

King of Glory Lutheran Church, Boise, Idaho
14th Sunday of Pentecost
September 3rd, 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 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

Congregation: **God of love, you are the creator of the universe. You dwell among all your people. You stand alongside those who are broken and without hope. You guide us who are willing to learn from you.**

We confess that we have not lived up to the teaching that Jesus taught us – to love you and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We have not loved you with our whole being. We continue to strive to let go of our fears and selfishness. There are things that we have left undone and there are items that we have not even tried to accomplish to help heal ourselves and others. Please forgive us of the things that we know that we have done that don't match your teachings. Also, forgive us the things we don't even know that we have done to ourselves and to others.

We confess these things and place them at your feet. AMEN *(Connie Winter-Eulberg)*

Pastor: Our God is full of love and compassion. In the name of Jesus, the Christ, your sins are forgiven. **AMEN**

Gathering Hymn - ELW #670 Build Us Up, Lord vs. 1-2

Pastoral Greeting

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

Congregation: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Gracious Creator, there are times when you put before us a challenge just like you did for Moses. He was not sold on your idea of him being a leader. Sometimes the challenges you put before us make us believe that we could never accomplish that task. Then, when we take a breath and pray about it, we know that anything can be accomplished with you by our side. Holy One, help us to ask for your assistance when we face a challenge. **AMEN** *(Connie Winter-Eulberg)*

Hymn of Praise - With One Voice, setting 5, "Hymn of Praise" *(Played by Ken Grove)*

Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

¹¹But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹²He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." ¹³But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

Psalm 26:1-8

¹Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived ^l with integrity;
I have trusted in the Lord and ^l have not faltered.

²**Test me, O ^l Lord, and try me;
examine my heart ^l and my mind.**

³For your steadfast love is be- ^l fore my eyes;
I have walked faithful- ^l ly with you.

⁴**I have not sat ^l with the worthless,
nor do I consort with ^l the deceitful.**

⁵I have hated the company of ^l evildoers;
I will not sit down ^l with the wicked.

⁶**I will wash my hands in inno- ^l cence, O Lord,
that I may go in procession ^l round your altar,**

⁷singing aloud a song ^l of thanksgiving
and recounting all your won- ^l derful deeds.

⁸**Lord, I love the house in ^l which you dwell
and the place where your glo- ^l ry abides.**

Romans 12:9-21

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gospel Acclamation – ELW #512 "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil" (*one time through*)

Matthew 16:21-28

²¹From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Kids Sermon**Sermon**

Hymn of the Day: ELW #802 Let us Ever Walk with Jesus (Vs. 1,2, 4)

Creed

**We believe in God who is the creator of heaven and earth and all that makes up the universe. God is known to us in the scriptures,
in the answers to our prayers
and in the joy that we experience in the laughter of a child,
in the kindness of a stranger
and in the connections with other divine creations.**

We believe in Jesus, who was God's gift to us.

He taught, healed, listened and showed compassion to all he met.

Some people were so afraid of him that they killed him.

God conquered death and resurrected Jesus from the dead.

Jesus is known to us in the scriptures and through others who teach, heal, listen and show compassion.

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We believe in the Holy Spirit who is God among us.

The Spirit is known to us in the whispers of messages from God in our ear.

The Spirit speaks to us in dreams and in the work of helpers when we are in distress.

We can feel the Spirit at work when change is happening in our lives and opportunities arise.

AMEN *(Connie Winter-Eulberg)*

Intercessory Prayer

God of Hope, you know what we are asking you before we even say the words. You know when we are joyful and when we are sad. Today we need to turn over to you all of our heavy burdens. We can't carry them by ourselves anymore. We give them over to you knowing that you will answer our prayers. We pray this day for all whom we know need your healing, love, forgiveness and peace. (pause)

God of healing, we thank you for the forgiveness that you give us, the joy that comes from listing all the things that we are thankful for and the peace that you give us that is so big that we cannot comprehend it. We pray in the name of Jesus. **AMEN** *(Connie Winter-Eulberg)*

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering

Offering Prayer

God of Thankfulness, our gratitude overflows when we sit down and think about all the ways that you provide for us. You are not only in the big things that happen but also in the small things. Today we are touched at the power of the bread and wine combined with our remembering what you did for us. Your great sacrifice is beyond words. In Jesus' name. **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.

Eucharistic Prayer

God, the system of forgiveness in the time of the Israelites was to offer sacrifices for their sins. Then you decided to change how people repented of their sins. Then you sent prophets and the prophets were not heard by your people. Then you had a new plan and you sent your Son who was the Word of love and life. Jesus lived among us and healed the sick, fed the hungry and nurtured the downhearted. We thank you God for sending us Jesus, who continues to give us compassionate forgiveness and a bucket full of love. Jesus offered a meal to his followers on that last night in that upper room. Jesus gave us the gift of a simple meal so that we could have a ritual of remembrance of him. May this meal offer us a clear reminder of what you have given us, your forgiveness and love. **AMEN** *(Connie Winter-Eulberg)*

Lord's Prayer

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.**

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 this meal bless you and keep you in God's grace. **AMEN**

Prayer after Communion

Jesus, you gave us the simple meal of a bit of bread and a sip of wine or juice. In this celebration we remember that you died for us so that we would get forgiveness for our sins.

Remembrance means that we get a flash of understanding each time we eat of this meal. You are a wonderful provider of remembrance for us. **AMEN** *(Connie Winter-Eulberg)*

Benediction

May you go this day understanding that God truly loves you.

May you exit these doors with the feeling that you are precious in the eyes of God.

May you leave with plans to live out the message of peace and love for others so that the love of God is reflected in your words and actions. **AMEN**

(Connie Winter-Eulberg)

Sending Hymn ELW # 677 This Little Light of Mine

Dismissal

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.