

And the ransomed of
the Lord shall return and come to
Zion with singing; everlasting joy
shall be upon their heads;

Isaiah 35:10a

The image features three lit red candles of varying heights, set against a dark, textured background. The candles are surrounded by silver, glittery snowflake decorations and green pine branches. The scene is lit with a warm, soft glow from the candle flames.

**KING OF KINGS
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PRAISE ALIVE!**

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Praise Alive!
The Third Sunday in Advent
December 15, 2019 - 11:00 AM

PRESERVICE MUSIC

OPENING SONG

GREETING AND PASTOR'S WELCOME

WORSHIP SONGS

THE INVOCATION AND ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

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

C: **Amen.**

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

Isaiah 35:1-10

Pew Bible, page 1111

The Second Lesson

James 5:7-11

Pew Bible, page 1885

The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 11:2-15

Pew Bible, page 1512

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. "Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens." [Ps 68:19]

C: **"You answer us with awesome deeds of righteousness, O God our Savior."** [Ps 65:5]

*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 – December 16, Mary Olson – December 19

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION—CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Christmas is the Good News that God so loved the world that He sent His Son to save us from Sin and death.

C: **We are preparing for Christmas, the celebration of the birth of our Savior.**

P: The Bible says, "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." [1 John 1:8]

C: **Not only that; but if we claim to be without sin, we will reject the Savior.**

P: The Bible also says, "If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." [1 John 1:9]

C: **We need a Savior. I need a Savior. I am a sinner and I need Jesus.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father and trust in His forgiveness.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.**

P: We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed,

C: **By what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

P: We have not loved You with our whole heart;

C: **We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

P: We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.

C: **For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

P: Forgive us, renew us, and lead us;

C: **So that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.**

P: Hear the Good News of Advent and Christmas. Almighty God in His mercy sent Jesus to be our Savior. He was born for you and He died for you. For you He rose

victoriously on the third day; and for His sake, God forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of God's Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE CONSECRATION

The Consecration concludes with...

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you. Amen.

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

CLOSING SONG

Welcome to King of Kings Lutheran Church !

*The flowers this Sunday are given to the glory of God.
By Scott and Sarah Edwards in memory of Joanne Edwards.*

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