

King of Glory Lutheran Church



Come as you are. Leave with more.

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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. 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. Let us practice the “Holy, Holy, Holy” so we can sing it before Communion.

**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.**

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ’s coming among us. Let’s begin:

Pastor: Please stand as you are able for the Confession and Forgiveness

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

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor leads and all join in confessing: Holy One, **we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings who are also children of God. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community.**

A time for reflection.

Holy One, **open our hearts to your coming to make all things right, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

Pastor: Beloved, we are God’s children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. **Amen.**



Please stand for the hymn of praise.

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
 2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;
 3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
 he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.
 with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:
 Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
 As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,



his truth is march - ing on.
 Our God is march - ing on.
 while God is march - ing on.



Refrain
 Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.



Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819–1910
 Music: BATTLE HYMN, North American, 19th cent.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Pastor and people join: Let us pray: **Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire ME to serve you with justice and wisdom and prepare me for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Assisting Minister: The First Reading Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm."

¹³Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.

¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Assisting Minister: The Second Reading: **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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 Matthew 25:14-30

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those

who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'”

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

(Please be seated)

*We reflect on how the good news
found in Jesus applies to our life.*

Pastor Don Koepke



WE PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

Please stand as you are able for the hymn of the day,

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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Assisting Minister: Having heard 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 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.**

Assisting Minister: Please be seated.

OUR PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assisting Minister: Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, you give talents and gifts to all your people, and you equip King of Glory and your church to serve. Turn us from fear and self-serving ways, that we use our talents to glorify you and encourage our neighbor. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You have been our dwelling place from one generation to another. Sustain the life of the planet for it is the only one we have; protect farmlands and harvests, for we need the food. Direct all people, including each of us, in wise stewardship of all the earth's resources. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You call us to honesty and integrity. Instill these values in the hearts of all nations and their leaders, particular the leaders of Israel and Hamas, Russia and Ukraine, the those involved in the civil war in Sudan. Free any who are oppressed, expose all corruption, and bring redemption to victims of injustice. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Where there is sickness or sorrow, bring healing, and where there is loneliness, reveal your love in community. We remember before you Dick Schwartz, Donna Rogers, Alta Owens and all who need your Grace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the faith formation ministries of our church. Give to all who study your word the breastplate of faith and love. Shape us by your love, sculpt us into servants, and show us how to encourage one another with peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Gracious God, you are faithful in all generations. For the promise of life and rest and for the witness of those who have died in faith we praise your goodness. 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) Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great.

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you always

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

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 and people join in praying: **God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: 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 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: There is a place for each of you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

*We Commune with Jesus. We walk up the side aisles and return by the center aisle.
Everyone, including children, are welcome.*

Pastor: The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

Assisting minister: The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

(After communion, the vessels used for communion are covered) please remain seated

Pastor and people join in praying: Lord Jesus, **in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. 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.**

Assisting Minister: 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. However, he is always available on his cell: 562-330-3397. If you or a friend/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. The **November Dinner for the Hungry** yesterday. King of Glory prepared fifty to-go dinners for the hungry. Thank you to all who brought food for this feast. "Lord, when did we see you hungry and fed you?"
4. The **Annual meeting will be TODAY after worship**. Join in planning for the future of King of Glory. Come back quickly after coffee, and don't forget to sign in.
5. **Today, is the final Sunday** to bring your donations to our **2023 Thanksgiving Food Drive**. Manna Food Bank is scheduled to pick up our food Monday, November 20.
6. If you want to buy Christmas gifts or groceries for **Many Mansions** families, please see Walt or Pam for details, -or go to <https://www.manymansions.org/get-engaged/holiday-helpers/>
7. Next week will be the first Sunday of Alternative Christmas with ELCA Good Gifts. Chicks, pigs, health and education – Oh My!
8. We missed a veteran last week, Jim Lian. Thank you, Jim, for serving.
9. 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.

Please stand as you are able for the Blessing.

Pastor: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✚ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.
Amen

Please stand for the SENDING HYMN

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.