

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 in Lent  
March 15, 2026 ~ 10:15 a.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Community Worship

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## Gathering

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Opening Song

Welcome and Community Life

*The congregation may stand.*

Entrance Song 843

*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

NETTLETON

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, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.  
**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 before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

*We begin in silence before God.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

**Amen.**

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

*Refrain*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion  
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;  
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray: Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

The First Lesson

1 Samuel 16:1-13

<sup>1</sup> The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." <sup>2</sup> Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.'" <sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." <sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" <sup>5</sup> He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. <sup>6</sup> When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the Lord." <sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." <sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." <sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." <sup>10</sup> Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." <sup>11</sup> Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here." <sup>12</sup> He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one." <sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 5:8-14

<sup>8</sup> Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, <sup>9</sup> for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup> Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, <sup>13</sup> but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation may stand.*

Gospel Acclamation *Leader first, then all*

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and  
mer - cy; come, seek the ten - der faith - ful - ness of God.

## Gospel

John 9:9-19, 24-41

The holy gospel according to John, the ninth chapter.

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup> Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." <sup>10</sup> But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup> He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." <sup>12</sup> They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." <sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup> Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." <sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. <sup>17</sup> So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." <sup>18</sup> The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup> and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" <sup>24</sup> So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." <sup>25</sup> He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." <sup>26</sup> They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" <sup>27</sup> He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" <sup>28</sup> Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup> We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." <sup>30</sup> The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup> Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." <sup>34</sup> They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. <sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup> He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." <sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." <sup>38</sup> He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind." <sup>40</sup> Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" <sup>41</sup> Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

The gospel of the Lord.

### **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The congregation may be seated. Children ages 4 years through 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.*

O - pen the eyes of my heart, — Lord;      O - pen the eyes of my heart; —      I want to  
 see You,      I want to see You.      O - pen the eyes of my heart, — Lord;  
 O - pen the eyes of my heart; —      I want to see You,      I want to see You.      To see You  
 high and lift - ed up, —      shin - ing in the light of Your glo - ry; —  
 1.  
 pour out Your pow'r and love, —      as we sing ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. —  
 2.  
 To see You high and lift - ed up, —      shin - ing in the light of Your glo - ry; —  
 pour out Your pow'r and love, —      as we sing ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. —  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly; —      ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly; —  
 1.  
 ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly; —      I want to see You.  
 2.  
 I want to see You,      I want to see You. —

Installation of Congregation Council

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.*

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## Meal

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### Offering

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

Faithful Ones offerings received during the month of March will support KOG ministry partner *Lake Highlands AVID*. AVID is a College & Career Readiness program for first generation, economically disadvantaged students. The funds given through Faithful Ones will be used for college visit buses, AP test fees and cap & gown fees for graduation. There are also volunteer opportunities – if interested, please contact Kerri Macy at [kerri.macy@risd.org](mailto:kerri.macy@risd.org). 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 written 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](http://koggives.com) or via Venmo @kingofglory. You may also place your offering in the offering plate.*

*Pie Jesu*

Andrew Lloyd Webber

*The congregation may stand.*

What does the Lord re-quire of you? \_\_\_\_\_ What does the  
Lord re-quire of me? \_\_\_\_\_ But to do just - ly, \_\_\_\_\_ love  
mer - cy \_\_\_\_\_ and to walk hum - bly with thy \_\_\_\_\_ God.

### Prayer

Let us pray: O God, maker of heaven and earth,

**your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. 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.

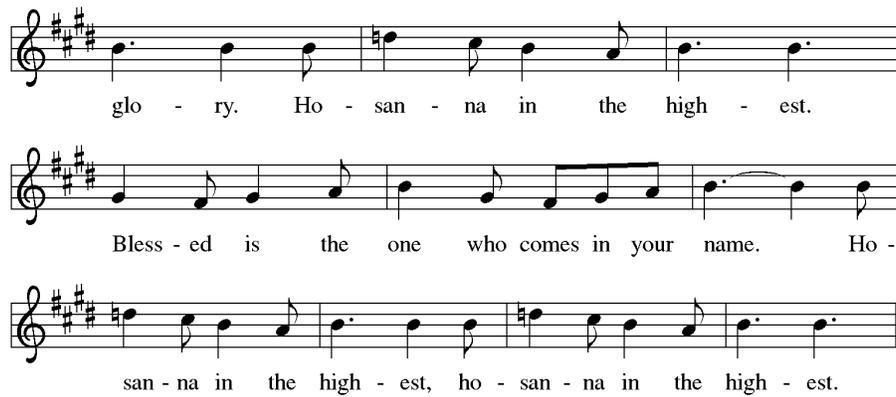
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### 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*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Words of Institution

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age....

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, 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.

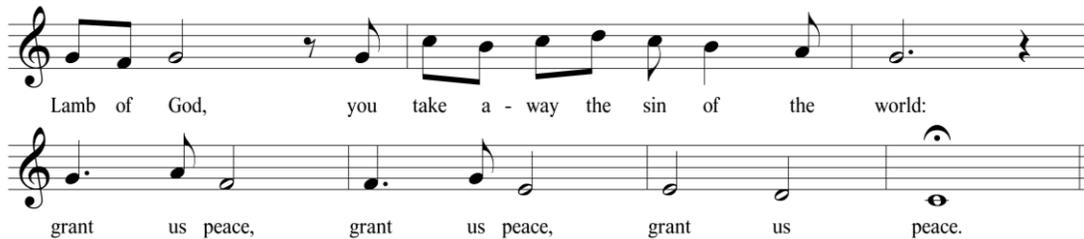
If you would prefer not to receive wine, simply request white grape juice when served. Gluten-free wafers may also be requested.

