KING OF GLORY LUTHERAN CHURCH Sunday December 21, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Advent



PRELUDE

Chiming of the Hours - Bell Choir

Welcome/Bonjour Bienvenue

Welcome Info

- -Remind online congregation members to gather items for worship
- candle, -celebratory (communion) food (cracker, bread, juice, water, whatever you have) bulletin from our website: koglutheran.org
- -Let us know you worshipped with us! Leave a comment on our social media, or email our church office at kglory@koglutheran.org

Please find the Red folder in your pews, write your name and pass it down the row. If you are a visitor please indicate that on the form and for those who would like more information please let us know on the form.

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that King of Glory Lutheran Church is built on the ancestral lands of the Shoshone-Bannock, Cayuse, Umatilla, Walla Walla and the Northern Paiute tribes. We acknowledge the people of these tribes, and we pay our respects to their elders, past and present. We commit to learning more about the history and culture of the people of these tribes.

(ELCA American Indian, Alaska Native & Trial Nations ELCA desk, Vance Blackfox and Pastor Connie Winter-Eulberg)

GATHERING

Confession & Forgiveness:

Leader: Most Merciful God,

We confess that left to our own devices we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, By what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart,

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of Jesus, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us

So that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways

Amen.

Pastor: I declare to each of you, that through the mercy and love of our Creator, and because of the actions of our Savior, Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven in the name of our Triune God.

AMEN

Gathering Hymn Good Christian Friends Rejoice

ELW #288



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Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Light One Candle

ELW #240 V 4

(Mary Rickerd)

A miracle is about to happen that is a sign from God! A young woman will give birth to a son and name him Emmanuel, which means, God with us. Today we light the fourth candle, the candle of God's love soon to be born. God's love is a perfect love. There are no limits to God's love. In God's love, we are given everything we need to live a life of hope, peace and joy.

We wait for Emmanuel, God-With-Us.



- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si ah: let the light ban-ish dark ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si ah: let the light ban-ish dark ness.
 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si ah: let the light ban-ish dark ness.



shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra-el, God ful - fills prom - ise. He the shall feed the flock like a He shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward. your heads and lift high the gate-way for Lift the King of glo - ry. com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights He shin - ing! be

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune Text © 1984 Fortress Press, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Pastoral Greeting

L: "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all"

C: And Also With You

men.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A







<u>Prayer of the Day</u> (Mary Rickerd)

Leader: The Lord be with You: Congregation: And also with you

Leader: Let us Pray,

Lord of all life and all seasons, open our hearts to hear Your words of promise and love. Like Joseph, we trust in your abiding love and power. Free us from sin that inhibits our faith so that we may receive your promises. In the name of Emmanuel, God-With-Us. **AMEN.**

WORD

<u>Isaiah 7:10-16</u> (NRSVUE)

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹ "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." ¹² But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." ¹³ Then Isaiah said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

L: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God

<u>Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19</u> <u>Read Responsively</u>

L: Shepherd of Israel, you lead the descendants of Joseph, and you sit on your throne above the winged creatures.

C: Listen to our prayer and let your light shine for the tribes of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh

L: Save us by your power. Our God, make us strong again! Smile on us and save us

C: Lord God All-Powerful, how much longer will the prayers of your people make you angry?

L: You gave us tears for food, and you made us drink them by the bowlful.

C: Because of you, our enemies who live nearby laugh and joke about us.

L: Our God, make us strong again! Smile on us and save us.

C: But help the one who sits at your right side, the one you raised to be your very own.

L: Then we will never turn away. Put new life into us, and we will worship you.

C: Lord God All-Powerful, make us strong again! Smile on us and save us.

