# KING OF GLORY LUTHERAN CHURCH Sunday December 14, 2025 Third 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 <a href="mailto:kglory@koglutheran.org">kglory@koglutheran.org</a>

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** Joy to the World

ELW #267

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#### **Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**Light One Candle** 

ELW #240 V 3

(Mary Rickerd)

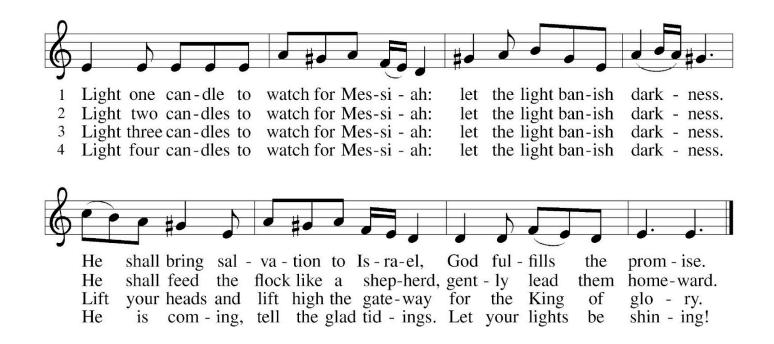
Hope, peace, and joy in Jesus Christ our Lord

#### Thanks be to God

We light the candles of Peace and Hope as we remember that Jesus, born in Bethlehem, will come again to bring everlasting peace. Today we add the third candle, the candle of Joy. It reminds us of the joy we have in Jesus, a joy that is deeper and stronger than happiness, and remains beside us even in the most challenging times of our lives.

Joy is light shining in dark places.

We celebrate the joy we have in Jesus



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







## **Prayer of the Day** (Mary Rickerd)

Leader: Let us Pray,

We come O Lord, with adoration and praise. You recognize the deserts and the parched places in our lives. Open our hearts that we may receive the gift of your Son and know the true joy of life. Strengthen our faith in your coming, that transformed by grace, we may walk in your way, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord AMEN.

## **WORD**

# <u>Isaiah 35:1-10</u> (NRSVUE)

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus <sup>2</sup> it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and shouting. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. <sup>3</sup> Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup> Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

"Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. God will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. God will come and save you." <sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be opened;

<sup>6</sup> then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert;

<sup>7</sup> the burning sand shall become a pool and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp; the grass shall become reeds and rushes. <sup>8</sup> A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. <sup>9</sup> No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. <sup>10</sup> And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; overlasting investall be upon their heads: they shall obtain invested gladness.

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

L: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God

## <u>Psalm 146:5-10</u> <u>Read Responsively</u>

L: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

C: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

L: who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

C: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

L: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

C: The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

L:The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

C: Praise the Lord!

# James 5:7-10 (NRSVUE)

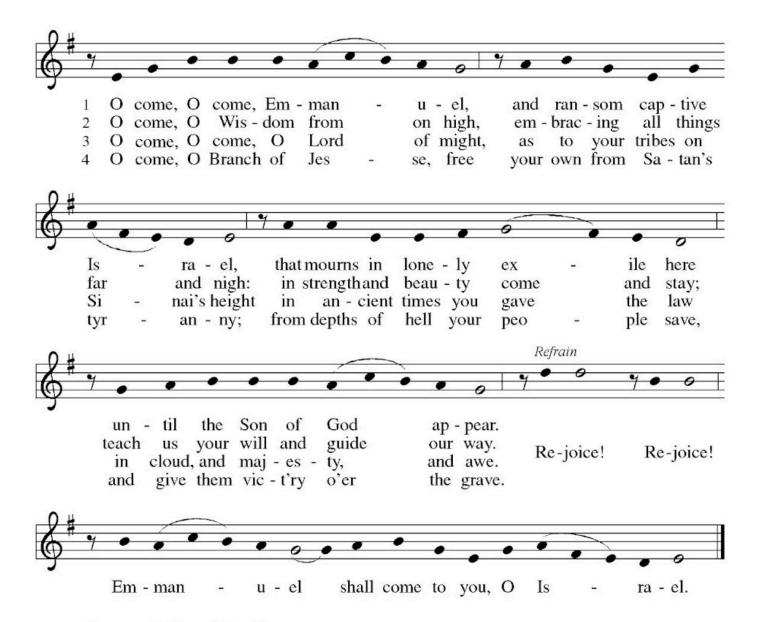
<sup>7</sup> Be patient, therefore, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup> You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. <sup>9</sup> Brothers and sisters, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! <sup>10</sup> As an example of suffering and patience, brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

L: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God

## **Gospel Acclamation** O Come, O Come Emmanuel V 5&6





- 5 O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer; O Sun of justice, now draw near. Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight. Refrain

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25 (NRSVUE)

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the eleventh chapter

C: Glory to You, Oh Christ

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> "Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." <sup>24</sup> When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife <sup>25</sup> but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Alleluia!

