KING OF GLORY LUTHERAN CHURCH February 16, 2025 Sixth 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

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 for 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.

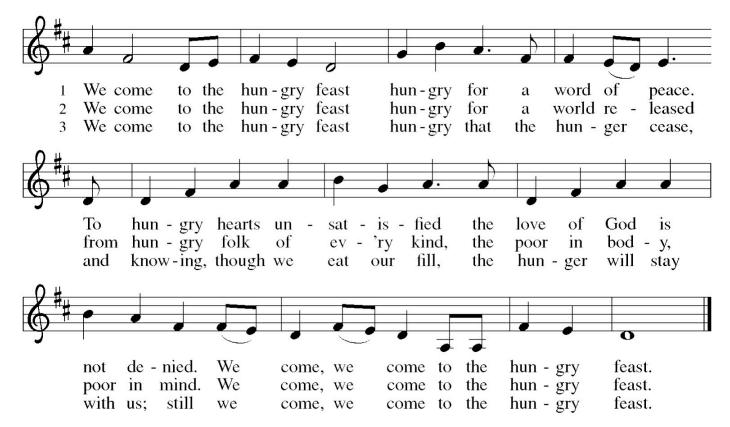
We confess that we need your power to motivate us to speak boldly for justice and truth and to work together for mutual respect. O God of unconditional love, you show no partiality between people or nations. We have heard your good news of great joy for all people. We hear that good news, and in hearing, 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 We Come to the Hungry Feast ELW # 479 v 1-3

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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

God of justice and compassion, you gather us as Jesus gathered the crowd to hear words of challenge and hope. In your presence, the poor are blessed, the hungry are filled, and the grieving find comfort. Open our eyes to see the world as you do, where those overlooked are lifted up and those who suffer are embraced by your love. Teach us to walk in solidarity with those who are marginalized and to seek your justice with humility and courage. Guard us from placing our trust in wealth, power, or comfort that fades, and root us in the eternal blessings of love, mercy, and grace. May we live as agents of your kingdom, proclaiming good news through our actions and our lives. **AMEN.** (*Dawn Lewis*)

Jeremiah 17:5-10

I, the LORD, have put a curse on those who turn from me and trust in human strength.

They will dry up like a bush in salty desert soil, where nothing can grow.

But I will bless those who trust me, the LORD.

They will be like trees growing beside a stream—

trees with roots that reach down to the water,

and with leaves that are always green.

They bear fruit every year and are never worried by a lack of rain. You people of Judah are so deceitful

that you even fool yourselves, and you can't change.

But I know your deeds and your thoughts, and I will make sure you get what you deserve.

L: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God



Psalm 1 Planted by the Water (©1990 John C. Ylvisaker)

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

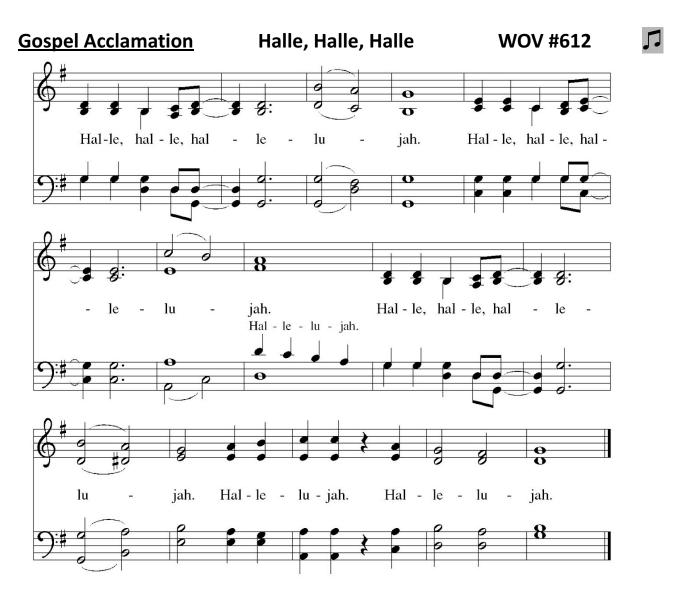
¹² If we preach that Christ was raised from death, how can some of you say the dead will not be raised to life?¹³ If they won't be raised to life, Christ himself wasn't raised to life.¹⁴ And if Christ wasn't raised to life, our message is worthless, and so is your faith.¹⁵ If the dead won't be raised to life, we have told lies about God by saying he raised Christ to life, when he really did not.

