

King of Glory Lutheran Church



Come as you are. Leave with more.

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The First Sunday in Lent, February 18, 2024

Prelude:

Assisting minister: Welcome to Worship at King of Glory. We are thrilled to see those attending in person, and joyful for those joining us virtually. All are welcome in this place. Our pastor is Don Koepke. Susan Calkins is our musician. I am Lynn Fallis, and I will be the assisting minister today.

NOTES:

1. **Welcome to our visitors.** You will find everything that you need to worship God here at King of Glory in the packet that you received in the welcome center. We want you to know that an offering is not required to worship at King of Glory. If you wish to donate you can place your offering in the plate near our baptismal font, located at the entrance.
2. We will celebrate **Holy Communion today.** This is the Lord's table and everyone visitor, member, adult, or child is encouraged to participate. Those wishing a blessing are asked to cross their arms over their chests. For those who are worshipping by Zoom, please secure a piece of bread or a cracker plus some wine so we all can share in the Body and Blood of Jesus today. If anyone wishes gluten free bread or grape juice instead of wine, simply lift one finger as the server approaches you.
3. *(Assisting Minister, read only if there are children present).* Children with their joyful noise are welcome to worship at King of Glory. Activity bags are available to help keep hands busy, and before the message children can choose to either go to children's church or remain in the service with their parents.
4. *Today we will sing a new hymn, "O God of Second Chances."* Follow along as Susan first plays the first verse and then sings the first verse. We are to join her in singing verses two and three.

O God of Second Chances

Come now, O God of second chances.
Open our eyes to heal.
Remove our hate,
and melt our rage.
Save us from ourselves.

Come now, O God release our demons.
Open our eyes to see
the shame within
our guilt and pain.
Mend us, make us whole.

Come now, O God and still our anger.
Open our minds to peace.
Embrace our fear
and hold us close.
Calm the storm within.

By David Haas

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world. Let's begin:

Pastor: Please stand as you are able for the confession of our sin and the proclamation God's restoration.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.**

Pastor: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor leads: Holy God, **I confess that I am caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. I hoard resources while my neighbors are hungry and cold. I speak in ways that silence others. I am silent when I should speak up. I keep score in my heart. I let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive me, Lord.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

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| <p>5 He lives to bless me with his love;
 he lives to plead for me above;
 he lives my hungry soul to feed;
 he lives to help in time of need.</p> | <p>7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 he lives, and I shall conquer death;
 he lives my mansion to prepare;
 he lives to bring me safely there.</p> |
| <p>6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
 he lives and loves me to the end;
 he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
 he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!</p> | <p>8 He lives, all glory to his name!
 He lives, my Savior, still the same;
 what joy this blest assurance gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!</p> |

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.
 Music: DUKE STREET, atr. John Hatton, d. 1793

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray: Holy God, **Heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew me in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me, through Jesus Christ, my Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Assisting Minister: The first Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Assisting Minister: The Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel:

Pastor: The Gospel for today is from Mark 1:9-15

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The Gospel of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

WE EXPLORE HOW THE READING FROM MARK
APPLIES TO OUR LIFE

Pastor Don Koepke

WE PAUSE FOR REFLECTION ON WHAT WE HAVE HEARD

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By David Haas

Assisting Minister: Having heard through Scripture and explored the Gospel of Jesus, let us confess our faith in the Triune God by means of 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 power of 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.**

OUR PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assisting Minister: Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

God our truth, the ark of your church has room for many expressions of faith. We give thanks for voices that challenge and awaken your people, especially that of Martin Luther, renewer of the church, whom we commemorate today. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our maker, you remember your covenant with the earth and its inhabitants. Rescue communities and creatures hurting from natural disasters. Preserve species and habitats endangered by human carelessness and disregard. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our light, you know our weakness. Free all who govern from the temptations of power. Sustain all who work for human rights in every nation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our help, you care for your beloved children. Comfort all who are grieving, ill, afraid, in pain, or in despair. Feed hungry people living in food deserts. Protect any at risk from exploitation and abuse. We confess that our eyes don't always see your creative presence in the Middle East and Ukraine. Awaken us to your acts so that we might follow you wherever you go. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our home, you gather your people into family, be they families formed by blood and those forged out of intimate relationships. Grant us health and safety as we assemble. Keep us mindful of any who are homebound, hospitalized, convalescing, or traveling. We give you thanks that you are present and powerful with all in need. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our hope, you promise eternal life to your beloved children. We remember with gratitude those who have lived and died in faith. Grant that we may also dwell with you in everlasting peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For what do the people of King of Glory pray for aloud or in your hearts?

