KING OF GLORY LUTHERAN CHURCH February 23, 2025 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany



<u>PRELUDE</u>

Welcome/Bonjour Bienvenue

"Welcome to all our friends, both old and new. As we gather here today, let us remember that we are in the presence of the Holy Spirit. We join together to worship God, to pray, to sing, to hear scripture, to learn and to receive Holy Communion. Whether you're a longtime member or joining us for the first time, know you are valued and loved in this place of worship."

Please know that you may want to gather a few items for worship, a bulletin from our website, KOGlutheran.org or a lit candle or some celebratory food like wine/juice and some bread, etc for communion later on in this service. We are grateful that you are worshiping with us.

Announcements

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Land Acknowledgement

King of Glory Lutheran was built on soil that God created. Our church is on the ancestral land that was once tended and cared for by the Shoshone-Bannock, Cayuse, Umatilla, Walla Walla and Northern Paiute tribes. Unjust decisions forced these tribes off this land. We, at King of Glory, honor these tribes and pledge that we will respect this soil and will work to care and tend this land. (Connie Winter-Eulberg)

Confession & Forgiveness:

Gracious God, we thank you for making one human family of all the peoples of the earth and for creating all the wonderful diversity of cultures. Enrich our lives by ever-widening our circles of fellowship and show us your presence in those who differ most from us.

We confess that we have sinned against you by not standing up for people who are oppressed and those who are discounted. Lord, have mercy on us.

God, forgive us for not recognizing the work of your Spirit in other cultures. Lord, have mercy on us.

Forgive those of us who have been silent and apathetic in the face of racial intolerance, poverty, bigotry, both public and private. We confess that we still need to break down the walls that separate us and we have more work to do to become your beloved community.

We confess that we need your power to motivate us to speak boldly for justice and truth and to work together for mutual respect. O God of unconditional love, you show no partiality between people or nations. We have heard your good news of great joy for all people. We hear that good news, and in hearing, we believe. Amen

God, who is rich in mercy, loves us. In the name of +Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. May God strengthen us with the power of the Holy Spirit and may Christ live in our hearts. **Amen**.

(Adapted from the United Church of Christ's "Prayers for Racial Justice Sunday" (www.ucc.org/worship/ways) and from the United Church of Canada (www.united-church.ca/bfw/resources.shtm)

Gathering Hymn Give Me Jesus

ELW # 770 v 1, 2, 5

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Pastoral Greeting

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Serve God with gladness and come into God's presence with singing! (*Psalm 100*)



Prayer of the Day

Loving Jesus, make us instruments of your peace: where there is hatred, may we sow love; where there is injury, may we offer pardon; and where there is despair, may we bring hope. Grant, O Divine Creator, that we may seek to console rather than be consoled, to understand rather than be understood, and to love without condition, in your name.

AMEN. (Dawn Lewis)

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

³ Joseph asked his brothers if his father was still alive, but they were too frightened to answer. ⁴ Joseph told them to come closer to him, and when they did, he said: Yes, I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt. ⁵ Don't worry or blame yourselves for what you did. God is the one who sent me ahead of you to save lives.

⁶There has already been a famine for two years, and for five more years no one will plow fields or harvest grain. ⁷But God sent me on ahead of you to keep your families alive and to save you in this wonderful way. ⁸After all, you weren't really the ones who sent me here—it was God. God made me the highest official in the king's court and placed me over all Egypt.

⁹ Now hurry back and tell my father that his son Joseph says, "God has made me ruler of Egypt. Come here as quickly as you can. ¹⁰ You will live near me in the region of Goshen with your children and grandchildren, as well as with your sheep, goats, cattle, and everything else you own. ¹¹ I will take care of you there during the next five years of famine. But if you don't come, you and your family and your animals will starve to death." ¹⁵ Joseph was still crying as he kissed each of his other brothers. After this, they started talking with Joseph.

L: Word of God, Word of Life C: Thanks be to God 6

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 Read Responsively

L: Don't be annoyed by anyone who does wrong, and don't envy them.

C: They will soon disappear like grass without rain.

L: Trust God and live right! The land will be yours, and you will be safe.