¹⁶ So if the dead won't be raised to life, Christ wasn't raised to life. ¹⁷ Unless Christ was raised to life, your faith is useless, and you are still living in your sins. ¹⁸ And those people who died after putting their faith in him are completely lost. ¹⁹ If our hope in Christ is good only for this life, we are worse off than anyone else.

²⁰ But Christ has been raised to life! And he makes us certain that others will also be raised to life.

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Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

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¹⁷ Jesus and his apostles went down from the mountain and came to some flat, level ground. Many other disciples were there to meet him. Large crowds of people from all over Judea, Jerusalem, and the coastal towns of Tyre and Sidon were there too. ¹⁸ These people had come to listen to Jesus and to be healed of their diseases. All who were troubled by evil spirits were also healed. ¹⁹ Everyone was trying to touch Jesus, because power was going out from him and healing them all. ²⁰ Jesus looked at his disciples and said:

God will bless you people who are poor.

God's kingdom belongs to you!

²¹ God will bless you hungry people.

You will have plenty to eat!

God will bless you people who are now crying.

You will laugh!

²² God will bless you when others hate you and won't have anything to do with you.

God will bless you when people insult you and say cruel things about you, all because you are a follower of the Son of God. ²³ Long ago your own people did these same things to the prophets. So, when this happens to you, be happy and jump for joy! You will have a great reward in heaven.

²⁴ But you rich people are in for trouble.

You have already had an easy life!

²⁵ You well-fed people are in for trouble.

You will go hungry!

You people who are laughing now are in for trouble.

You are going to cry and weep!

²⁶ You are in for trouble when everyone says good things about you. That is what your own people said about those prophets who told lies.

L: This is the Holy Gospel

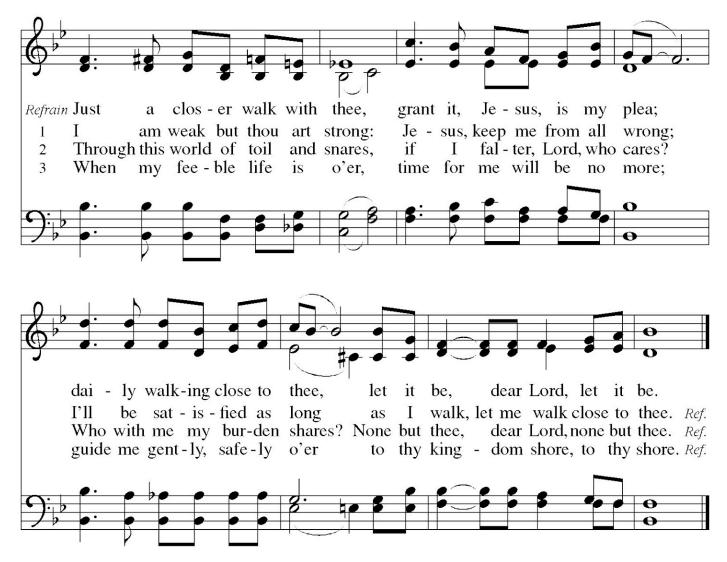
C: Praise to you, Christ

Kids Message

<u>Sermon</u>

Hymn of the Day Just a Closer Walk with Thee ELW #697 Refrain, V 1-3, Refrain

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Affirmation of Faith

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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 be your hands in the world and to shine your light on the dark corners. Let us pray for all those in need and for your creation.

A brief silence.

Blessed is your church, transformed by your Spirit. Give us courage to proclaim to all people the promises made true in the death and resurrection of Christ. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed is your creation. As earth experiences destruction from harmful practices and climate change, give us courage to help bring about its restoration. Encourage those who work in forestry to be a voice for the hidden places of creation and provide skills for its conservation.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

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Blessed are the nations. We pray for all leaders: presidents, prime ministers and leaders of all nations. Grant that their courage will not run dry in the face of challenges, but that they will delight in the fountain of your righteousness. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed is this congregation. Like a tree, planted by the streams of water, we are nourished by faith in you. Provide courage in times that feel dry, trusting that you sustain us in many ways.

