

BOLDLY SHARING THE GRACE OF GOD WITH THE WORLD

KING OF GLORY

L U T H E R A N C H U R C H

First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2024 ~ 10:15 a.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Holy Communion Emmanuel Setting

Gathering

Opening Voluntary

Prelude on “Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”

Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome and Community Life

Lighting of the Advent Wreath, the Candle of Hope

From deep in the past, Jeremiah calls to us, “The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah” (Jeremiah 33:14). Beloved, the days are surely coming when the yearning of the land; the longing of the sun, moon, and stars; the desperate need of the people of earth for flourishing and peace will receive their fulfillment.

While fear, anxiety, misinformation, and suspicion surround us on every side, we choose to watch and wait in hope, preparing our hearts to notice and cooperate with God’s grace already at work in our midst.

We light this candle of hope as a sign of our commitment to pay attention and prepare for the days that are surely coming and are already here—the days when God’s kin-dom of love, justice, and mercy will reign.

The congregation may stand.

Entrance Hymn 436

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

WACHET AUF

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.

Amen.

Because God loves us unconditionally, and is eager to forgive, we are given the freedom to confess before God and one another, the ways we fall short of sharing God’s love and grace with the world.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

We begin in silence for personal confession before God.

God of mercy,

we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might,

we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.

God in our midst,

we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.

A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through ✠ Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.

Amen.

Kyrie

Liturgist: Lord, have mercy. *Congregation:* Lord, have mercy.

Liturgist: Christ, have mercy. *Congregation:* Christ, have mercy.

Liturgist: Lord, have mercy. *Congregation:* Lord, have mercy.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. ¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

The holy gospel according to Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” ²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation may be seated. Children ages 4 years through 3rd grade are invited to attend the children’s sermon in room 115.

Sermon

Pastor Kenney Dickson

The congregation may stand. Children will return from the children’s sermon.

Hymn of the Day 244

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG

The Apostles’ Creed

**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 catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers

... Lord, in Your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Peace

We make peace with God and each other before coming to the Lord’s table.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

The congregation may be seated.

Meal

Offering

We give back to God out of the abundance with which He has blessed us.

Faithful Ones offering received during the month of December will support **North Dallas Shared Ministries**, which provides charitable assistance to persons in need. King of Glory was one of five congregations that partnered to launch NDSM in 1983. Today, 46 interfaith congregations provide financial and volunteer support to NDSM. Services have expanded to include medical care, dental care, mental health counseling, vision exams and glasses, English-as-a-second language classes, school supplies and uniforms and tax return assistance. More than 95% of contributions go directly to programs and services. The value of NDSM assistance exceeds \$ 6 Million annually. If you wish to offer additional funds for this ministry, please use an envelope found in the pew rack or the Narthex. Checks should be made out to King of Glory with "Faithful Ones" in the memo.



We will now present our offerings. You can share your gifts online at koggives.com or via Venmo @kingofglory. You may also place your offering in the offering plate.

Offertory Hymn

ACS 905 *We Are Waiting for Jesus*

JESUS BRINGS PEACE

Choristers first, then all



1 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
2 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



Sun of jus - tice, shine up - on us; we are trust - ing in your prom - ise.
Lov - ing Shep - herd, walk be - side us; stir our hearts, and gent - ly guide us.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

The congregation may stand.



Love one an - oth - er as I have loved you. Care for each



oth - er. I have cared for you. Bear each oth - er's bur - dens.



Bind each oth - er's wounds; and so you will know my re - turn.

Prayer

Let us pray: Creator God,

you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places ... and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus, *Holy, holy, holy*

Congregation:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

Celebrating Communion

At King of Glory we welcome all who believe Jesus Christ is present for and with us in the bread and wine.

If you choose to share in our table of communion while at home during these physically distant times, consider that your table is part of ours, and your bread and wine is the body and blood of Christ we all share. Please only use bread and wine (or grape juice) as we remain faithful to our Lord's command.

If you would prefer not to receive wine, simply request white grape juice when served. Gluten-free wafers may also be requested. Children and adults not communing are invited to come forward for a word of blessing. Open hands show you wish to receive communion; folded hands show you want a blessing.

Agnus Dei, *Lamb of God*

Congregation:

Je - sus, wis - dom and might - y Lord:
 Je - sus, true branch of Je - se's tree:
 Key of Da - vid and Day - spring from on high:
 De - sire of na - tions, our Em - man - u - el:
 you take a - way the sins of the world,
 1., 2., 3.
 have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.
 4.
 grant us peace, gran us peace.

You are invited to share the bread and wine now as you hear the Pastor say:
 “This is the body of Christ, given for you.”
 “This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.”

Communion Antiphon

As the Dark Awaits the Dawn

LUCENT

As the dark awaits the dawn, so we await your light. O Star of promise, scatter night, loving bright, loving bright, till shades of fear are gone. As the blue expectant hour before the silv’ring skies, we long to see your day arise, whole and wise, whole and wise, O lucent Morning Star. As the moon reflects the sun until the night’s decrease, may we your healing light release, living peace, living peace, unto your holy dawn. Shine your future on this place, enlighten ev’ry guest, that through us stream your holiness, bright and blest, bright and blest; come dawn, O Sun of grace.

Susan Palo Chervien

Communion Hymn

ACS 998 *In Silence We Wait*
 Choristers first; all repeat as needed

IN SILENCE WE WAIT

In si - lence we wait, in dark - ness you
 come to us; bring us your light.

The communion table is cleared.

The congregation may stand.

Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.
Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name.
Amen.