C: Do what God wants, and God will give you your heart's desire.

L: Let God lead you and trust God to help.

C: Then it will be as clear as the noonday sun that you were right.

L: Be patient and trust God.

C: Don't let it bother you when all goes well for those who do sinful things.

L: Don't be angry or furious.

C: Anger can lead to sin.

L: All sinners will disappear, but if you trust God, the land will be yours.

C: Sinners will soon disappear, never to be found,

but the poor will take the land and enjoy a big harvest.

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

³⁵ Some of you have asked, "How will the dead be raised to life? What kind of bodies will they have?" ³⁶ Don't be foolish. A seed must die before it can sprout from the ground. ³⁷ Wheat seeds and all other seeds look different from the sprouts that come up. ³⁸ This is because God gives everything the kind of body he wants it to have.

⁴² That's how it will be when our bodies are raised to life. These bodies will die, but the bodies that are raised will live forever. ⁴³ These ugly and weak bodies will become beautiful and strong. ⁴⁴ As surely as there are physical bodies, there are spiritual bodies. And our physical bodies will be changed into spiritual bodies. ⁴⁵ The first human was named Adam, and the Scriptures tell us that he was a living person. But Jesus, who may be called the last Adam, is a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ We see that the one with a spiritual body did not come first. He came after the one who had a physical body. ⁴⁷ The first human was made from the dust of the earth, but the second man came from heaven. ⁴⁸ Everyone on earth has a body like the body of the one who was made from the dust of the earth. And everyone in heaven has a body like the body of the one who came from heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we are like the one who was made out of earth, we will be like the one who came from heaven. ⁵⁰ My friends, I want you to know that our bodies of flesh and blood will decay. This means they cannot share in God's kingdom, which lasts forever.

L: Word of God, Word of Life C: Thanks be to God



Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

²⁷ This is what I say to all who will listen to me: Love your enemies, and be good to everyone who hates you. ²⁸ Ask God to bless anyone who curses you, and pray for everyone who is cruel to you. ²⁹ If someone slaps you on one cheek, don't stop that person from slapping you on the other cheek. If someone wants to take your coat, don't try to keep back your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks and don't ask people to return what they have taken from you. ³¹ Treat others just as you want to be treated.

³² If you love only someone who loves you, will God praise you for that? Even sinners love people who love them. ³³ If you are kind only to someone who is kind to you, will God be pleased with you for that? Even sinners are kind to people who are kind to them. ³⁴ If you lend money only to someone you think will pay you back, will God be pleased with you for that? Even sinners lend to sinners because they think they will get it all back.

³⁵ But, love your enemies and be good to them. Lend without expecting to be paid back.Then you will get a great reward, and you will be the true children of God in heaven. God is good even to people who are unthankful and cruel. ³⁶ Have pity on others, just as your Father has pity on you.

³⁷ Jesus said: Don't judge others, and God won't judge you. Don't be hard on others, and God won't be hard on you. Forgive others, and God will forgive you. ³⁸ If you give to others, you will be given a full amount in return. It will be packed down, shaken together, and spilling over into your lap. The way you treat others is the way you will be treated.

L: This is the Holy Gospel **C: Praise to you, Christ**

Kids Message

<u>Sermon</u>

Remind New Members to Come forward during the last verse of this song

Hymn of the Day Amazing Grace ELW #779

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Receiving New Members

Justin, Chelsea, Tove, Marit & Magnus Carlson Kris Champie, Tami Mclaughlin-Husen & Jon Husen (pronounced Hue-sen), Klaus & Andi Lau, Mary, James & Annebelle Riedl, Abigail Spencer,

Brent, Christen, Emma & Isaac Thompson

<u>The order of service for New Members</u> By Meta Herrick Carlson, "Speak it Plain" Pastor: Will you show up with this community for worship, study, prayer, and service to others?

New Member: I will and I ask God to help me.

Will you practice being curious about Scripture, your neighbor, and God's ongoing creation in daily life?

New Member: I will and I ask God to help me.

Will you share your sense of call and unique talents with a spirit of generosity in the life of this congregation?