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.

(leave silence for congregational response)

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. May Your spirit of love and justice guide us as we work to bring hope to the weary, healing to the broken, and peace to all who are troubled. Empower us to be instruments of Your grace, welcoming every person as beloved and worthy, and creating a world where compassion knows no boundaries. Unite us in the diversity of Your creation, so that together, we may reflect Your light and love in all that we do. **Amen.** (*Dawn Lewis*)

Sharing of the Peace

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



Offering Prayer

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As Jesus stood among the crowd, blessing the poor, the hungry, and the grieving, we are reminded of your deep care for those in need. Through these gifts we now offer, may your blessings flow to those who hunger, thirst, and long for justice. Help us, Lord, to give not only from our abundance but from hearts filled with compassion, trusting in the promise that your kingdom belongs to those who rely on you. May these offerings reflect our commitment to live as your disciples—lifting up the lowly, comforting the sorrowful, and working for a world where all are blessed in your love. We offer these gifts with gratitude and humility, in the name of Jesus, who blesses us beyond measure **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.

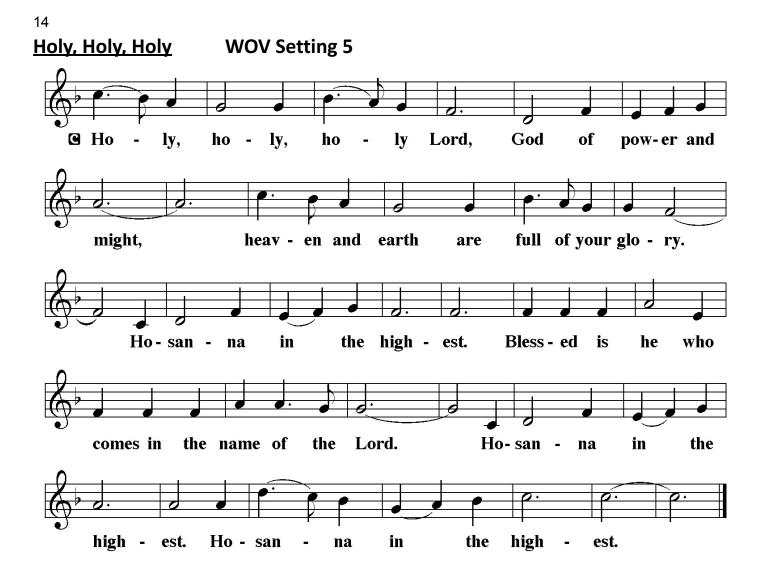
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

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**.



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LORD'S PRAYER (By Miriam Therese Winter)	Notre Pere
*Abba, Imma is Father/Mother	Notre Père, qui es aux cieux,
	Que ton nom soit sanctifié,
Abba, Imma* who is within us,	Que ton règne vienne,
We celebrate your many names.	Que ta volonté soit faite sur la terre
Your wisdom come, your will be done,	comme au ciel.
unfolding from the depths within us.	Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de
Each day you give us all that we need.	ce jour.
You remind us of our limits	Pardonne-nous nos offences
and we let go.	Comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux
You support us in our power	qui nous ont offensés.
and we act with courage.	Et ne nous laisses pas entrer en
For you are the dwelling place	tentation,
within us,	mais délivre-nous du mal.
the empowerment around us,	Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne,
and the celebration among us.	la puissance et la gloire, aux siècles des
Now and forever.	
	siècles.
AMEN	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

Send us forth now in the power of your Spirit, so that we may be a blessing to others, sharing your grace, compassion, light, and peace with all we meet. In the name of Jesus, who calls us to live as your holy people. **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*)

Sending Hymn God Be With You Till We Meet Again

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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*)

<u>Dismissal</u>

Go in peace. Live in hope. Thanks be to God French: Allez en paix. Vivre dans l'espoir Dieu soit loué.

<u>Postlude</u>

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