Romans 1:1-7 (NRSVUE)

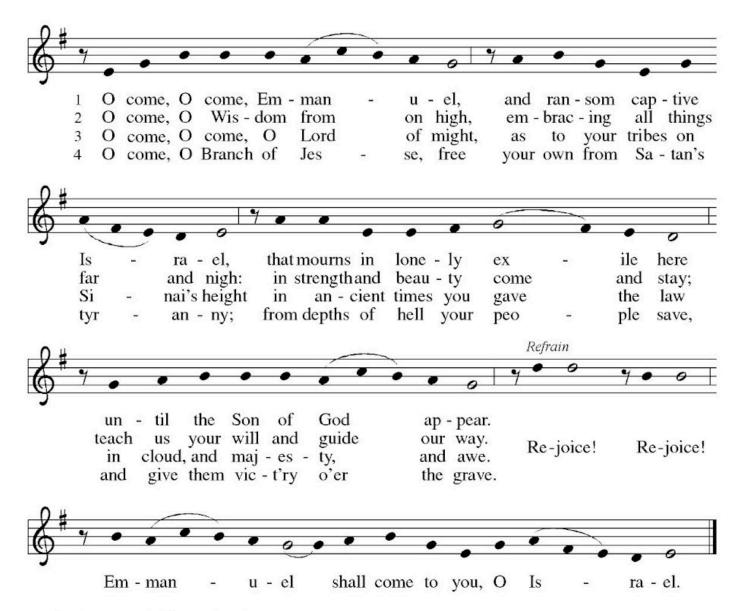
¹ Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which God promised beforehand through God's prophets in the holy scriptures, ³ the gospel concerning God's Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶ including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, ⁷ To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ.

L: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation O Come, O Come Emmanuel V 7&8





- 7 O come, O King of nations, come, O Cornerstone that binds in one: refresh the hearts that long for you; restore the broken, make us new. Refrain
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

Gospel: <u>Luke 1:26-38</u> (NRSVUE)

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the first chapter

C: Glory to You, Oh Christ

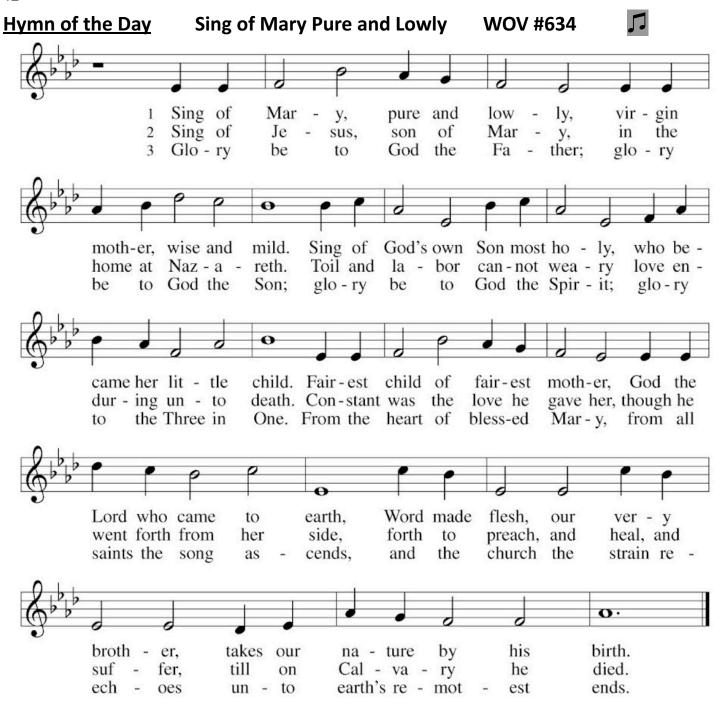
²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. 30 The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. 33 He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." 34 Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" 35 The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. 37 For nothing will be impossible with God." 38 Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Alleluia!

Children's Message

Sermon



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Apostles Creed

Leader: We are called to be the Church and to proclaim Jesus crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. Join me in 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,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And will come again 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.

<u>Prayers of Intercession</u> (Mary Rickerd)

Today's Prayers of Intercession follow the ancient tradition of praying the "O Antiphons." Each petition begins with the exclamation "O" and offers a different scriptural image for Jesus Christ. The O Antiphons are familiar through the Advent hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." See final page for a detailed explanation.