New Member: I will and I ask God to help me.

Prayer: Gathering God, you knit your people together in the body of Christ and form congregations to do your good work. Be present in our feasting and praying and our worship and service, so that this community reflects your abundance and desire for the church on earth today and always. **AMEN**

Pastor: We give thanks for the unique stories and talents you bring to this community. The church is a living organism, and your commitment adds value and energy to who we are as a congregation.

Assisting Minister: We promise to welcome your faith as it flows through life's joy and challenges. We desire for this church to be a safe place where you can show up as your true self and be received with love and grace.

Congregation: Faith is a team sport, and we are in this together. In this community, we choose curiosity over certainty, and strive to honor each other's faith expressions and life experiences with respect and love.

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Council Member: We also acknowledge that we will fail you. This congregation will both embrace and resist change. Sometimes we will disagree and make mistakes. So we ask that, on this side of disappointment, you promise to stick around for the healing that surely comes. Because if you go before the listening and the mending, you will miss the holy thing about being the church: the dying and the rising, the forgiving and the living. Do you desire to become members of this congregation, investing in the future of this shared mission and ministry?

NEW MEMBERS: We choose the fullness of this community!

ALL: We welcome you as members of this congregation, inspired and invested in the ministry we all share. You are beloved, and your presence here is a gift! May God bless these new relationships and our common call as agents of God's mercy and the abundance the world needs!

Affirmation of Faith

Leader: Please join me in our Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God, the one who comes before us and goes behind us, creating life and opportunities to love and care for the world.

We believe in Jesus Christ who walks with us into real life each day. He is God, yet human like us and experienced all life's joys and pains and challenges like we do. But his love is so great that not sin nor suffering nor even death could stop it. Today the love of Jesus lives and continues to bring new life to the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who comes like the wind and blows in and through us to bring God's power and light to all the world. The Spirit breathes life into us, the body of Christ we call the Church, and enables us to follow the way of Christ. We believe in God, who goes before and behind, with, in and through us, bringing hope and life and newness to the world.

(from The Journey, Work of the People III, Liturgies by Pastor Julie Kahl © 1992 Dakota Road Music CCLI License #833795)

Prayers of Intercession

We are called to see others through your eyes and we are further called to extend to all forgiveness and compassion. Through your teaching, let us boldly pray for the church, the world and all of creation, using the lens of forgiveness.

A brief silence.

Surprising God, you call us to love our enemies, to turn the other cheek, and to show kindness in the face of cruelty. Let our actions be a shining witness of your overwhelming grace for all.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

As animals hibernate and fields lay dormant, let them be a reminder that life and faith are not static but always changing and growing. May we trust that the ending of one thing promises life in a new way.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

We pray for victims of abuse, neglect and violence. Provide safe shelter and new beginnings to those experiencing domestic violence and dangerous situations. Give your wisdom and discernment amid heated arguments and different viewpoints. Enfold with love all who seek our healing care. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Empower our faith communities to be signs of your gracious love. Bless the local ministries of parish nursing and caregiving, that they will be a voice for those in need in our communities.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Gracious God, you give strength to your people in times of trial. Uphold all who serve the common good. Guide federal and state legislators, city and county officials, judges and juries. Strengthen our resolve to serve all in need. Give us courage to stand up to leaders who are working against the common good and only want power and control for themselves. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you care deeply about us, and want us to freely share with you our burdens and our joys. We now lift up these prayers aloud or silently in our hearts. *(the congregation is invited to lift up prayers aloud, or pray silently)*

God of grace, hear our prayer.

We are blessed to be your children. We lift to you all our prayers—spoken and unspoken, known and unknown. Help us to love our enemies in a practical way, and help us to see each other through your eyes. Break through our barriers and teach us new ways to see you in every person we meet. In your name we pray. **Amen.** (*Dawn Lewis*)

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you all **And Also with you.**

Offering -Choir Anthem: Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table ACS 977



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Offering Prayer

God of abundance, our hearts are full of gratitude for those who give willingly and generously. We ask for your richest blessings to be poured upon all. Multiply our offerings and use them to further your work. May the time we spend together in your presence nourish our hearts and minds; may it strengthen our relationship with you, and renew our commitment to live in this world as your faithful disciples. For you alone are God, the Source and Sustainer of life.

