



King of Kings
LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 29, 2020 — December 5, 2020



Getting Ready

Introduction: It is the season of getting ready for Christmas, New Year, a long winter, a busy spring and, hopefully soon, life after Covid. This message is about getting ready for THE REST OF YOUR LIFE!

To be honest, most of us feel more like this: *“Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am faint (weak, sick, wilt, feeble, languish, I mourn)...My soul is in anguish. How long, O Lord, how long?”* Psalm 6:2-3 *“Oh that you would rend (tear open) the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence...to make your name known...”* Isaiah 64

1 in ___ formerly active worshipers have not worshiped in person or online since March (Barna Research)

"It matters not how strait the gate, How charged with punishment the scroll. I am the master of my fate! I am the captain of my soul!" 18th century British poet William Henley, "Invictus."

*The Lord is not _____ (slack) in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance....what kind of people should you be? Your lives should be holy and dedicated to God, as you look forward to the day of God and ***speed its coming.***

2 Peter 3:9, 11

*“That day may be hastened by God’s people as they speed up the accomplishment of His purpose; that all should come to repentance.” SHARE CHRIST

Conclusion:

But we are looking forward to the new heavens and new earth he has promised, a new home filled with God's righteousness. 2 Peter 3:13

“He will keep you _____ to the end...” 1 Cor. 1:8

Student: _____

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers this week for...

For our focus on Jesus' coming in human flesh:

That in observing Advent we may see Jesus manifested in prophecy of his incarnation, his present manifestation in Word and Sacrament, and his future manifestation in his promised return as our Savior and King.

For relief from the pandemic:

That we heed our calling to love others more than ourselves in order to stem the spread of the coronavirus, bring healing to those who are ill and bless us with confidence in God's love and mercy through all circumstances. Grant that we live in confident trust in God's eternal care for his people.

King of Kings members & friends:

Those who mourn: Keith and Norma Colton family at the death of their niece, Hannah; Jay and Karla Doty family at the death of Jay's mother. Those who need healing: Laura Howe (Rob Howe's mother), she lives in the Chicago area - she has an inoperable brain tumor, she continues radiation treatments; Leilani Luedtke, recovering from surgery; Dennis Ingram, as he undergoes cancer treatment; Jerry Green as he recovers following a liver transplant; David Marousek as his recovery continues; Faith Buss, Jan Fruth, Sherry Brendes, Rev. Brian Saunders, president of IDE, recovering from heart bypass surgery; Jack, the grandson of Bob and Pat Harris.

For the ministries of King of Kings:

That God continues to bless our worship, study of the Word, children's and youth ministries, and all other activities of this congregation, whether conducted in person or by other means. We especially pray that we all continue to seek the fellowship of the Church and this congregation so that each may be strengthened in faith and prepared for the struggles of daily life. Cause each of us to desire to hear your Word, receive your Sacrament and live and worship according to your will. May we not be divided in doctrine or witness.

For our nation:

That the Lord bless our nation with peace and unity. Through the Word shared by Your people lead others to faith and to trust in salvation through Your Son. Lead us to trust in God's divine power and authority over all things and to seek his will constantly in prayer. Bless all who govern, our president, legislators governor and all officials. Lead them to walk in your paths so that your will is accomplished in all things and we are defended from all enemies.

Prayers for Others:

Healing, recovery, peace, strength —

Keith & Norma Colton family

Jay & Karla Doty family

Leilani Luedtke

Laura Howe

Dennis Ingram

Jerry Green

David Marousek

Faith Buss

Bob & Jan Fruth

Sherry Brendes

Jack (grandson of Bob and Pat Harris)

Rev. Brian Saunders

Sunday Morning Worship

The First Sunday in Advent

November 29, 2020

8:00 a.m. service streamed live

Preservice song

Opening Song

Invocation

Song

Confession and Absolution

Service of the Word

Song

Scripture Readings

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

Message

Apostles' Creed

Offerings

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing (Aaronic)

Closing Song

Whatever May Come

Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Isaiah 64:1-9

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Family Five

Matthew 11:1-10

Savior of The Nations Come LSB 332

Rev. Mark Halvorson

Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King

The white poinsettias placed in the chancel are given by Darlene, Tim and Kristin Wood in memory of Rev. Fritz Wood for their wedding anniversary Nov. 27, and 7 years that Rev. Wood entered God's heavenly home.