Be still. Gently place yourself in the presence of God.

A brief silence.

O Wisdom

Come to teach us the knowledge of your truth and the power of your presence. Increase our faith in the mystery of Jesus becoming human.

A period of silence

Nourish in us an understanding of your invitation.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you O Israel

O Lord of Might. You appeared in the burning bush to Moses. You gave Moses the law on Sinai. We are prisoners in darkness and the shadow of death. Open our eyes to see those around us who are also prisoners.

A period of silence.

Come and rescue us as you promised through the Prophets.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you O Israel

O Branch of Jesse. Bless the Earth with darkness and light, cold and warmth, seasons of rest and awakening. Nurture our community. Enhance our shared joys in one another

A period of silence.

Come to save us without delay!

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you O Israel

O Key of David. Open the gates of Your eternal Kingdom. Liberate those who sit in darkness. Mend the broken and brokenhearted. Allow us to forgive past hurts and strive to renew relationships. For those waiting for surgery; who are grieving; who care for the dying. May your healing and consoling presence be their light. Free all held captive by economic situations, lack of education, addiction.

A period of silence.

Encourage us to live fully as your children.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you O Israel

O Dayspring. Shine on those in darkness and the shadow of death. We acknowledge the strong witness of the people of faith who have gone before us.

A period of silence.

Splendor of eternal light, Sun of justice: Come.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you O Israel

O King of Nations establish peace and justice in all the world. Guide legislators and policy makers to consider the needs of the vulnerable. We give thanks for the beauty of diversity, the challenge of difference, and the joy of curiosity and discovery. We pray for mutuality and respect in our relationships. God of Love, shape us according to your life-giving vision. Set your love as a seal upon our hearts, so that we can see others as you do.

A period of silence.

Save mankind who you formed from dust!

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you O Israel

Come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Sharing of the Peace

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

MEAL

Offering



Offering Prayer (Mary Rickerd)

Faithful God we bring our gifts and lay down our plans as Joseph did. We trust your Spirit will shape these offerings into something greater than we imagined. Bless these gifts and our lives as signs of obedience, humility, and hope for a world longing for peace, hungry for love. We pray in the name of Emmanuel—God with us. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

And Also with you.

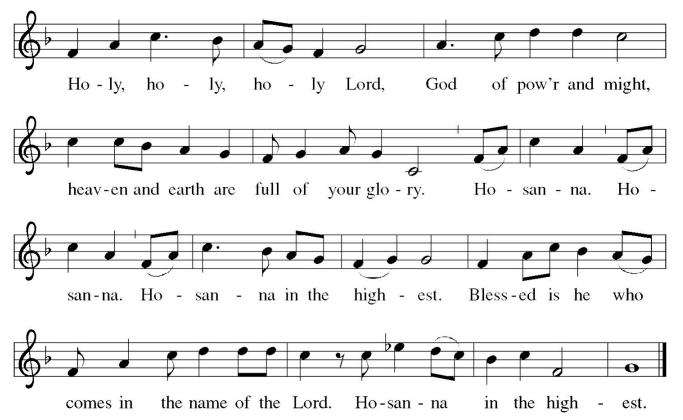
Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise

Holy Holy -ELW Setting 3



Eucharistic Prayer

(Catholic Diocese of Manchester, New Hampshire)

God, because you love us, you gave us this great and beautiful world. Because you have great love for us, you sent us your son, Jesus. Because Jesus came to live among us we can see that he was sent to be the friend of children and adults, and of the poor and wealthy alike. Jesus came to show us how we can love you, O God, by loving each other.

In the night that Jesus was turned in to the authorities, Jesus was at supper with his disciples. Jesus took the bread, blessed it and broke it and said, "Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Eat this bread and remember me." When supper was ended, Jesus took the cup that was filled with wine, he gave thanks, gave it to his friends, and said: "Drink of this and remember me."