Sending

Benediction

Just as we began, we end worship in the Name of the Triune God.

God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, ✠ bless and keep you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn 435

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

HELMSLEY

Dismissal

Go in peace. Boldly share the grace of God with the world.

Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary

Postlude on “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”

Wilbur Held

SERVING OUR WORSHIP

Pastor Kenny Dickson, Pastor Kirsten Wee

Ivan Rodriguez, *liturgist*

The Pontes family, *Advent Candle*

Steve Lund, *reader*

Charlie Lombardi, *acolyte*

Jonas White, *crucifer*

The King of Glory Choir

Zvony Nagy, *Director of Music and Worship*

Ross Weir, *audio visual*; Keith Prim, *av volunteer*

Nancy Joseph, Jan & Larry Rollow, *ushers*

Liesl Bredeson, Joyce England, *communion assistants*

Lisa Bloodgood, Marilyn Cupp, *altar guild*

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Visiting for the first time?

We are glad you are here! Please fill out the **Friendship Pad** or a **Connect Card** so we can get to know you and share more about KOG and our ministries.

Our worship is liturgical; rooted in Scripture. We follow a pattern of worship that embraces the diversity and richness of modern language and traditions.

Listening Devices are available during worship services. Ask an usher to acquire one of these devices.

A Sensory Room is located at the back of the Sanctuary. This room is equipped with comfortable seating, adjustable lighting and sound, and is a safe place for those with disabilities.

Children are welcome in worship!

Clipboards with activity pages and fidgets are available in the Narthex. If you prefer, we have a nursery available for infants through Kindergarten in Room 142.

The **Cry Room**, where you can sit with your child and watch the service via livestream, is located next to the nursery in Room 140.



FAITHFORMATION GROWING IN FAITH

[Sunday Mornings at 9:00]

Children's Sunday School

Preschool - 5th Grade: Room 113
1st - 5th Grade Choir: Room 211
Children's Sermon: Room 115

Youth Sunday School

Jr. and Sr. High: Youth Area

Adult Education

Free at Last - Exodus Room LL10
Faith at Home Room 116

Wednesday Nights

6:00 - 8:00
Jr. High Activity Center
Sr. High Sr. High Room

GENEROUS IN SERVICE AND GIVING

Spiritual Gifts

How can you use your Spiritual Gifts identified earlier this year? Look for more news soon!

Angel Tree

Have you towards this year's Angel Tree project? There is still time! Visit the Atrium to learn more.

- **Dobie Pre-K:** Donate Visa or Amazon gift cards, toys, or books
- **Family Gateway:** Donate wrapping supplies (paper, bows, tape, tags)

2025 Pledge

If you haven't already, please prayerfully consider returning your 2025 pledge card. Your commitment enables effective planning and supports vital ministries. Thank you for your partnership!

GROUNDING IN LOVE

Poinsettia Dedication

Honor or remember a loved one this holiday season by purchasing a beautiful Poinsettia. Dedication cards are available in the Narthex.

An Unlikely Advent

Wednesdays, Dec. 4, 11, & 18
Dinner at 6:00, Study at 7:00

Make plans to join Pastor Kirsten during Advent Season for discussions on lesser-known figures like Herod and the Shepherds, revealing valuable lessons on our journey to Jesus' birth. *Childcare provided.*

Christmas around the World

Wednesdays, Dec. 4, 11, 18 at 7:00

This Advent season, Miss Rainey invites K-5 students to embark on a cultural adventure, exploring holiday traditions from around the world.

Christmas (Carol) Bingo

Saturday, Dec. 7

Chili Potluck at 6:00, Bingo at 7:00

Bring your favorite chili dish to share and get ready for a merry night of Christmas Carols, prizes and fun! **Sign up in the Atrium.** Contact *Michelle Hild* at hildchitchat@att.net for more information.

Lessons & Carols

Sunday, Dec. 15
10:15, Reception following

Christmas Eve Services

Tuesday, Dec. 24
3:00 (family friendly), 5:00, and 7:00

EASY WAYS TO CONNECT

Joyful Spirit

Extend an invitation to this inclusive and uplifting service and join them in worship. *Find out more at kingofglory.com/joyful-spirit-worship.*

Sunday Evenings at 5:00

Let's Eat Out! (LEOs)

Invite a friend and enjoy conversation over dinner **Dec. 5 at Mi Cocina** on Campbell. *RSVP to Ellen or Stu White at Stuart.White@prodigy.net or 214-802-0865.*

First Thursday of the Month at 6:30

Pickleball & Game Night at KOG

Build relationships on the court or enjoy fellowship while playing boardgames in the Café. **Thursday, Nov. 21.** *Email rweir@kingofglory.com for more information.*

Third Thursdays of the Month at 6:30

1st Saturday Social

Young Adults, Young Families, and ACTION Groups - Join us for a special "2nd Friday" edition - **A Christmas Party! December 13, 7:30 - 10:30.** *Text "FIRSTSAT" to 972-661-9435 to RSVP. For more information, email andrea.schweitzer@yahoo.com*

First Saturday of the Month

Reservations for Six

Groups of 6 share brunch, lunch, or dinner out at a restaurant each month (March - November). **Sign up in January!** *For more information, email hildchitchat@att.net*

Once a Month

Upcoming Events:

Take a look at our Event Calendar at kingofglory.com/events

Church office hours:

Mondays and Fridays 8:30 - Noon
Tuesdays - Thursdays 8:30 - 3:30

Ways you can give:

Venmo @kingofglory
kingofglory.com/koggives

