,*  
*A trust, O Lord, from thee.                      To thee our firstfruits give.*

**Prayer of the Church**  
***The Lord's Prayer***

**Communion Service**

***Our Communion Practice:*** *In the sacrament we celebrate our unity of beliefs as we receive Jesus' body and blood (1 Cor. 10,11). Therefore we ask our guests to wait to come to Holy Communion here until we can discuss our beliefs with you. We look forward with joy to the time when new members join us for the sacrament.*

M The Lord be with you.

C (sing) ***And also with you.***

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M Lift up your hearts.

C (sing) ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

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M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C (sing) ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

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M Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. *He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.* Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

C (sing) ***Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory. You are my God and I will exalt you. I will give you thanks, for you have become my salvation. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.***

*The Words of Institution*

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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

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***O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.***

***O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.***

***O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.***

### ***Distribution of the Sacrament***

- Distributed Holy Communion is now offered. You may receive the bread in a flat open hand. Please do not touch the communion packs if you are receiving the sacrament distributed.
- Communion packs with small cups are grape juice/bread. Both seals are on top of the cup.
- Communion packs with small goblet are bread/wine. Seals for each are on opposite ends.

C (sing) ***Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'ryone what he has done.***

***Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He renews his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

M Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which has seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

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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 559** *Lord of the Living Harvest*

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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]

**Pastor Installation:** Grace of God Lutheran Church in Dix Hills, NY, invites you to share their joy in receiving the gift of a pastor. Pastorelect Timothy J. Walsh will be installed and ordained **today at 4 pm**. A celebration meal will follow the service.

**Congregational Meeting: Today after church.**

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

**Movie Night:** "Thor: Ragnarok" (PG-13) **this Friday, July 23, outside at church. 7:45 pm** firepit & s'mores. **8:30pm** sunset movie. Bring comfortable chairs.

**WinGS Pool Party: This 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: Next 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.

**Playground Planning: 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: 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: Sunday, August 1 at 11:00am.** Pioneers will prepare for manning 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 **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.

**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](http://welsretreat.com).

**Worship attendance Sunday, July 11: 105** General Offering (mailed-in offerings plus what was received in worship) – \$9,010. Sunday School - \$4. Memorials and Special Gifts (May Neary) - \$450. Equipment (Pastor's computer) - \$1,800.

**For Worship:**

[tinyurl.com/KingofKingsNY](http://tinyurl.com/KingofKingsNY)

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**Join using link**

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### This Week at King of Kings

Sunday	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Worship with Holy Communion</b>
	10:45am	Congregational Meeting
	11:30am	Crafternoon
	4:00pm	Dix Hills, NY Pastor Installation
Wednesday	8:00am	Men's Group
Thursday	7:00pm	Quarterly Voters' Meeting on Zoom
Friday	7:45pm	Movie Night at church
Saturday	1:00pm	WinGS Pool Party at LeMieux's
Sunday	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	11:00am	Pioneers Paint the Church

### Serving God and Us Today

#### 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

### Serving God and Us Next Week

#### 9:30am

Pianist:	Laura Rodrigue
Ushers:	Chris Brown, Toby Paulsen
Video:	Lucas Wilson
Altar Care:	Bonnie Selke, Sandy Pudim
Counters:	Curt Becker, Nancy Paulsen
Cleaners:	J. Becker, Brown, LeMieux
Mowers:	D. Waldek Family