Each time that we eat of this meal, we remember the love, compassion, forgiveness and healing that you give us Jesus. **AMEN**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as it is 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 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 aui 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

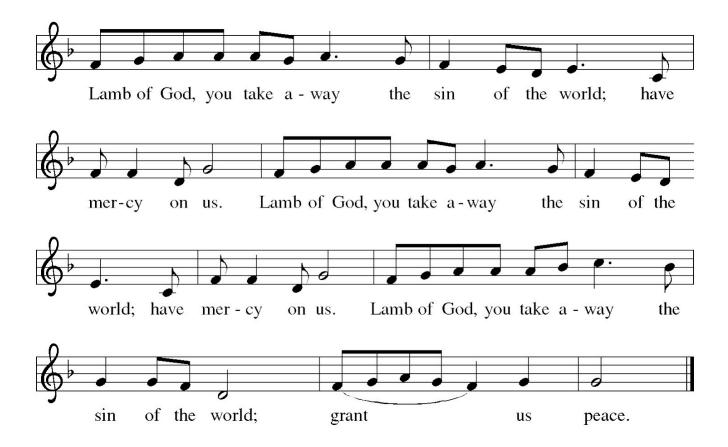
Invitation to the Table

Pastor: This table is not King of Glory's table, or even a Lutheran table. This table is God's table, and Christ is our host. Christ welcomed all, and we do the same. All are welcome to participate.

The meal is prepared and all are welcome to the feast. Come and be fed.

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.

Lamb of God: ELW Setting 3



Post Communion Blessing

SENDING

Prayer after Communion (Mary Rickerd)

We thank you, God, for this meal of thanksgiving and the stories of love, grace, and hope that it tells. Send us now with gusto to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit. In the name of Emmanuel, God with us.

Amen

Announcements

Benediction (Mary Rickerd)

Advent People:

Be people of love. Let love live in your heart.

Share the love of Christ with all you meet.

Share the love of Christ by loving those you see regularly.

Share the love of Christ by loving those you do not know.

Share the love of Christ by praying for the world.

As you go, share hope, peace, joy and love.

Amen and Amen! So Be It!



Dismissal

Go in Peace, Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God!

Allez en paix, vivez par l'Esprit. **Dieu soit loué.**

Postlude

Worship Volunteers:

Greeters: Jack & Becky Newberry **Ushers**: Harold Nesbett & Shirley Dodson

Lector: Coletta Hill

Assisting Minister: Todd Kraft

Children's Message: Abigail Spencer **AV Pilots**: Joel Tompkins, Lisa Kraft

Band: Philip Miller, Sam Alessi, Jorgen Vaage,

Lawson Rocke.



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O Antiphons

The "O Antiphons", often called the "Greater Antiphons" are the outline for today's prayer. The Antiphons are a collage of seven Old Testament titles attributed to Jesus, stressing the hope of the Savior's coming. (You may recognize these titles as part of the beloved Advent hymn, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel," ELW 257). They have been part of the liturgical tradition since the early Church.

In this final week of Advent our attention is fixed on the messianic promises proclaimed by the ancient prophets of Israel. Jesus is referred to by various titles, mainly taken from the prophet Isaiah. The sequence progresses historically, from before creation to Bethlehem.

The seven titles attributed to Jesus in the antiphons are Wisdom (Sapientia in Latin), Ruler of the House of Israel (Adonai), Root of Jesse (Radix), Key of David (Clavis), Rising Dawn (Oriens), King of the Gentiles (Rex) and Emmanuel. In Latin the initials of the titles make an acrostic which, when read backwards means: "Tomorrow I will be there" ("ERO CRAS"). To the medieval mind this was clearly a reference to the approaching Christmas vigil.

Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you O Israel.





