

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 11, 2025 ~ 10:15 a.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Community Worship

Gathering

Opening Music

Welcome and Community Life

The congregation may stand.

Entrance Song 552

Gather Us In

GATHER US IN

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.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

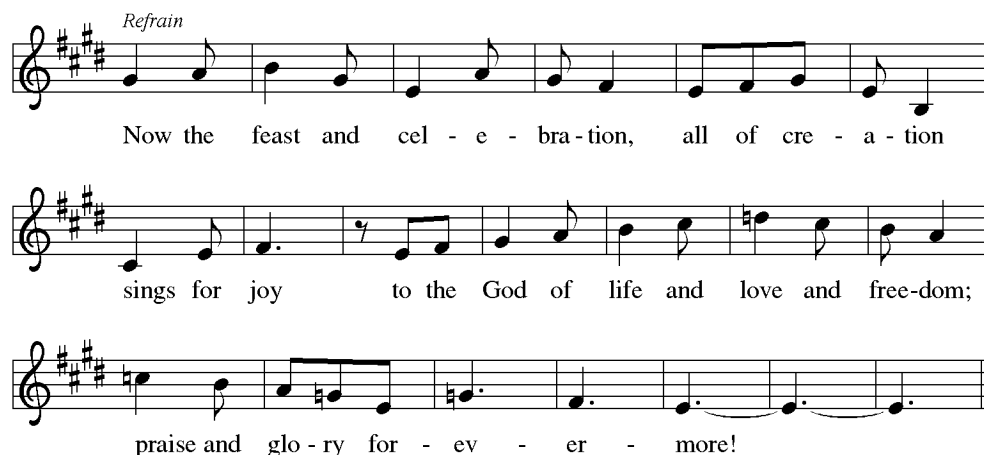
Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.
Amen.

Hymn of Praise *Everyone sing refrain, repeat after leader sings each verse*



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray: O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through 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

Acts 9:36-43

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Second Lesson

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand.

Gospel Acclamation *Leader first, then all*



Gospel

John 10:22-30

The holy gospel according to John, the tenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

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.

Song of the Day 780

Shepherd Me, O God

SHEPHERD ME

Flanket Stepping Stone

The parents of our high school seniors will present their student with a blanket that they have prayed over and surrounded with faith, a "flanket." Members of the Class of 2025 are:

Katherine Dedear
Jack Fahrenwald

Dana Friedrich
Zack Heisz-O'Neil

Adam Kodat
Nathan Macy

Jack Melson
Doodle Grace Rockwell Schultz

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

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

The congregation may be seated.

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

Meal

Offering

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

During the month of May, the **Faithful Ones offering** will support the **NT-NL Synod Mission Endowment Fund (MEF)**. This fund functions like a foundation, where the principal is invested, and the annual income is used to support mission projects in the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana (NT-NL) Synod. Grants are intended to support mission projects that might otherwise go unfunded and unrealized. The MEF typically awards about 20 annual grants for a total of about \$ 75,000. The MEF has awarded about \$ 1.1 Million in grants during its 29 year history. King of Glory has received a \$ 3,000 grant in both 2024 and 2025 to support our Stained Glass Vespers Programs. Many KOG members have served on the MEF Board throughout its history. To give towards MEF, use an envelope found in the pew rack or Narthex or online. Make checks payable 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.

Goodness of God

Bethel Music and J. Johnson

I love You, Lord for Your mercy never fails me. All my days, I've been held in Your hands. From the moment that I wake up, until I lay my head. Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God. And all my life You have been faithful, and all my life You have been so, so good. With every breath that I am able, oh, I will sing of the goodness of God. I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire, in the darkest night. You are close like no other, I've known You as a Father, I've known You as a Friend, and I have lived in the goodness of God. 'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me. With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now I give You everything. 'Cause all my life You have been faithful, and all my life You have been so, so good. With every breath that I am able, oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God. We love Your praise, all for all my days.