Amen. (Dawn Lewis)

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

Eucharistic Prayer

Pastor: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

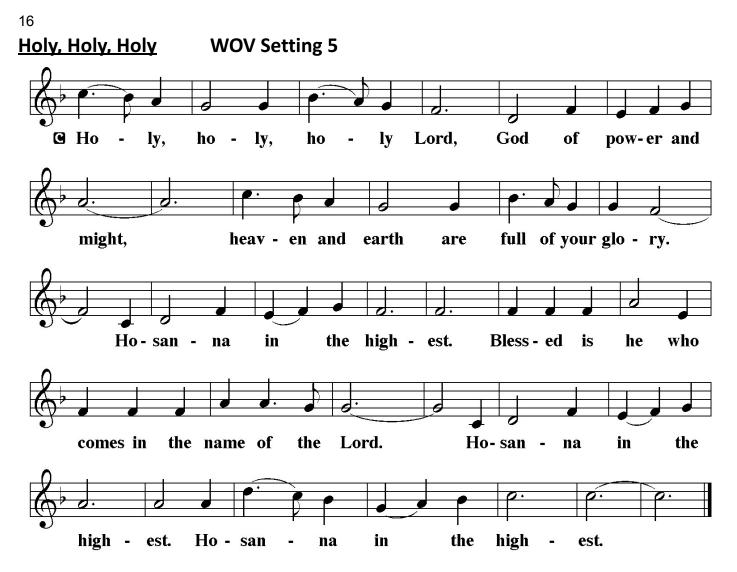
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever. AMEN.



LORD'S PRAYER

(By Miriam Therese Winter) *Abba, Imma is Father/Mother

Abba, Imma* who is within us, we celebrate your many names. Your wisdom come, your will be done, unfolding from the depths within us. Each day you give us all that we need. You remind us of our limits and we let go. You support us in our power and we act with courage. For you are the dwelling place within us, the empowerment around us, and the celebration among us. Now and forever. AMEN

Notre Pere

Notre Père, qui es aux cieux, Que ton nom soit sanctifié, Que ton règne vienne, Que ta volonté soit faite sur la terre comme au ciel. Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour. Pardonne-nous nos offences Comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés. Et ne nous laisses pas entrer en tentation, mais délivre-nous du mal. Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne, la puissance et la gloire, aux siècles des siècles. Amen

Invitation to the Table

Pastor: This is the meal. It is for all people

There are two communion stations for bread and wine. If gluten free, please ask for a GF wafer. Dip your bread into the wine (red) or grape juice (white), whatever makes you most comfortable.

Communion of the People Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken ACS 966



Post Communion Blessing

May the grace of God, overflowing with love and mercy, be upon us as we go forth to live as Jesus taught, loving our enemies, doing good to those who hate us, and blessing those who curse us; may we be instruments of God's boundless compassion, now and forevermore. **Amen.**(*Dawn Lewis*)

Prayer after Communion

We give thanks for this holy meal, where all are welcome and all are nourished. As we leave this table, may we carry the blessings we have received into the world—blessings of love for the poor, hope for the hungry, and comfort for the grieving. Strengthen us, O God, to live as Christ taught us: to seek justice, to embrace mercy, and to walk humbly with you. Let our lives reflect the values of your kingdom, where the last are first, and all are called beloved. **AMEN** (*Dawn Lewis*)



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Benediction

I pray that we would all live into the truth of God's mighty, all-encompassing love that holds our answered prayers and unanswered longings, our miracles and our brokenness, our grief, our joy and our ordinary miracles. May it be so. Amen. (Reverend Kristen Koger) 20 <u>Dismissal</u> Go in peace. Live in hope. Thanks be to God

French: Allez en paix. Vivre dans l'espoir Dieu soit loué.

Postlude

Worship Volunteers:

Greeters: : Diane Weber, Lois Wisner **Ushers**: Lisa Kraft & Jim Stumpf **Lector**: Ruth Ann Thompson



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