Announcements

Sunday, December 21st 2025

FRONT PAGE NEWS

Adult Education Navigating the Holidays Holiday Cheer is in the air but it is not always a happy time for everyone - especially if you have experienced changes in your life or the loss of a loved one. Grief can be a response to a death, change in relationship, or change in circumstances. Join Tami Mclaughlin-Husen as we navigate the holidays together with conversation, support, and sharing tools about how to deal with challenges that arise during the holiday season. **No Adult Education 12/28/2025**

January Adult Ed Join Nancy Seid on a journey through Ecclesiastes, January 4, 11, and 18. No Class January 25, due to the Annual Meeting.

Youth Christmas Program Rehearsal The youth, of all ages are again presenting the Christmas story in word, & song & dance, to be presented during the Christmas Eve 3:00 pm service. We still need more angels and shepherds. We will practice after Worship Service. Please meet in the choir section immediately after the service. Parents may gather treats for the youth to eat after the practices. Thanks for being a part of this ministry.

Christmas Eve Volunteers Needed We need an Assisting Minister at the 3:00 PM Service and an usher (or two) at our 7:00 PM service, as well as communion assistants at both services. Contact Shirley Dodson to volunteer for communion, or our church office to help as usher or assisting minister. Please contact the church office if you can help!

Staff Christmas Gift This time of year we traditionally invite the congregation to remember our KOG Staff Members at Christmas. You can bless them by placing cash or check in the offering plate (Please add "staff gift" designation to your envelope) or donating through church center, and choosing "staff gift" from the drop down list box. We need volunteers for several positions during our Christmas Eve Worship services this year. Contributions for Staff Christmas gifts may be given through December 21st, 2025. Thank you! Council President, Becky Newberry

New Contact Information for Finance! To get a hold of Carolyn Jean, our Treasurer, there is a new email address for you to use: finance@koglutheran.org. We are working on streamlining our communication channels to make it easier for you to know when it's someone from church contacting you. If you have questions, please contact our church office.



Free Meal - Saturday, December 20th

Menu: Ham, au gratin potatoes, dessert, and more! To help serve and clean up please come at 11:30am. All are invited to enjoy this meal served from 12:00pm-1:30pm



Book Club: January 3 9:30 AM Join us on Zoom or in the library to join the discussion of "The Wide Wide Sea: imperial ambition, first contact and the fateful final voyage of Captain James Cook"

UPCOMING MONTHLY EVENTS

Holiday Office Closures The Church office will be have limited in person office hours from 12/24-1/2. Our Administrative Assistant will be working from home 12/26-1/2. You may contact our church office by leaving a voice mail or emailing kglory@koglutheran.org. Voicemail and email will be checked regularly.



Food on the 4th – NOW FOOD FOR FRIENDS

We were able to donate 103 pounds of food to local food banks in December! We are now accepting weekly donations to help those affected by the government shutdown. Anyone who is food insecure is welcome to take what is needed and the rest will be brought to local agencies that feed the hungry.



Sandwich Sunday, January 14th In November, ten volunteers were able to help make around 350 Sandwiches for the River of Life. 40 loaves of bread into over 350 sandwiches. Join us after worship to assemble sandwiches! Questions contact Val Bridges 208-440-1029.



OWL's- Tuesday, January 20th 11:30 AM Location TBD. We'd love for you to join us

OTHER EVENTS & INFO:

Dinner with Friends It will soon be January and the start of Table of Friends! Please consider taking part as it is a very fun way to get better acquainted with fellow church members. You may sign up as a couple or an individual. All are welcome to take part. Small groups of people (8 or less) will meet once each month from January through May and will share the duties of hosting and providing the meal. A sign up sheet will be in the narthex throughout the month of December.

Annual Meeting coming soon! The Annual meeting will be here before you know it! Please ensure that if you are a leader of a group or ministry, that your annual report is turned in to our office *no later than January 8, 2026.* If you have questions, you can contact our Church office.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS... More details and additional announcements can be found online at our website, https://www.koglutheran.org/ or by joining our email list.

Church Office In-Person Hours: Mon-Thurs 9AM – 3PM. Available via email Fridays 9AM – 3PM

