

Order of Service



September 7, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- CALL TO WORSHIP -

ADORATION

Minister: Grace, mercy, and peace to you, from God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Congregation: And also to you. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 100: 4

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord!

PRAYER

Minister: Let us Pray

Congregation: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your glorious Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

^ PSALM/HYMN

I Will Bless the Lord at All Times
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- CONFESSION –

EXHORTATION

CALL

Minister: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a humble heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, imploring him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness:

PSALM

Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity!

And in whose spirit there is no deceit. (Psalm 32:2)

I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,

And you forgave the guilt of my sin. (Psalm 32:5)

CONFESSION OF SIN

- Invitation to kneel if able -

Almighty God, who art rich in mercy to all those who call upon you; hear me as I come to you humbly confessing my sins, and imploring your mercy and forgiveness. I have broken your holy laws by my deeds and by my words, and by the sinful affections of my heart. I confess before you my disobedience and ingratitude, my pride and willfulness, and all my failures and shortcomings toward you and toward my family and friends. Have mercy upon me, most merciful Father; and of your great goodness grant that I may hereafter serve and please you in newness of life; grant me this, I pray, through the mediation of Jesus Christ my Savior and Lord.

- Silent Prayer & Confession –

^ *ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

Minister: Now lift up your heads and hear the good news! God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us. He has given his only Son to die for you, and for his sake forgives you all your sins. Therefore, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen!

^ *PSALM/HYMN*

When Zion's Fortunes God Restores

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^ *CONFESSION OF FAITH*

Minister: Christian, what do you believe?

Congregation (Nicene Creed): I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. He who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered, and was buried, and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. He shall

come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and look for the resurrection of the dead, the life of the world to come. Amen.

^ *RESPONSIVE READING*

PSALM 47

Minister: O clap your hands, all you people;

Congregation: Shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

Minister: For the Lord most high is terrible;

Congregation: He is a great King over all the earth.

Minister: He shall subdue the people under us,

Congregation: And the nations under our feet.

Minister: For the shields of the earth belong to God:

Congregation: He is greatly exalted. Amen.

- *CONSECRATION* -

^ *PSALM/HYMN*

O, God of Earth and Altar239

^ *SCRIPTURE READING*

OT – Deuteronomy 7

Reader: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

NT – 1 Corinthians 7:17-40

Reader: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

^ *PSALM/HYMN*

O Great God Handout

SERMON

Cleaning House (Ezra 9-10) – Josh Holt

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

^ *PSALM/HYMN*

Lord, You have Searched Me (Psalm 139) Handout

- COMMUNION -

^ *PSALM/HYMN*

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded 619

THE BREAD & WINE

- COMMISSIONING –

^ *CLOSING DOXOLOGY*

*- Congregation may raise hands -
Gloria Patri 735*

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you,

and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)

“MAY I COME TO THE LORD’S TABLE?”

The Lord’s Supper is observed every Lord’s Day at King’s Covenant Church. We warmly invite to the Lord’s table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church. Since the elders are responsible for the table, when a baptized child begins taking the Lord’s Supper, we ask a parent to notify one of the elders. By eating the bread and drinking the wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. You also acknowledge to the elders of this congregation that you are in covenant with God, being active in a congregation which is covenantally bound to the triune God through Word and sacrament. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to the elders before or after the service.