



AND THE
Peace

OF GOD, WHICH SURPASSES ALL
UNDERSTANDING, WILL GUARD
YOUR HEARTS AND YOUR MINDS
IN CHRIST JESUS.

Philippians 4:7

**KING OF KINGS
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PRAISE ALIVE!**

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The Third Sunday in Advent
December 16, 2018 - 11:00 AM

PRESERVICE MUSIC

OPENING SONG

GREETING AND PASTOR'S WELCOME

WORSHIP SONGS

THE INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

THE ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING LITANY

P: "Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.

C: **Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.**" [Psa 100:2, 4]

P: "Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

C: **Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.**" [Psa 24:7-10]

P: Today we light three Advent candles: the first for faithful waiting, the second to announce the coming of the Savior.

C: **We light the third candle for sending and receiving the Good News of the Savior, Jesus, the King of Glory.**

P: Let us pray:

C: **Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

READINGS

The First Lesson

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Pew Bible, page 1466

The Second Lesson

Philippians 4:4-7

Pew Bible, page 1830

The Gospel Lesson

Luke 7:18-28

Pew Bible, page 1603

MESSAGE

Pastor Paul Birner

OFFERING AND MESSAGE SONG

PRAYERS AND SPECIAL PETITIONS

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

C: **By His great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.** [1 Pet 1:3]

*Special Prayers will be made at this time
Petitions will end with the words, "Lord in Your mercy"
The congregation may respond, "Hear our prayer."*

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,

C: **Amen.**

Baptismal Anniversaries: Victoria Bennet – Dec. 16, Marla Trent – Dec. 22

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION-- CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C: **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.** [1 Jn 1:8-9]

P: King David confessed his sins saying, "I confess my iniquity, I am sorry for my sin." [Ps 38:18]

C: **King David prayed to God saying, "Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin."** [Ps 51:1-2]

P: Let us confess our sins and our sinfulness to the Lord.

C: **Almighty God, Maker of all things, judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have turned away from each other in our thinking, speaking, and doing.**

P: We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins.

C: **Have mercy on us, kind Father, because of the obedience of our Brother, Jesus Christ, Your Son.**

P: Forgive us all that is past, and with the power of the Holy Spirit move us to serve You faithfully.

C: **Set our feet upon the new path of life, and build your kingdom here through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. You are a people holy to the Lord your God.

THE CONSECRATION

At King of Kings, we welcome at Holy Communion all baptized Christians who believe that Jesus Christ is present in this Sacrament and that forgiveness of sins is given in it. Children who have not yet been instructed to receive Holy Communion and those who are not yet baptized are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please see the Pastor if you have further questions.

COMMUNION SONGS

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

THE APOSTLES CREED

THE BENEDICTION: 1 Thessalonians 5, Selected Verses

P: God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **Live in peace with each other... Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances.**

P: Do not put out the Spirit's fire; do not treat prophecies with contempt. Test everything. Hold on to the good. Avoid every kind of evil.

C: **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all.**

P: May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

Welcome to King of Kings Lutheran Church !

*The flowers this Sunday are given to the glory of God
By Thomas and Jennifer Youn in celebration of the birth of our Savior.*

You are welcome to remain seated during worship if that is more comfortable for you.
Large print bulletins are available from the ushers.