

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

Second Sunday in Lent
March 16, 2025 ~ 10:15 a.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Holy Communion Setting for Lent 2025

Gathering

Opening Voluntary

Neumeister Chorale "O Jesus, What Is Your Presence?"

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Community Life

The congregation may stand.

Entrance Hymn 831

The God of Abraham Praise
Vs. 1-4

YIGDAL



1 The God of A - br'ham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 The God of A - br'ham praise! At your su - preme com - mand
3 The God of A - br'ham praise! Your all - suf - fi - cient grace
4 Your prom - ise you have sworn; I on your oath de - pend.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love—
from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand.
shall guide me all my pil - grim days in all my ways.
I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.



"I Am the One I Am"—by earth and heav'n con - fessed;
I all on earth for - sake— its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r—
You deign to call me friend; you call your - self my God!
I shall be - hold your face; I shall your pow'r a - dore,



I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er blest.
and you my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.
And you will save me to the end through Je - sus' blood.
and sing the won - ders of your grace for - ev - er - more.

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, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

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 return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,

you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

Amen.

Kyrie

Leader: All:
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray: God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

The First Lesson

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

¹ After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. ⁷ Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸ But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹ He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. ¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. ¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1} Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise and hon - or to you, O Lord, O Lord.

Praise and hon - or to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

The holy gospel according to Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³² He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

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 Kenny Dickson

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



1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent-ly o - ver me,
 2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down-y breast
 3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No-ah's cleans-ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
 where I will find sweet com-fort and peace with - in thy nest.
 Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
 Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
 Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with-in thy grace.
 for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
 and while we sweet-ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

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 offerings received during the month of March will support KOG ministry partner *Lake Highlands AVID*. AVID is a College & Career Readiness program for first generation, economically disadvantaged students. The funds given through Faithful Ones will be used for college visit buses, AP test fees and cap & gown fees for graduation. There are also volunteer opportunities – if interested, please contact Kerri Macy at kerri.macy@risd.org. If you wish to offer additional funds to this ministry, please use an envelope found in the pew rack or the narthex. Checks should be written 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.

Steadfast Assurance by Jason Krug is a dynamic and uplifting piece for the bell choir that captures a sense of unwavering faith and confidence. The composition features rich harmonies, intricate rhythms, and bold melodies, creating a powerful and uplifting atmosphere. The title reflects the themes of stability and trust, symbolized through the steady rhythm and harmonic progressions that drive the piece forward. Throughout the work, Krug skillfully uses the bell choir's full range to convey moments of quiet reflection and energetic declarations of faith.

Steadfast Assurance
The Glory Ringers Handbell Choir

Jason Krug

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: Gracious Provider,

you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. 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*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, 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

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

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, 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*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant 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 Motet

O Bread of Life from Heaven

David Ashley White

O Bread of Life from Heaven by David Ashley White is a serene and contemplative communion motet that beautifully reflects the sacred nature of communion. Set to a text based on the hymn "O Bread of Life from Heaven," the piece is marked by its flowing melodic lines and lush harmonies, which create a sense of reverence and devotion. White's sensitive choral writing enhances the spiritual depth of the text, drawing the listener into a meditative experience, and the motet's gentle, expressive phrasing and warm textures invite reflection on the nourishment and grace that the bread of life provides to the soul, making it an ideal selection for communion services.

O Bread of Life from heaven, to saints and angels given; O Manna from above! The souls that hunger, feed thou, the hearts that seek thee, lead thou, with thy sweet, tender love.
trans. Philip Schaff



1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still
 2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;
 3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.
 your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.
 we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—



You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my
 It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your
 de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple



bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"
 bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.
 dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

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 Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sending

Benediction

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

God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you
Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary

Neumeister Chorale "We Thank You, Lord Jesus"

J. S. Bach

SERVING OUR WORSHIP

Pastor Kenny Dickson, Pastor Kirsten Wee

Marcus Rodriguez, *liturgist*

Sophie Fishel, *acolyte*

Luke Macy, *crucifer*

Tad Doering, *reader*

The King of Glory Ringers, Jan Fisher, *director*

The King of Glory Choir

Zvony Nagy, *Director of Music and Worship*

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

Paul Jentz, *greeter*

Rick & Rosemary Carter, John Kelley, Jan & Larry Rollow, *ushers*

Tad Doering, Harry Kepsel, *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.



FAITH FORMATION
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

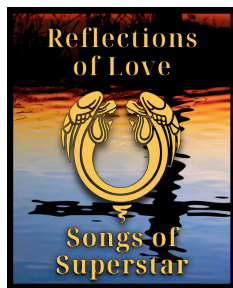
Jr. and Sr. High: Youth Area

Adult Education

Church on Fire - Acts Room LL10
Faith at Home Living Room
New 6-week series, "God's Messy Family," begins March 23.

Wednesday Nights 6:00 - 8:00

Jr. and Sr. Highers will be joining the "Reflections of Love" study during Lent.



Wednesdays in Lent

March 19 - April 9

Gather for fellowship, worship, and study, exploring the stories and themes of Lent through the music of *Jesus Christ Superstar*.
Schedule:

- Dinner: 6:00
- Worship: 6:30
- Lenten Study: 7:00

Kindergarten through fifth graders will enjoy *Time with Miss Rainey*. Nursery care will be provided.

Easter Lilies

Honor or remember a loved one by purchasing an Easter Lily for our Sanctuary. Cards are available in the Narthex for a \$15 donation. Lilies can be picked up after the 11 a.m. service on Easter. Deadline to purchase is Sunday, April 13.

Stained Glass Vespers

March 29 at 7:00

Organ Improvisations on the Seven Last Words of Christ - Invite others and join us for a contemplative music performance event featuring organ improvisations based on Lenten hymns and scriptures.



Community Easter Carnival

April 12 10 - Noon

Help provide prizes for this KOG Youth Service Project! Purchase pre-stuffed eggs from the Amazon Wish List.



Want to volunteer? Contact Harold at hhuddleston@kingofglory.com.

Holy Week Volunteers

Consider serving in one of the many roles available. Sign up on the poster in the Narthex, the KOG website, or by emailing mcupp@kingofglory.com.

Financial Highlights as of Feb. 28, 2025

YTD Budgeted Offerings	\$ 390,268
YTD Actual Offerings	\$ 276,592
YTD Other Income	\$ 3,612
YTD Expenses	\$ 320,011
YTD Net Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ (39,807)
Faithful Ones - RAIH	\$ 772

Spiritual Gifts

Join our Tuesday night 7:30 Zoom discussions as we explore 20 Spiritual Gifts and discover how to activate your gifts in daily life and deepen your connection with God. Learn more and register at kingofglory.com/spiritualgifts.

March 18 - Leadership March 25 - Mercy April 1 - Music
April 8 - Service April 15 - Shepherding

EASY WAYS TO CONNECT

Joyful Spirit

Extend an invitation to this inclusive and uplifting service and join them in worship. Streams monthly, on last Sunday. 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 with other KOG members over dinner at a local restaurant. Email office@kingofglory.com for more information.

First Thursday of the Month at 6:30

1st Saturday Social

Young Adults, Young Families, and ACTION Groups gather monthly to connect while having fun. 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 now! 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

