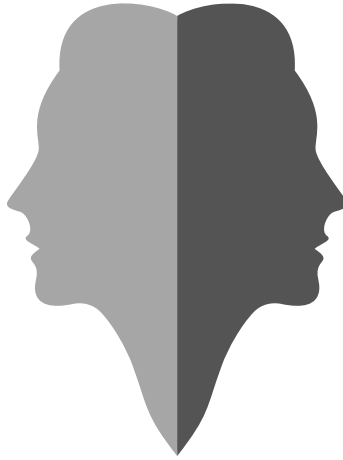


King of Glory Lutheran Church, Boise, Idaho  
Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost  
August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023



**GATHERING**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

We start worship understanding that we are here to learn about our Creator, God, and to give thanks for our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, and to acknowledge the Holy Spirit who we ask to be among us now. **AMEN**

We welcome those in our balcony watching by Live Stream or a recording. You are important to us and you are a wonderful part of our worship experience.

Please know that you may want to gather a few items for worship, a bulletin from our website, [KOGlutheran.org](http://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 worshipping with us.

**Announcements**

**Confession**

Leader: Speaking to God about our stumbles in life is difficult. This congregation has made a place during worship to confess to God together. We all make mistakes. We may strive to be perfect, but that is not something that we are able to accomplish. We are grateful to have a loving God who listens to our confessions and gives us forgiveness.

*(Connie Winter-Eulberg)*

**All: O Holy One who is filled with light and love, we try each day to keep your commandments. We find ourselves making mistakes. This doesn't mean that we are failures, but that at times we fail in our goals to love you and to love our neighbors. Help us to let go of guilt and shame. "Help us to take failing, not as a measure of our worth, but as a chance for a new start." We turn our mistakes over to you and ask that you forgive us. In Jesus name we pray. AMEN** *(CWE and the Book of Common Prayer)*

Leader: Jesus told us that we are to forgive seventy times seven. We are forgiven each time that we ask. Thank you, God for your healing power of forgiveness. This lifts us out of our shame and guilt. Help us now to forgive ourselves. In Jesus name we pray. **AMEN** *(Connie Winter-Eulberg)*

**Gathering Hymn** - #815 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (vs. 1-3)

**Pastoral Greeting**

This is the day that God has made. Let us rejoice and be glad that Jesus died for our sins and that we have been blessed by the presence of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN**

**Prayer of the Day**

Gracious God, you have blessing King of Glory Lutheran with sixty years of ministry. There have been thousands of people who have been blessed with meaningful worship, communion for all people, and many opportunities to learn about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. There has been confirmation, Adult education, Bible studies and events that raise money for people in need here and around the world.

You have gifted King of Glory with great leadership and a wonderful building that is shared with needed programs for our community.

We praise you O God, for blessing our ministry.

God, we keep learning and today we hear about the bravery of Shiphrah and Puah who were midwives during a violent time in Egypt. The Pharaoh was afraid of the great number of Israelite slaves that could turn against him. You blessed Shiphrah and Puah

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with insight and knowledge to save the Israelite baby boys. We lift up these strong women who saved many lives. We thank you, O God. **AMEN** (Connie Winter-Eulberg)

**Hymn of Praise** #822 Oh, Sing to the Lord (Vs. 1 & 3)

### **Exodus 1:8-22 Shiphrah and Puah**

<sup>8</sup>Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. <sup>9</sup>He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. <sup>10</sup>Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." <sup>11</sup>Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. <sup>12</sup>But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. <sup>13</sup>The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, <sup>14</sup>and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

<sup>15</sup>The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, <sup>16</sup>"When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." <sup>17</sup>But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. <sup>18</sup>So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" <sup>19</sup>The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." <sup>20</sup>So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. <sup>21</sup>And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. <sup>22</sup>Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

**Psalm 138**

<sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with <sup>1</sup> my whole heart;  
before the gods I will <sup>1</sup> sing your praise.

**<sup>2</sup>I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast <sup>1</sup> love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name and your word a- <sup>1</sup>bove all things.**

<sup>3</sup>When I called, you <sup>1</sup> answered me;  
you increased my <sup>1</sup> strength within me.

**<sup>4</sup>All the rulers of the earth will praise <sup>1</sup> you, O Lord,  
when they have heard the words <sup>1</sup> of your mouth.**

<sup>5</sup>They will sing of the ways <sup>1</sup> of the Lord,  
that great is the glory <sup>1</sup> of the Lord.

**<sup>6</sup>The Lord is high, yet cares <sup>1</sup> for the lowly,  
perceiving the haughty <sup>1</sup> from afar.**

<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you <sup>1</sup> keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right <sup>1</sup> hand shall save me.