The congregation may stand.



Prayer

Let us pray: Risen One,

you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

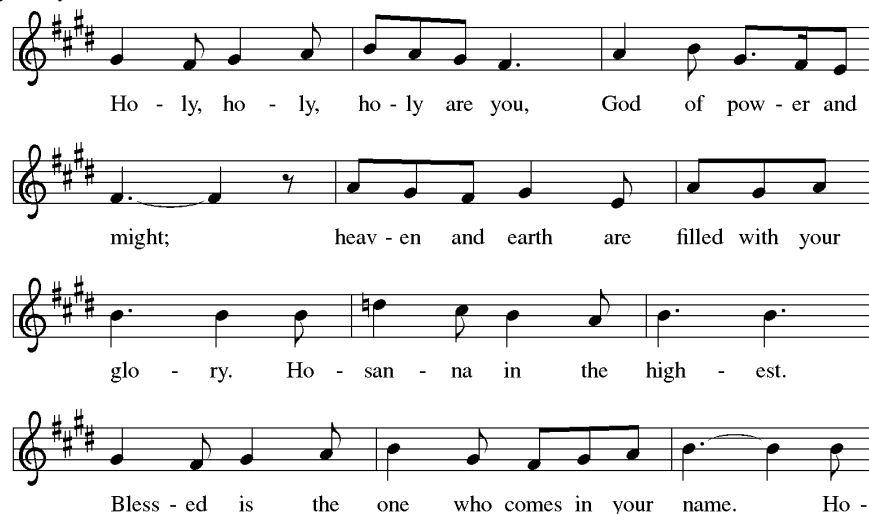
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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*





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 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



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."

Leader sing refrain first, then all

Like a shep-herd he feeds his flock and gath-ers the lambs in his arms, hold - ing them care-ful - ly close to his heart, lead-ing them home, home, lead-ing them home.

1-3 to Verses Final rit. Fine

VERSES 1&2

1. Say to the cit - ies of Ju - dah: Pre - pare the
2. I my - self will shep-herd them, for oth - ers have

1. way of the Lord. Go to the moun-tain - top,
2. led them a - stray. The lost I will res - cue and

1. lift your voice: Je - ru - sa - lem, here is your God.
2. heal their wounds and pas - ture them, giv - ing them rest.

to Refrain

VERSE 3

3. Come un-to me if you are heav - i - ly bur-de- ned, and

3. take my yoke up - on your shoul- ders. I will give you rest.

to Refrain

Communion Meditation

The Prayer

D. Foster, C.B. Sager, T. Renis, A. Testa

I pray you'll be our eyes, and watch us where we go, and help us to be wise, in times when we don't know. Let this be our prayer, when we lose our way. Lead us to a place, guide us with your grace, to a place where we'll be safe. I pray we'll find your light, and hold it in our hearts, when stars go out each night. Let this be our prayer, when shadows fill our day. We ask that life be kind, and watch us from above, we hope each soul will find, another soul to love. Let this be our prayer, just like every child. Need to find a place. Guide us with your grace. Give us faith so we'll be safe.

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

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

Amen.

Sending

Benediction

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

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✚ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always

Amen.

Sending of Communion

O God of tender compassion, as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our sisters and brothers who are sick and homebound. May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sending Song

Bind Us Together, Lord

BIND US TOGETHER

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is marked 'Refrain'. The lyrics for the first staff are 'Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that'. The second staff continues with 'can - not be bro - - - ken. Bind us to - geth - er. Lord.' The third staff continues with 'bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er in love.' The fourth staff continues with 'There is on - ly one God. There is on - ly one King. You are the fam' - ly of God. You are the pro - mise di - vine.' The fifth staff continues with 'There is on - ly one Bod - y; that is why we can sing: You are God's chosen de - sire, You are the glo - rious new wine.' The sixth staff is marked 'Refrain' and continues with 'There is on - ly one Bod - y; that is why we can sing: You are God's chosen de - sire, You are the glo - rious new wine.'

