

King of Kings Lutheran Church Dulles South + Worship Gathering +



Goshen Post Elementary School
& Online via YouTube Live
Pastor Garrett Wolf
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Welcome to King of Kings! We are an inclusive Christian community with roots in Fairfax County and gathering regularly at Goshen Post E.S. in Aldie, VA. Our mission is to be a safe place to explore faith, live beyond labels, and be a deeply rooted community. We do this by promoting curiosity, curating connectedness, and living generously. We would love for you to be an integral part of our fellowship. We are glad you are here!

Senior Recognition Celebration - On this day, we recognize and celebrate with our families who have graduating students this year. We gather to worship, recognize, and remember that it is by God's grace and faithfulness that we have all arrived upon this day. So, this gathering reflects upon the journeys that have brought us to this point. As our seniors lead us in worship, may we bear witness to a past filled with challenges that were overcome, while looking forward to a future filled with a hope knowing that God's work is not yet accomplished, and all of our paths are secure in Jesus Christ.

JOIN US FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

May's *Love Your Neighbor* offering supports the [JK Community Farm](#).
Monday, May 13 - *Love Does* Video Study (Quinlivan Home) at 7:00 PM
Saturday, May 18 – JK Community Plant-a-Thon (Purcellville) from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Sunday, May 19 – Pentecost Worship Gathering (Goshen/Online) at 10:00 AM
Sunday, May 19 – Youth Confirmation (Wolf Home) at 5:30 PM
Visit our website for more information – www.DullesSouth.KofK.org

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

WELCOME and WORSHIP NOTES

Welcome! We are glad you are here. As we worship together, you are encouraged to share in our times of prayer, reflection, and open Communion. Let us celebrate the season of Easter!

GATHERING WORDS

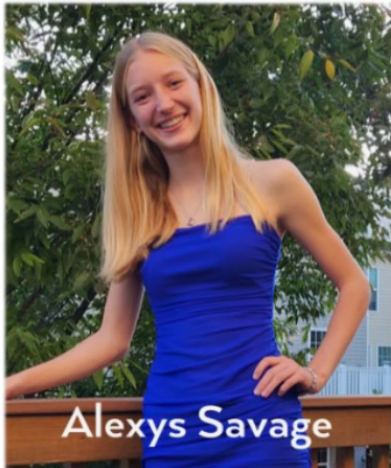
Friends and families, we gather this day, to acknowledge a threshold moment, a thin place between what has been and what is yet to come.

God holds all cycles of life together, endings and beginnings, and the spaces in-between.

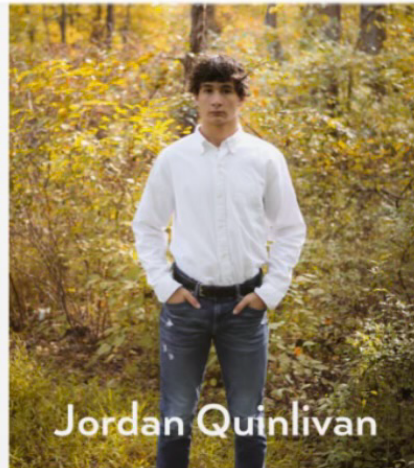
From one generation to the next, let us celebrate one of life's milestones with joy, blessings, and a sustaining hope for the future.

Jesus calls to us saying, "Come, and follow me." Jesus then sends us out saying, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

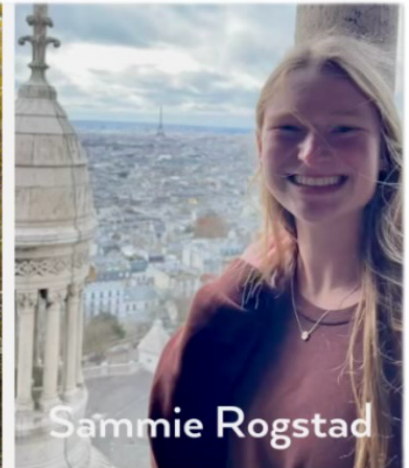
This morning, we are delighted to recognize Finn Ackerman, Grace McBride, Jordan Quinlivan, Sammie Rogstad, Alexys Savage, and Kirra Wolf, and their families, as we celebrate their upcoming graduations from John Champe High School. It is our privilege to affirm them for having completed one incredible chapter of their lives, and to offer a blessing as they move on with great expectations to the next. We are also grateful to have them lead us in worship this morning, as we celebrate the faith, talents, and gifts they have all been given, and to also recognize how they will soon be sent out to share these same gifts with the rest of the world.



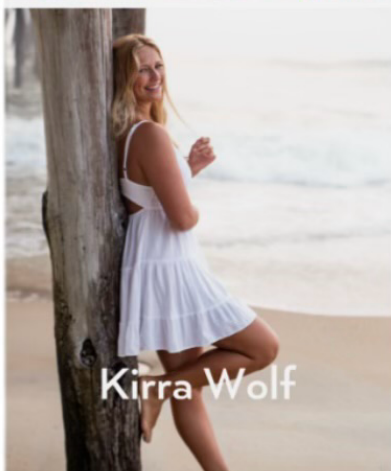
Alexys Savage



Jordan Quinlivan



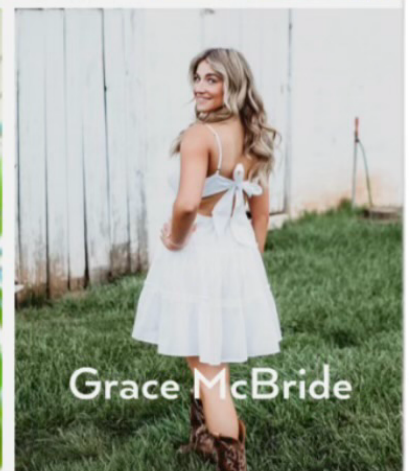
Sammie Rogstad



Kirra Wolf



Finn Ackerman



Grace McBride

May we pray together.

