

February 3/4, 2024
 5th Weekend of Epiphany
 Now the Feast & Celebration

+ Indicates please stand as you are able

The congregation is invited to **speak text appearing in bold**

+GATHERING+

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P) Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

C) Amen.

P) Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our rock and refuge,

C) we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you.

We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation.

Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

P) The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken:

The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved. **Amen.**

+GATHERING HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

ELW 858



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly reign - ing
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

+GREETING

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

+HYMN OF PRAISE

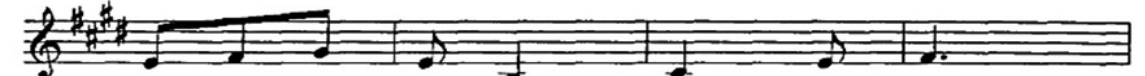
Now the Feast and Celebration

Refrain

Congregation:



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,



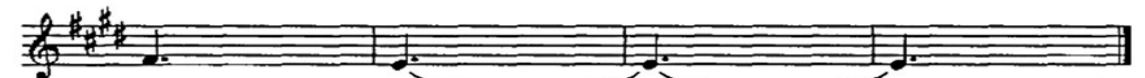
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy



to the God of life and love and



free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -



er - more!

Verse 1:

Congregation or Congregation 1:

I. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and united us to be one great people of God.

To refrain

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ for ev - er.

To refrain

Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us,



to make us peo - ple of God; to make all things new.

To refrain

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

L) Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

+WORD+

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:21-31

The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary.

²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in;

²³who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

²⁵To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,

"My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

³¹but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

L) The word of the Lord.

C) Thanks be to God.

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

+GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

The holy gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals people and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.

²⁹As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Guest Preacher, Pr Paul Judson

+HYMN OF THE DAY

On Eagle's Wings

ELW 787

Leader or All

1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,

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say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain
All

And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Leader or All

2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no

Refrain

fear; un-der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.

Leader or All

3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by

Refrain

day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.

Leader or All

4 For to the an-gels God's giv-en a com-mand to

guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

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bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Final refrain
All

And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

+ THE APOSTLES' CREED *(We Confess What We Believe.)*

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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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

L) As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

(God of grace, **receive our prayer.**)

L) Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

+PEACE *(We share a sign of peace)*

P) The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

+MEAL+

OFFERING *Please take this opportunity to sign the red friendship pad and pass to your neighbor- so you can greet the people in your row!*

OFFERING SONG

As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were

gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo - ple from

all the ends of earth be gath - ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

+OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with

COMMUNION HYMN**What Feast of Love**

ELW 487



1 What feast of love is of-fered here, what ban-quet come from heav-en?
 2 What light of truth is of-fered here, what cov-e-nant from heav-en?
 3 What wine of love is of-fered here, what crim-son drink from heav-en?



What food of ev-er-last-ing life, what gra-cious gift is giv-en?
 What hope of ev-er-last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv-en?
 What stream of ev-er-last-ing life, what pre-cious blood is giv-en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav-en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav-en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet-est wine of heav-en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man-na giv-en!
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv-en!
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv-en!

+POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P) May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

+PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C) Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

+SENDING+**+BLESSING**

P) God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ☩ bless you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

+SENDING HYMN**Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**

ELW 843

(Hymn tune is "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" ELW 807)
 Please use the red ELW hymnal

+DISMISSAL

L) Go in peace. You are God's beloved
 C) Thanks be to God.

Worship Leaders

Guest Preacher-Presider- Pastor Paul Judson; Music Director – Gavin Allen-Dunn
 Accompanists – Saturday: Michael Millan; Sunday: Gavin Allen-Dunn
 Lectors -Nancy Judson; Sound – Ed Young
 Ushers – Mike Dodge, John & Betty Becker
 Altar Guild/Communion Assistants – Lynn Hamilton, Pam Maddox
 Baker – Sarajane Grandia; Coffee Cups – Pam Phifer
 Altar Flower and Donut sponsors – Barb & Claire Aune

Thank you to Pastors Carlos Schneider and Paul Judson for covering Pastor Ruth Ann's away time.

Dearest Church, thank you so much for all of the cards and prayers for my recovery. They are helping me to heal! At my Doctor's recommendation and Exec Team's approval, I will be taking some additional time for recovery. I will be out of the office and not responding to email all of this coming week. God bless you.

Pastor Ruth Ann

WORSHIP

*Ash Wednesday is February 14 - Join us for the joint Loveland worship service at Noon here at KOG, and also at 7:00pm.

GROW

*Sunday Adult Ed - Fellowship Room: 10:45 am. This Sunday, we continue a course from LIRS (Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service) - Pastor Carlos will be leading. Join us in person or on-line.

*High School Youth event – Saturday February 17 at Hearts and Horses – 1:30-4:0pm

SERVE

*The Celebration of Life for Don Specht will be 11:00am Saturday February 17 at King of Glory.

*SafeLot Ministry - KOG is hosting February 2024

We are serving dinner each Tuesday & Saturday evening at 6:30pm. Volunteers - Check out the Sign-up Genius link here for the month of February.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0945AFA92BAAF8C07-46894826-safelot/39074205#/>

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