

KING OF GLORY

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

Second Sunday of Advent
December 7, 2025 ~ 10:15 a.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Holy Communion Emmanuel Setting

Gathering

Opening Voluntary

Prelude on "Come, Long Expected Jesus"

F. Peeters

Welcome and Community Life

Lighting of the Advent Wreath, the Candle of Peace

Advent reminds us that we are people who share a story, the story of Jesus, who enacts peace by judging in favor of the poor and deciding with equity for the meek of the earth. We long for the day when “the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them” (Isaiah 11:6).

Today, we choose to live the story of peace, believing that true peace comes when we seek the flourishing of all God’s creation.

We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to bring Light to the places the world seeks to hide until that day when all creation lives together in harmony and abundance.

The congregation may stand.

Entrance Hymn

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

1. Come, thou long— ex - pec - ted Je - sus, born to set thy
2. Born thy peo - ple to de - li - ver, born a child and
peo - ple free; from our fears, and sins re - lease us, let us find our
yet— a King, born to reign in us for - e - ver, now thy gra - cious
rest— in thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of
king - dom bring. By thine own— e - ter - nal spi - rit rule in
all— the earth thou art; dear de - sire— of ev - ery na - tion
all— our hearts a - lone; by— thine all— suf - fi - cient me - rit,
joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
raise us to— thy glo - rious throne.

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, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.
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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Long-expected God,

we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.

God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. ✠ You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.

Amen.

Kyrie

The Kyrie section consists of three staves of musical notation. Each staff has two parts: 'Liturgist:' and 'Congregation:'. The music is written on a single line with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'Lord, _____ have mer - cy.' and 'Christ, _____ have mer - cy. _____'. The notation includes various note values and rests, with the lyrics placed below the notes.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; 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

Isaiah 11:1-10

¹ A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ² The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. ³ His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear, ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹ They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of

the Lord as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Second Lesson

Romans 15:4-13

⁴ Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors ⁹ and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles and sing praises to your name"; ¹⁰ and again he says, "Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people"; ¹¹ and again, "Praise the Lord, all you gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; ¹² and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the gentiles; in him the gentiles shall hope." ¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ² "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'" ⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, ⁹ and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹ "I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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 256

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

FREU DICH SEHR

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

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

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

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 December will support **NowForward**, formerly 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.

*Emmanuel Comes
The Glory Ringers*

Kevin Stewart

The congregation may stand.



Prayer

Let us pray: Nourishing God,
**you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places,
that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come. 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,
 have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.
 grant us_____ peace, gran us_____ peace.

Communion Antiphon

247 *Come Now, O Prince of Peace*
 Choristers first then all

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Communion Hymn

260 *The King Shall Come*

CONSOLATION

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

God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

Sending

Benediction

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

May God who comes among us, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always.

Amen.

vs. 1, 3, 4, 5



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold, the
 2 Oh, blest the land, the cit - y blest, where Christ the
 3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
 4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to
 5 So come, my Sov - 'reign; en - ter in! Let new and



King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
 rul - er is con - fessed! Oh, hap - py hearts and
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner
 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spir - it



draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.
 hap - py homes to whom this King in tri - umph comes!
 heav'n's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary

Invention in D major

P. L. Pax

SERVING OUR WORSHIP

Pastor Kenny Dickson, Pastor Kirsten Wee

Marcus Rodriguez, *liturgist*Joe and Sonja Meyer, *Advent Candle*Bill St. John, *reader*Dylan McComber, *acolyte* Hope Martin, *crucifer*The 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*Julie & Steve Brookover, Michelle Hild, John Kelley, *ushers*Phillip Cannatti, Wendy Groves, *communion assistants*Jan & Larry Rollow, *altar guild*

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by
 Michelle and Steve Hild in celebration of grandson Austin's sixth birthday.

BOLDLY SHARING THE GRACE OF GOD WITH THE WORLD

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 211.

The **Cry Room**, where you can sit with your child and watch the service via livestream, is in **Rm 116**.



FAITHFORMATION
GROWING IN FAITH

[Sunday Mornings at 9:00]

Children's Sunday School

(Last Fall Class Today)

Preschool - 5th Grade: Room 113
Nursery: Room 211
Children's Sermon: Room 115
1st - 5th Grade Choir: Room 111

Youth Sunday School

(Last Fall Class Today)

Jr. and Sr. High: Youth Area
All Youth Hangout: Dec 7 @ 1 PM

Advent Wednesdays

Activity Center

Dinner: 6:00 - 7:00
Advent Lessons: 7:00 - 8:00
Christmas Around The World (Rm 113): 7:00 - 8:00

Adult Education: (Last Fall Class Dec. 14)

Book of Job: Room LL18



**GENEROUS IN
SERVICE AND GIVING**

**Faithful Ones:
Now Forward**

This month's Faithful Ones offering supports **NowForward** (formerly *North Dallas Shared Ministries*), an organization KOG helped launch in 1983. NowForward provides food, financial assistance, medical and dental care, counseling, ESL classes, school supplies, and more—over 95% of all contributions go directly to services. To give, please use a Faithful Ones envelope in the pews or Narthex and note "Faithful Ones" on your check. Thank you for your generosity!

Thank You for Your 2026 Pledges!

Thank you to those who have already submitted a 2026 pledge! Your commitment supports our ministry in the year ahead. If you haven't yet turned in your pledge, we invite you to prayerfully consider doing so. Every pledge—of any amount—makes a difference. Pledge cards are available in the Narthex or online.



GROUNDING IN LOVE

Our Advent series continues!

A seat has been saved for you, whether online or here in the Activity Center. **Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus: An Advent-to-Christmas Pilgrimage.**

Remaining Wednesday lessons (Dec. 10 & 17) meet in the Activity Center or via Zoom at 7 PM. Children (K-5th) enjoy **Christmas Around the World** in Room 113. **Dinner** is served from 6-7 PM. All are welcome as we journey toward Christmas.

Christmas Poinsettias & Volunteers

Order a **Christmas poinsettia** for **\$15** in the Narthex by Sunday, **December 14**. We also need **Volunteers** for our **Christmas Eve** services (3:00, 5:00, 7:00 p.m.)—including Altar Guild, ushers, readers, communion assistants, and Glory Hosts. *Sign up in the Narthex, online, or contact Marilyn Cupp at mcupp@kingofglory.com or 972-661-9435.*

Angel Tree Update

Family Gateway wrapping supplies will be collected through **December 14**, and support for our **Refugee Resettlement Ministry** continues throughout the season. Thank you for your generosity!

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, Monthly at 6:30 PM

Invite a friend and enjoy conversation with other KOG members over dinner at a local restaurant. *Email office@kingofglory.com for more information.*

1st Saturday Social

First Saturday of the Month

Young Adults, Young Families, and ACTION Groups gather monthly to connect while having fun. *For more information, Email andrea.schweitzer@yahoo.com*

Pickleball & Game Night

3rd Thursdays of the Month at 6:30 PM

Pickleball and Game Night - Join us every third Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Activity Center! Contact Ross Weir at mrw@kingofglory.com

Lessons & Carols

Sunday, Dec 14

Lessons & Carols - Coming This Advent Season during Worship. Experience in worship this December—Scripture, song, and the story of Christ.

Community Worship Services

3rd Sunday of every Month

Gather with us for our Community Worship Service on the 3rd Sunday of each month—everyone is welcome.

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
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