Children's Message

Sermon

# Hymn of the Day

In the Bleak Midwinter

ELW #294 🎵



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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.

## **Prayers of Intercession** (Mary Rickerd)

Let us Pray

In our Advent waiting and watching, we pray.

We trust in your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

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God of power and mercy, we praise you for Jesus and his acts of healing and liberation. Direct us to broadcast this good news from generation to generation, that all may place their hope in you.

Congregation respond to each prayer with:

Come O come Emmanuel. In joy, we wait for the One who makes all things new.

Root out injustice and corruption in nations.

Turn the attention of leaders to crucial issues of discrimination, injustice, unfairness, and the cries of the poor.

Foster in them a greater sense of compassion, concern and care for the lives they govern.

Come O come Emmanuel. In joy, we wait for the One who makes all things new.

Speak words of comfort and assurance when bodies weaken, hearts are fearful and life is just plain too much.

We name aloud, and silently, those in deserts and parched places in their lives: (Pause for congregational participation)

Break chains and offer release for persons wrongly imprisoned or held captive. Strengthen the work of the church in restorative justice, breaking cycles of poverty, and welcoming the immigrant. We give thanks for the ministries of Global Relief, Lutheran Services in America, and the ELCA's AAMPARO who act for us, in compassion and support using those gifts we have shared.

In these uncertain and chaotic times, remind us of the promises spoken to our ancestors in faith.

Come O come Emmanuel. In joy, we wait for the One who makes all things new.

As we await your coming, we give thanks for the faithful who have lived and died in faith. May their boldness stimulate our witness as we share your joy and peace.

Come O come Emmanuel. In joy, we wait for the One who makes all things new.

Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy

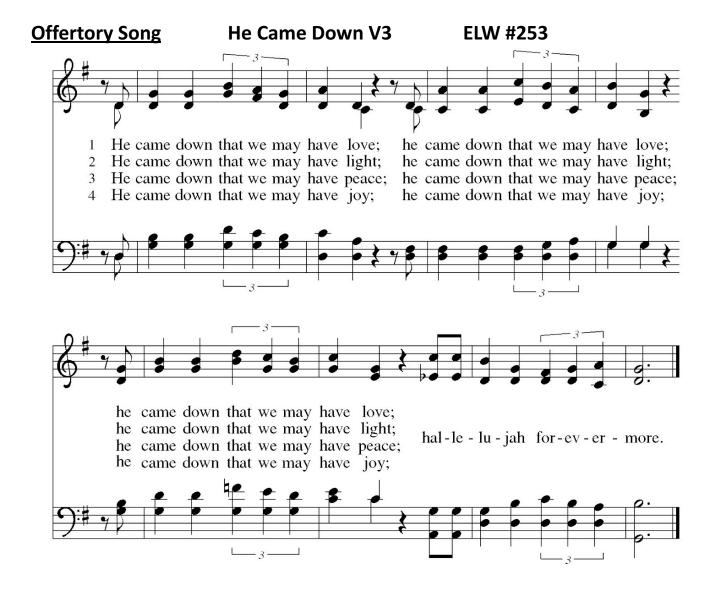
Be born again in our hearts and in our world. Come, Jesus, come. We are ready! Amen.

## **Sharing of the Peace**

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

## **MEAL**

## Offering - Choir & Handbell Anthem - Still, Still, Still



# **Offering Prayer** (Mary Rickerd)

Leader: Let us pray,

Emmanuel, hear our prayer as we bring these gifts, expressions of joy rooted in trust. May our giving bear witness to the good news that the blind still see, the lame still walk, and the poor still receive care. Use these offerings as signs of your coming reign, light in the storm, and carriers of joy. In the name of Jesus, our hope and our Redeemer Amen.

## **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you

And Also with you.

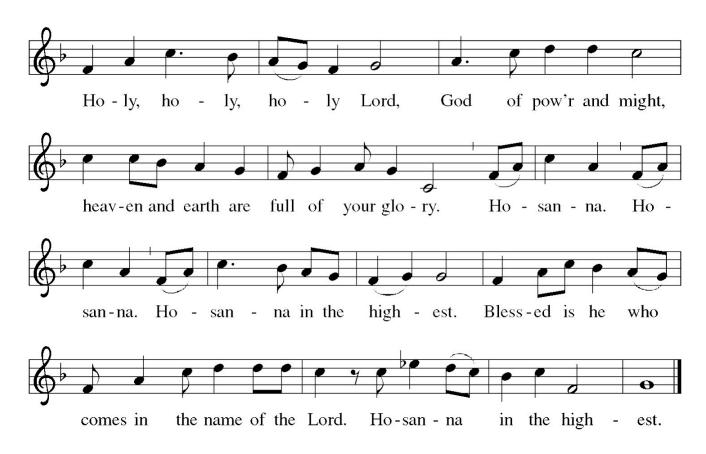
Lift up your hearts

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 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**