(Pause for spoken or silent prayers) God of grace, **receive our prayer**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And, also with you (The "Peace is Passed" by waving)

OFFERING OF GIFTS FOR MINISTRY

Pastor: As our regular weekly gifts are brought to the altar, let us stand, demonstrating that we not only offer God our money, but our very selves.

Pastor: Blessed are you, **Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen**

*The pastor prepares the table for holy communion
and puts on a garment of celebration.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor Don: The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor Don Declares Praise for this Day, which ends with the words: "...with angels and archangels, and with all in heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:"

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: On the night before he died for us,
our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:
"Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."
As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine,
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

Pastor: Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

We Commune with Jesus. We walk up the side aisles and return by the center aisle.

Everyone, including children, is welcome.

AFTER COMMUNION and the vessels used for communion are covered, please remain seated.

Pastor and people join in praying: O Lord, **Generous God, at this table we have
tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one
bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the
Bread of life. Amen.**

SENDING OUR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Pastor addresses the Eucharistic Ministers and then leads all in prayer.

You are being sent to share Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation with those who are
unable to worship in our worship center this day. We pray that your ministry will bring
the presence of God that comes through Holy Communion and will support and enliven
the spiritual life of those who receive it.

Let us pray. Gracious God, **loving all your family with a mother's tender care. As
you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who go to
share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, or home centered.
In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who receive this
sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the
body and blood of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **The King of Glory Sunday Worship at 9:30** is in-person, in the sanctuary, and live streamed on Zoom. The link and the recording are at www.kog.cc and sent out by email as well.
2. **Pastor Don will be in Newbury Park** Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday this week. He is always available on his cell: 562-330-3397. If you or a friend or neighbor need to contact him, don't hesitate to call upon him 24/7. He is in Newbury Park typically 3 days a week, but he is our pastor 7 days a week.
3. **Soup suppers** start next Tuesday. February 20 will be the beginning of "**Tuesdays in Lent**" with a soup supper at 6:30 PM. We will share in Lenten devotions based on the life and teachings of Dietrich Bonhoffer, Lutheran pastor, martyr, and prophet of God during World War II.
4. **The King of Glory Choir** will begin rehearsals for Easter in the choir room this Tuesday after the "Tuesdays in Lent" soup supper and devotions. Rehearsals should begin between 7:30 and 7:45 pm.
5. **A Congregational meeting Will be held on Sunday February 25th 2024** after worship to discuss and vote on extending a call to a new pastor. Please plan to attend this important meeting.
6. **CROP WALK will be Sunday March 17th**, starting at 1 PM at the CLU Sport Center. It will be great to walk together if possible. Signup today to walk or to support walkers at the table on the patio (or the music room if it is raining).
7. The **February Dinner for the Hungry** was yesterday, February 17th. King of Glory prepared fifty to-go dinners. Thank you for everyone who brought food for the hungry in the Conejo. Remember the words of discipleship: "Lord, when did we see you hungry and fed you?"
8. King of Glory has a new website at **KOGNP.org**. This is the product of the Evangelism team, especially Caryn O'Neil working with designer, Janette Duran, to create a fresh look. Type KOGNP into your search or browser and check it out.
9. Karl Hinderer is **collecting hearing aids and glasses** to recycle through the Lions Club. These will be rehabilitated and donated to those in need. There is a box for the collection in the Welcome Center.
10. If anyone else has an **announcement to share**, please take the hand-held microphone so that all (including those on Zoom) can hear. Thank you.

Pastor: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage for our spiritual journey of Lent, and ✚ give you peace. **Amen**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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Pastor: Go in peace. Share your bread. **Thanks be to God.**