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



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have  
 mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.



Communion Song

485 *I Am the Bread of Life*

I AM THE BREAD

Communion Meditation

*Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone*

C. Tomlin

*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 of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

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## Sending

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Benediction

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

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✠ bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

Sending Song 815

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

HOUSTON

Dismissal

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

Closing Song

### SERVING OUR WORSHIP

Pastor Kenny Dickson, Pastor Kirsten Wee

Michaella Prussack, Maggie Huddleston, Marcus Rodriguez, Joshua Ross, *worship leaders*

Bette Campbell, *reader*

Kelsey Hayse, *acolyte*      Charlie Lombardi, *crucifer*

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

Paul Jentz, Beatrice Felekeni, *greeters*

Julie & Steve Brookover, Elise Dixon, Sandra Morris, Jan & Larry Rollow, *ushers*

Jackie Campbell, Colleen Halverson, *communion assistant*

Suzanne Moore, Beckie Robinson, *altar guild*

Congregation Council:

Steve Hild – President; Laura Berggren – Vice President; Phillip Cannatti – Secretary; Michael Weir – Treasurer

Rachel Chewakin; Lynette Friedrich; Chuck Messer; Jon Schulz; Erin Stark

# 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. The nursery is available for infants through Kindergarten in the renovated Children's Area Suite 117 Rm. B. 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 (Suite 117)

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

### Youth Sunday School

Jr. and Sr. High: Youth Area  
Jr. High Confirmation: Wednesdays  
Part of Lenten Study All Youth Invited @ 6:00 PM

### Adult Sunday School

Leaping Into the Letters: Room LL18  
Ransacking The Bible: Fellowship  
In Search of the Gospel Hall



## Faithful Ones: Lake Highlands High School AVID

March offerings support **Lake Highlands AVID**, helping fund college visits, AP exams, and graduation expenses for first-generation students. To give, use



a pew envelope and note "Faithful Ones" in the memo. Or, scan the QR Code to give.

## Financial Snapshot

### Financial Highlights as of Feb. 28, 2026

YTD Budgeted Offerings	\$ 375,956
YTD Actual Offerings	\$ 430,497
YTD Other Income	\$ 6,429
YTD Expenses	\$ 337,918
YTD Net Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ 99,008
Faithful Ones Offering Total	\$ 1,246



## Lenten Wednesdays: Rolling the Stone Wednesdays, Feb. 25–March 25

Dinner 6:00 PM | Devotional 6:30 PM | Lesson 7:00 PM

**All youth are invited** to participate in our Lenten journey. Youth will join the Adult Study in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.

Our Children's Lent Series meets in Suite 117 with Miss Rainey from 7–8 PM. Join us as we journey toward Easter together.

## Easter Lilies & Volunteers

Help us prepare for the joy of Easter! We are seeking volunteers to serve during Holy Week and Easter worship—please sign up in the Narthex or on our website.



Easter lilies are available for \$15 each and may be purchased in honor or memory of a loved one. Scan the QR code to place your order. The **deadline** to purchase is **Sunday, March 31**.



King of Glory IS a  
**RECONCILING in CHRIST**  
Congregation

## KOG Spring Carnival March 28 | 10 AM – 1 PM

Join us Saturday, March 28, from 10:00 AM–1:00 PM for the KOG Spring Carnival, back in the Activity Center!



**Help us** welcome our community for a morning of fun and connection! **Volunteers are needed** for games, hospitality, and event support. **Scan the QR code to volunteer.** Volunteers (5th grade through adults).

## Council Installation

Today we install our newly elected Church Council members: Steve Hild, Chuck Messer, and Lynette Friedrich. We also give thanks for our 2026–2027 Council officers: Steve Hild, President; Laura Breggren, Vice-President; Phil Cannatti, Secretary; Michael Weir, Treasurer. We pray for God's guidance and wisdom as they serve the ministry.

## 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](http://kingofglory.com/joyful-spirit-worship).*

### Let's Eat Out! (LEOs)

Thursday, April 9th @ 6:30 PM

Join the KOG LEO's for a night of Greek cuisine at Greek Isles Grille & Taverna. RSVP to Merrie Carter. Email [merrie1225@gmail.com](mailto:merrie1225@gmail.com) or 214-563-1279.

### 1st Saturday Social

1st Saturday of the Month

Join our families & youth for skating at Thunderbird Roller Rink from 1–3:30pm. Doors open at noon for beginners. \$8 + rental. Email [Rebekah.rjcmuros@gmail.com](mailto:Rebekah.rjcmuros@gmail.com) for info.

### Pickleball & Game Night Is **Not Meeting This Month: Thursday, March 19th at 6:30 PM**

Pickleball and Game Night will not meet this month. Have a safe Spring Break! We will meet next on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Contact Ross Weir at [mrw@kingofglory.com](mailto:mrw@kingofglory.com).

### Martin's Music Cafe'

Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM

Featuring the John Adams Group. Doors open 7 PM, show at 7:30 PM. Tickets \$20 — text "MARTINS" to 972-661-9435 to reserve your tickets. 🎵

### Healing Prayer Ministry

Today, after Worship in the Chapel

Following worship today, members of our Healing Prayer Ministry will be available downstairs in the Chapel for anyone who would like prayer. All are welcome.

## Upcoming Events:

Take a look at our Event Calendar at [kingofglory.com/events](http://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](http://kingofglory.com/koggives)