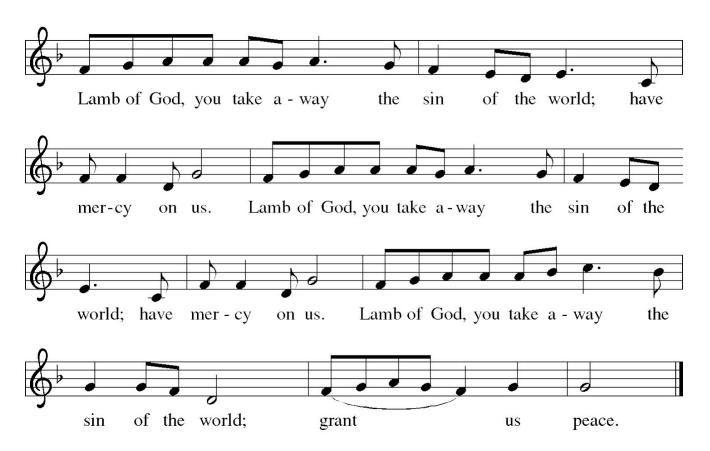
#### **Invitation to the Table**

**Pastor:** This 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)

Let us pray,

Nourishing God,

You are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert.

Thank you for feeding us at your table. You have satisfied the parched places in our lives. Send us with enthusiasm to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit. In the name of Jesus.

Amen

#### **Announcements**

## **Benediction** (Mary Rickerd)

Advent People, be people of Joy.

Let Joy live in your heart.

Share the Joy of Christ with all you meet.

Share the Joy of Christ by appreciating special gifts in each other.

Share the Joy of Christ by remembering good times and excitement for future good times.

Share the Joy of Christ by praying for the world.

Go in the peace of Joy.

Amen and Amen! So Be It!



Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt. Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

#### **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**: Jim & Lynda Cambron **Ushers**: Lisa Kraft & Ian Tompkins

**Lector:** Patty Larson

Assisting Minister: Lyman Larson

**Children's Message:** Anne Palma **AV Pilots**: Becky Newberry, Dawn Lewis

Band: Philip Miller, Sam Alessi, Jorgen Vaage,

Lawson Rocke,



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#### **Church Staff:**

Interim Pastor: Mark Galbraith
Music Directors: Krista Jo & Philip Miller

Custodian: Charlene Etoka

Administrative Assistant: Mary Riedl

#### Scan to Give



Songs notated with a <sup>†</sup> written by Steve Eulberg

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# Announcements

Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 2025

# FRONT PAGE NEWS

**Adult Education Navigating the Holidays resumes today, 12/14** 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.

**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 the next two Sundays after the 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.

**Thank You from the Social Justice Committee!** A big thank you to those who donated to the Reconciling in Christ sign, replacing the banner out front that was vandalized in October. With money from the Social Justice committee budget line and the added contributions, we were able to purchase a sturdier metal sign from a local business. We will not be intimidated by cowardly acts of hatred as we stand strong as a welcoming congregation to all.

**Christmas Eve Volunteers Needed** We need volunteers to help serve communion at both services (Contact Shirley Dodson), as well as an Assisting Minister at the 3:00 Service and Ushers at the 7:00 service. 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.



**Sandwich Sunday, Today December 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, December 16th 11:30 AM

Idaho Pizza Company, 405 E Fairview, Meridian. We'd love for you to join us

**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.

## **UPCOMING MONTHLY EVENTS**



#### Food on the 4th – NOW FOOD FOR FRIENDS

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.



#### 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"

## 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 Preparations have begun!** There are a number of openings on King of Glory Standing Committees (Columbarium, Mission Endowment and Nominating) as well as Church Council and the newly forming Call Committee (part of the Interim Process). When approached, please prayerfully consider these opportunities to further the ministries at King of Glory

**Farewell to Healthcare Vigil** You're invited to join the Social Justice Committee at a Farewell to Healthcare Candlelight Vigil on Dec. 18th at Lloyd Square in Nampa at 6pm. The event will highlight the affects that Medicaid cuts will have on almost 68,000 Idahoans with personal stories and art expressions.

**Email Scammers Continue!** We need to constantly be on guard against scammers trying to solicit our generous church members (YOU!) for gift cards or donations. Scammers are getting smarter about what their emails look like, and they are looking more and more like official emails from our church. Please do not respond to emails that seem off, instead contact our church office via telephone 208-377-0220, or through kglory@koglutheran.org. Email and voicemail are checked for emergencies regularly, even when the office is closed. Please contact our office if you have questions about how to recognize fraudulent emails.



**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

Artwork submitted by one of our KOG children!