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Closing Music

SERVING OUR WORSHIP

Pastor Kenny Dickson, Pastor Kirsten Wee

Andrea Schweitzer, *worship leader*

Chuck Messer, *reader*

Charlie Lombardi, *acolyte* Henry Hohlt, *crucifer*

Rob Draper, *vocalist* Zvony Nagy, *Director of Music and Worship*

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

Lilian Felekeni, Paul Jentz, *greeter*

Julie & Steve Brookover, John Kelley, *ushers*

Rosemary Carter, Colleen Halverson, Harold Huddleston, Nathan Macy, Doodle Schultz, Rainey Smith, *communion assistants*

Marilyn Cupp, *altar guild*

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Angie Lee in honor of her marriage anniversary 5/15/1971.

Other floral dedication dates are available on the poster in the Narthex.

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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

[Summer Adult Faith Formation]

Our Adult Faith Formation classes will take a short summer break and will resume later in the season. Stay tuned for updates on our Summer class offerings and schedule as we prepare to grow in faith and community together!

Flanket Ceremony

Sunday, May 11 - This Sunday, we will honor our graduating seniors with a special breakfast at 8:30 AM and Flanket Ceremony during worship, symbolizing our prayers and support as they begin their next chapter.



Faithful Ones

May, our Faithful Ones ministry is proud to support NT-NL Synod Mission Endowment Fund.

Dallas Area Interfaith (DAI)

Community Training: Housing, Early Childhood & Immigration. Join us May 15 at 7 PM at King of Glory as we explore real solutions to complex local issues. Learn, connect, and take action for lasting change.

Financial Highlights as of Apr. 30, 2025

YTD Budgeted Offerings	\$ 685,771
YTD Actual Offerings	\$ 565,721
YTD Other Income	\$ 10,618
YTD Expenses	\$ 648,674
YTD Net Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ (72,335)
Faithful Ones Offering Total	\$ 1,399

Upcoming Events:

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



GROUNDING IN LOVE



Martin's Music Cafe

Experience an Evening of Live Music & Community

May 30: Martin's Music Café presents *American Tune: Simon, Croce, Taylor* with award-winning singer-songwriter **Tom Glynn** in the Fellowship Hall. Doors open at 7:00 PM, music starts at 7:30 PM.

Text "MARTIN" to 972-661-9435 for Tickets.

Upcoming Shows:

- Kim Richey: June 27
- George Enslie: July 18

VBS 2025

June 23-27 | 9AM-Noon | Ages 2-10

Road Trip! On the Go with God.

Cost: \$25 per child | \$60 max per family

Kids will discover that God is with them wherever they go!
Scan the QR code to register.



Adult & Youth Volunteers Needed!

Contact Ms. Rainey at rsmith@kingofglory.com
or Text "ROADTRIP2025" to 972-661-9435



Spiritual Gifts

Join our Tuesday night 7:30 Zoom discussions as we explore the **final two 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.*

May 13: Wisdom / May 20: Writing

EASY WAYS TO CONNECT

Joyful Spirit

Sundays at 5 PM

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.*

Let's Eat Out! (LEOs)

First Thursday of the Month

Invite a friend and enjoy conversation with other KOG members over dinner at a local restaurant. First Thursday each Month at 6:30pm. *Email office@kingofglory.com for more information.*

1st Saturday Social

Break for Summer - First Saturday of the Month

Young Adults, Young Families, and ACTION Groups will **start again in the fall** to connect while having fun. For more information, *Email andrea.schweitzer@yahoo.com*

Culture of Connection

May 17 at 7 PM

Night at the Ballpark! Join us for the Frisco Rough Riders vs Corpus Christi Hooks on Saturday May 17. For more information about the event, *Email kwee@kingofglory.com*

Reservations for Six

Once a Month

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*

Church office hours:

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

Ways you can give:

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