

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 of Christmas
January 4, 2026 ~ 10:15 a.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Holy Communion Setting Three

Gathering

Opening Voluntary

Welcome and Community Life

The congregation may stand.

Entrance Hymn 275

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

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, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace.
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.

Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin.

We begin in silence for personal confession before God.

Reconciling God,

we yearn for your presence to transform our grief, pain, and despair. We confess that we have not always prepared room in our hearts for your love; we have not always recognized your presence among us; we have not always embraced your message of peace. We cry out, weary with the burden of violence, oppression, and fear. We confess our failure to make room for those seeking refuge; our participation in violent systems that harm your innocent ones; our reluctance to embody your good news. Be born in us today and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation. Amen.

God's grace upon grace flows over you. ✠ Christ's presence redeems the whole creation. Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!

Amen.

Hymn of Praise



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,

we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you — take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the — Fa - ther. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray: Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, 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 60:1-6

¹ Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ² For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples, but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³ Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together; they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms. ⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you; the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 3:1-12

¹ This is the reason that I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you gentiles, ² for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you ³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴ a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵ In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶ that is, the gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷ Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸ Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ ⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰ so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have access in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the second chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, ² asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶ 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' " ⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

Harold Huddleston

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

Hymn of the Day 270

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

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 January will support KOG ministry partner Dallas Hope Charities. Dallas Hope Charities is a local nonprofit dedicated to providing food, shelter, and services to LGBTQ+ youth and young adults experiencing homelessness. Our mission is rooted in compassion, dignity, and advocacy, and we strive to create safe spaces for those we serve through our various programs, including the Dallas Hope Center, which proudly stands as the city's first and only LGBTQ-focused transitional living center. 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 made out to King of Glory with "Faithful Ones" in the memo.



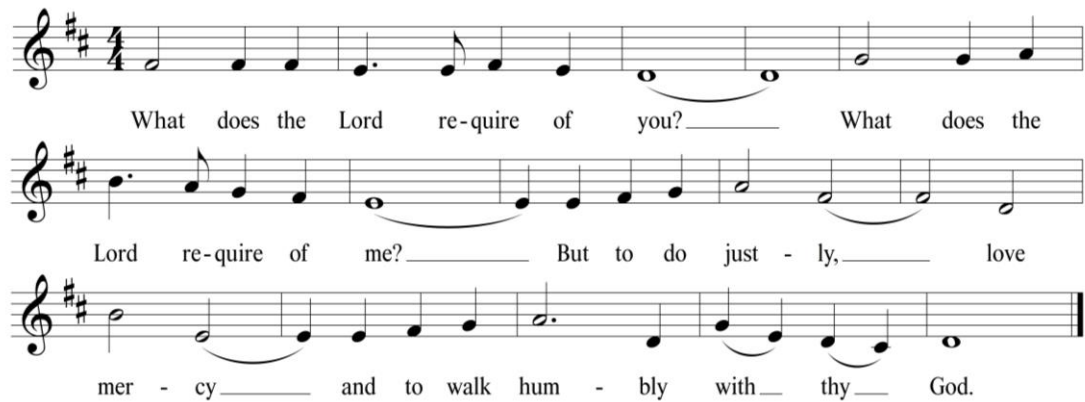
We will now present our offerings. You can share your gifts online at koggives.com or via Venmo @kingofglory. You may also place your offering in the offering plate.

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

arr. David N. Johnson

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung. It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night. Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind. To show God's love aright, she bore to men a Savior, when half spent was the night. The shepherds heard the story proclaimed by angels bright, how Christ, the Lord of glory was born on earth this night. To Bethlehem they sped and in the manger found Him, as angel heralds said. This flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere; true man, yet very God, from sin and death He saves us, and lightens every load. O Savior, child of Mary, who felt our human woe, O Savior, King of glory, who dost our weakness know; bring us at length we pray, to the bright courts of Heaven, and to the endless day!

The congregation may stand.



Prayer

Let us pray: God of glory,

great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

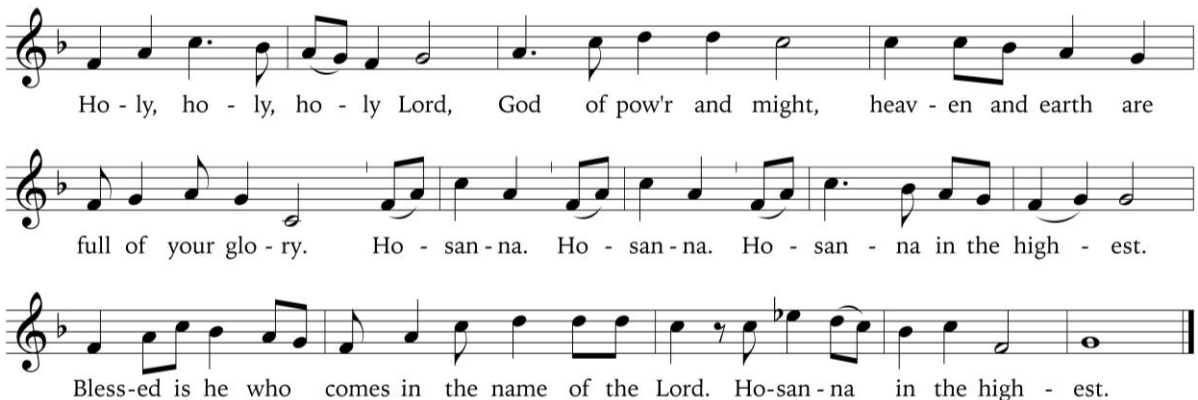
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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, 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*