Gracious God, You bless your servants with so many gifts and accomplishments. Today, we give thanks for the milestone Finn, Jordan, Grace, Sammie, Alexys, and Kirra are about to attain. As they begin this new chapter of their lives, may they always know your love and experience your grace in all they hear, see, and do in the future. Sustain them and grant them peace and comfort, knowing that You will always be with them and that you are their rock; an unshakeable foundation from which they will always be able to stand. We ask all of this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CELEBRATING GRADUATE

Jordan Quinlivan

SONG OF PRAISE*

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

(All Verses)

CELEBRATING GRADUATE

Kirra Wolf

FIRST READING

1 John 5:9-13

A reading from the New Testament book of Acts beginning in the 2nd chapter.

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

SHARING WITH CHILDREN

CELEBRATING GRADUATE

Finn Ackerman

SHARING THROUGH PRAYER

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen, and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

On this day of celebration, we are reminded that we are all travelers along life’s journey. Each of us is on a unique and inseparable path, connected to you, O God, as you show us how to live. Help us all to be nurturing, patient, attentive, and present to one another. May we cherish the ways of each generation, as we seek to understand instead of criticize, and to appreciate rather than mock. Help us be open to the wisdom each of us holds. We lift up the needs and concerns of our community, especially those that have been named and those that remain on our hearts. Direct our words and actions, trusting that the one who abides with us will lead us to abide with one another. Inspired by the witness of those who have come before us, and who celebrate this day with us in spirit, may we remain rooted in our common identity found in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. We commend these and all our prayers through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

SHARING IN FAITH – APOSTLE’S CREED (as you feel led)

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CELEBRATING GRADUATE

Grace McBride

GOSPEL READING*

John 17:6-19

*The Holy Gospel according to St. John beginning in the 17th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.***

[Jesus prayed:] ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

*May these words help us walk in love for God, ourselves, our neighbors, and all God’s creation. **Praise to you, O Christ.***

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

What thought from today’s lesson(s) intrigued, challenged, or encouraged you? What does testimony mean? What forms does God’s testimony take, and how have you heard it today? What are the characteristics, and the priorities Jesus asks for as he sends his followers into the world? How do we pray these upon the seniors we are celebrating today? What words of encouragement do you have for our graduates?

SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

DIALOG

The Lord be with you.
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Creator of all.

**And also with you.
We lift them to the living Lord.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

These are the gifts of resurrection for the people of the resurrection. **Thanks be to God.**

"The body of Christ broken for you."

"The blood of Christ shed for you."

COMMUNION SONG

"I Hope You Dance"

I hope you never lose your sense of wonder,
You get your fill to eat but always keep that hunger,
May you never take one single breath for granted,
God forbid love ever leave you empty handed,
I hope you still feel small when you stand beside the
ocean,
Whenever one door closes I hope one more opens,
Promise me that you'll give faith a fighting chance,
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance.

I hope you never fear those mountains in the distance,
Never settle for the path of least resistance,
Living might mean takin' chances, but they're worth
takin',
Lovin' might be a mistake, but it's worth making,
Don't let some hell-bent heart leave you bitter,
When you come close to selling out reconsider,
Give the heavens above more than just a passing glance,
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance.

OFFERING OF GIFTS

We see offering as a practice of gratitude, worship, sacrifice, and joy. Should you be willing, you may give via the offering plate as you exit, *Text (1-844-251-6727)*, Vanco Mobile App, or Online ([DullesSouth.Kofk.org Resources/Online Giving](http://DullesSouth.Kofk.org/Resources/Online_Giving)). Please designate your offering to King of Kings Dulles South. Thank you for supporting God's work and ministry through King of Kings.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us pray: Gracious God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Now, bless our offerings and send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Graduates come before the congregation together with their families for a blessing. Please raise your hands, while parents place a hand on your child's shoulder as Pr. Garrett shares the following words.

God, we thank you for these young people who inspired our worship today. We are grateful for their presence in our worshiping community, for the ways they have contributed and received blessings, and for their unique personalities that are gifts to the body of Christ. May you continue to strengthen them for their journeys ahead. Give them the patience, wisdom, and courage to follow your way of abundant and eternal life. And as boundaries and independence grow, may they always remember that they have a place they can call home, and a Creator, who will go to any height or depth to remind them of their value, significance, worth, and love. We ask all of this in the name of the One ✝ who grew in wisdom, stature, and favor with God and his community, Jesus Christ, our Savior, and Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION SONG *“Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”*



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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DISMISSAL

We go out in mission,
Following Christ, Living Faithfully, Serving Others.
Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

For the Beauty of the Earth



- 1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
- 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
- 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
- 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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