**<sup>8</sup>You will make good your pur- <sup>1</sup>pose for me;  
O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works <sup>1</sup> of your hands.**

**Romans 12:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

**Gospel Acclamation** (*sing twice*)**Gospel Acclamation**  
*Celtic Alleluia*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.*

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**Matthew 16:13-20**

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup>And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Kids Sermon****Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day:** Hymn #677 This Little Light of Mine (Vs. 1-3)

**Creed** *(David Beebe – Flames of the Spirit pg. 91-92)*

**We are the People of God.**

**We are the sign of the new World.**

**We are the followers of Jesus.**

**We believe in God. We believe in the goodness of God, the presence of God in human history, and the newness of God's love.**

**We believe in Jesus. We believe that God was and is revealed in human life, that out of human suffering may come rescue and healing, that out of death comes new life.**

**We believe in the Eternal Spirit, who moves among God's people and invites the world into God's reign. We believe that the world can change, that peace and wholeness can come, and that the New World can arrive.**

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### **Intercessory Prayers**

God of Power, we come with excitement today to praise your name and remember all the ways that you have poured your blessings on this ministry for the past sixty years.

There has been significant ministry here in this neighborhood and in the world. Your love and forgiveness have given this congregation the energy to help people in need and those who feel marginalized. Your followers at King of Glory have reached out to help each other with support and care. We are grateful for sixty years of learning, sharing, serving, helping, forgiving and loving. We learn from you God.

Today we bring to you O Lord, our aches and pains, our grief and our concerns about our world. At times it seems too much to handle. We ask for your healing.

We pause for some moments of silence to turn over to you our troubles, fears, grief and gratitude . . . *(pause)* May your Spirit be ever present in each of our lives bringing healing, hope and love. **AMEN** *(Connie Winter-Eulberg)*

### **Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### **Offering**

### **Offering Prayer**

Spirit of truth and life, accept the gifts that we give and multiply them for the good of your people. Everywhere that we look, you are in the world spreading your love and healing. Guide our eyes and our ears to see and hear you so that we may continually be filled with gratitude for all that you give us. **AMEN** *(Connie Winter-Eulberg)*

### **The 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.**

This story begins long ago when God created the heavens and the earth and all that lives on the earth. God created and is still creating plants, animals and humans. God communicates to us through the gift of the sun rising each day, colorful plants and forests, animals that roam the earth, through people and our interactions with them and finally through the setting of the sun.

The story of God has been thousands of years in the making. One of God's powerful moments was sending to us a baby named Jesus. Jesus lived, ate, healed, taught, forgave and loved. He died on a cross for each of us. But the story continues after he was resurrected and gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit. *(Connie Winter-Eulberg)*

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "take and eat, this is my body given for you. After supper he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to all to drink saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Drink this and remember me."

Pastor: When Jesus sat at table and enjoyed communion with tax collectors and sinners he proclaimed that God's care knows no bounds. We proclaim again the comfort and challenge of that witness: all are invited now to share God's table, and be nourished by the Bread of Life. *(Flames of the Spirit, pg. 103)*

**Lord's Prayer****Notre Pere**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive  
those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

**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 offenses  
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**



### Communion

**Invitation to Table:** All are invited to receive the bread and wine/juice. Jesus welcomed all. Jesus said, "Take and eat. Take and drink."

For those on Livestream and those with us by viewing the recording, take whatever bread/cracker and wine/juice that you have. Take and eat, this is the gift Jesus gave you. Take and drink, this is the cup of salvation.

**Leader:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, his love for all of God's people and the compassion of the Holy Spirit keep you in God's grace. **AMEN**

### Prayer after Communion

Bountiful God, at this table you graciously feed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

May we who have reached out our hands to receive this sacrament be strengthened in your service;

we who have sung your praises tell of your glory and truth in our lives;

we who have seen the greatness of your love see you face to face in your kingdom and come to worship you with all your saints forever.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work for your praise and glory.

*("A Prayer Book for Australia" written by The Standing Committee of the General Synod of the Church of England in Australia)*

### Benediction

As you go, listen to the invitation of Jesus to move

- from comfort to being uncomfortable
- from what we know to what we have yet to discover
- from where we have been to where we have yet to go
- from safety to a place of risk

Go like the Israelites with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.

Go as Sarah and Abraham left to go where God led them.

Go like Paul who preached, taught and healed in foreign lands,

Go in the name of Jesus who said, "follow me" without saying where he was going.

Know that as you go on your way the peace of Jesus will be with you and you will be transformed by God. **AMEN** *(CWE and the UCC Northwest Ohio Association for Faith Formation.)*

### Sending Hymn #674 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (Vs. 1-3)

#### Dismissal

Assisting Minister: Go in peace to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**