Communion Hymn

295 *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

510 *Word of God, Come Down on Earth*

LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER

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

Incarnate God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us.

Amen.

Sending

Benediction

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

The triune God, glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter, ✠ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.

Amen.

Sending Hymn 876

Let the Whole Creation Cry

SALZBURG

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary

SERVING OUR WORSHIP

Pastor Kenny Dickson, Pastor Kirsten Wee, Harold Huddleston

Michaela Prussack, *liturgist*

Molly Stark, *acolyte*

Niko Nagy, *crucifer*

King of Glory Choir

Zvony Nagy, *Director of Music and Worship*

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

Colleen Halverson, *communion assistants*

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 the Children's Ministry Area.

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

Resumes January 11 (Next Sunday)

Time with Miss Rainey Jan 4
Preschool - 5th Grade: Room 113
Nursery: Room 211
Children's Sermon: Room 115
1st - 5th Grade Choir: Room 111

Youth Sunday School

Resumes January 11 (Next Sunday)

Jr. and Sr. High: Youth Area
Sr. High Hangout Jan 4 @ 1 PM

Adult Education:

Spring Classes Begin Jan. 11 (Next Sunday)

Leaping Into the Letters Room LL18
Faith & Bible Adult FFC: Fellowship Hall



Faithful Ones: Dallas Hope Charities

This month's Faithful Ones offering goes to Dallas Hope Charities. DHC support LGBTQ+ youth and young adults experiencing homelessness through shelter, services, and advocacy. To give, note "Faithful Ones" on your check. Thank you for your generosity!

All-Church Budget Meeting

All members are invited to attend the **All-Church Budget Meeting** on **Sunday, January 18**, immediately following worship. This is an opportunity to review the proposed budget, ask questions, and be part of the conversation as we plan for the year ahead.

2026 Pledges

Thank you to all who have submitted your 2026 pledge! If you haven't had a chance yet, we invite you to prayerfully make your pledge before year-end. Your commitment helps us boldly share God's grace in the year ahead. Pledge cards are available in the Narthex and online.



Isaac's Comedy Club "Another year, Another laugh!"

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, January 10** — **doors open at 7 PM!** Enjoy comedic storytellers and short improv from Dallas Comedy Club.



Family-friendly. **Tickets: \$10** per person or **\$20** for 2+. Come ready to laugh your way into the new year! Scan the QR Code to Get your tickets.

New Members Class Save the Date

Interested in learning more about King of Glory or taking the next step in membership? Join us for our New Members



Class on **Saturday, January 24, from 9:00–11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall**. Scan the QR code to register—we'd love to welcome you!



King of Glory IS a
RECONCILING in CHRIST
Congregation

Coming Up in 2026

Isaac's Comedy Club	Jan. 10
Spring Faith Formation	Jan. 11
Gusto!	Jan. 12
Stepping into Communion	Jan. 18
2026 Budget Discussion	Jan. 18
New Member's Class	Jan. 24
RIC Sunday	Jan. 25
Ash Wednesday	Feb. 18
Comms & Mkt Workshop	Feb. 21
Annual Ministry Celebration	Feb. 22
Youth Pancake Fundraiser	Feb. 22
Martin's Cafe (Darden Smith)	Feb. 27
Lenten Lessons	Feb 25. - Mar. 25
Martin's Cafe (The John Adams Quartet)	Mar. 27
Spring Carnival	Mar. 28
Palm Sunday	Mar. 29
Holy Week	Mar. 30 - Apr. 4
Easter	Apr. 5

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)

Thursday, Jan 8 at 6:30 PM

Join us Thursday, Jan 8 at Rockfish Seafood and Grill for laughter, pasta, and fellowship! RSVP to Jean & Peter Heinkel by Jan 6. jn_heinkel@yahoo.com or 214-422-3590.

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

Gusto's

Monday, January 12 at 11:00 AM

Gusto! returns Jan. 12 at 11 AM. Join Dr. Jan Holden on veridical perception in near-death experiences. Lunch provided. Free-will offering. Text "Gusto" to 972-661-9435 to register.

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
kingofglory.com/koggives

