



*We are one family of God,
inspired by the Holy Spirit to welcome everyone,
to serve our neighbors,
and to share God's love and saving grace.*



Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 23, 2025
9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

That's A Plenty (Lew Pollack) (Crown Brass)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We will be celebrating Holy Communion in worship today.
- The Kiddos' Corner is located at the North side of the Sanctuary along with Activity Bags. Please utilize these resources as needed throughout our worship service.
- New to Crown of Glory? Welcome! Join us after worship in the Sun Hall for fellowship, coffee, tea, and treats. See a Hospitality volunteer or one of the Pastors with questions.
- Thank you to our Worship Assistant, Rachel Berg Scherer, to our AV Technicians, Brian Johnson and Matt Scherer, to Ginger Larson, the Chancel Choir, Crown Brass (Tim Blotz, Steve Albrecht, Jeff Messing, Steve Pieh, Barb Kern-Pieh, Bob Moeller, Bob Chinnock, David Laughlin), and Rachel Berg Scherer, percussion, for their music, and to our Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

CONFSSIONAL SONG

How Firm a Foundation (ELW 796, vs. 1, 2, 4)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin, taking a moment for our personal reflections.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: **forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

We ignore the needs of our neighbors;

we resist your call to oppose injustice;

we give in to scarcity and fear;

we assume the worst about one another.

Cleanse us from our faults and show us your lovingkindness.

Restore our hearts so that our lives reflect Christ's love. Amen.

P: Hear these words of assurance:

In † Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,

live anew as beloved children of God.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines (ACS 1087)

GREETING

P: 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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O Lord Jesus,

C: **make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 45:3-11, 15

³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'" ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ANTHEM

Go Down Moses (Traditional, arr. Matt Kingston) (Crown Brass)

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 6:27-38

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ²⁷ "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷ "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE "Love, Do Good, Be Merciful, Give, and Forgive" (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lead with Love* (Melanie Demore)

STATEMENT OF FAITH

P: With the whole church on earth, let us confess our faith:

C: **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 THE PEOPLE

P: God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Go Where I Send Thee (Paul Caldwell and Sean Ivory)
(Chancel Choir)

The offering will be received in offering plates during worship. To give by phone with *Text-to-Give*, text 833-497-3991 with the amount that you would like to contribute. To give online, visit our website and click on the *GIVE+Online* icon. We give thanks and praise for all gifts given toward our on-going mission.

OFFERTORY

That We May Be Filled (W&P 134)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of grace,

C: **your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.**

COMMUNION GREETING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Words (Dennis Wallisch)

LORD'S PRAYER

P: God, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: **Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; and 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.**

INVITATION

All are welcome at the Lord's Table! The congregation will be invited by rows to come forward and receive a portion of bread and a cup with either wine or grape-juice (please indicate your preference to your server). All bread is allergen-free. Children who are not yet communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing! If you need to be served at your seat, please let an usher know.

DISTRIBUTION

What a Wonderful World (arr. Gary Slechta) (Crown Brass)

COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

P: Nourishing God,

C: **at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.**

BLESSING

P: The Spirit of the triune God
✠ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING ANTHEM

The Saints Hallelujah (arr. Luther Henderson)
(Crown Brass; David Laughlin, trombone solo)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: **Thanks be to God. We will!**

SENDING MUSIC

When the Saints Go Marching In (arr. Daniel Leavitt) (Crown Brass)

How Firm a Foundation

Hal Leonard

1. How _____ firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord, _____
 2. Fear _____ not, I am with _____ you, oh, be not dis - mayed, _____
 3. Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

4
 _____ Is _____ laid for your faith _____ in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 _____ for _____ I am your God _____ and will still give you aid; _____
 _____ my _____ Sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

8
 _____ What more can he say _____ than to you he has said _____
 _____ I'll strength - en you, help _____ you, and cause you to stand,
 _____ and then, when gray hairs _____ shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

12
 _____ who _____ un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled? _____
 _____ up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand. _____
 _____ like _____ lambs they shall still _____ in my bo - som be borne. _____

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2 World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.

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Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines (continued)



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.



As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be. A - men.

Text: Paul M. Vasile, b. 1976, based on the Gloria Patri

Music: GLORY TO GOD (VASILE), Paul M. Vasile

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Lead With Love

Melanie Demore
arr. Ginger Larson

Chorus:



You got-ta put one foot in front of the oth - er and lead with love, Put



one foot in front of the oth - er and lead with love!___

10 Verses: Congregation Echo on bold words



Don't give up hope, **Don't give up hope,** Your'e not a - lone, **You're not a - lone,**
Lift up your eyes **Lift up your eyes** Don't you de - spair, **Don't you de - spair,**
I know you're scared **I know you're scared** And I'm scared, too **And I'm scared, too**



Don't you give up, **Don't you give up,** Keep mov-in' on___ **Keep mov-in' on.**___
Look up a - head **Look up a - head** The path is there___ **The path is there**___
But here I am **But here I am** Right next to you___ **Right next to you.**___

That We May Be Filled

Not as we ought but as we are a - ble, we
of - fer our thanks as we come to your ta - ble. Through
Word and Spir - it bless us; through bread and wine re - fresh us that
we may be filled, that we may be filled with love.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'That We May Be Filled'. It consists of four staves of music in a single system, written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Not as we ought but as we are a - ble, we'. The second staff contains 'of - fer our thanks as we come to your ta - ble. Through'. The third staff contains 'Word and Spir - it bless us; through bread and wine re - fresh us that'. The fourth staff contains 'we may be filled, that we may be filled with love.' The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

Text: Handt Hanson and Paul Murakami

Music: THAT WE MAY BE FILLED, Handt Hanson and Paul Murakami

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Announcements

Sign Up on the Worship Whiteboard

Located to the left of the Hospitality Station outside the main Sanctuary entrance, this board is available to kids of all ages to volunteer to help in worship with things like passing the Offering plates, serving Communion to the Pastors, lighting candles, etc. All kids are encouraged to arrive by 4:55 p.m. on Saturday or 8:55 a.m. on Sunday to get signed up.

Fare for All: February 27 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the CoG Sanctuary

Fare for All is a pop-up grocery store and a great way to save money on quality, nutritious food. Fare For All buys fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, and frozen meat in bulk to save you up to 40% off grocery store prices. Fare For All is community supported and open to everyone. Fare For All accepts cash, credit, debit, and EBT cards.

February will be the debut of Fare For All's Hot Buy Extravaganza! In addition to our Mega Meat and Produce Pack, there will be 4-5 hot buys. Based on customer feedback for more choice at sales, there will be a pilot for a variety of Hot Buys for individual purchase instead of the Mini Meat pack.

February's Hot Buys: Yellowfin Tuna (10 oz) - \$2.25, Gouda Cheese (8 oz) - \$5.75, Tailgate Brats (16 oz) - \$3.75, Bison Stew Meat (16 oz) - \$11. One more Hot Buy to be determined on the date of the sale.

Announcements

Wednesday Night Dinners:

Do you want a night off from making dinner? Join us for a wonderful meal and fellowship on Wednesday nights. Dinner is served almost every Wednesday from 5:15-6:15 p.m. The cost is \$6 per youth or \$16 per family. Meals are prepared by the Wednesday Night Dinner Team and served by Confirmation small groups.

Upcoming Menu:

February 26 - Pasta Bar

Soup Suppers During Lent

March 5 - Chicken Wild Rice Soup

March 12 - Lentil Soup

March 19 - Polish Hunters Stew

Confirmation Kitchen Helpers:

7th Grade Girls

All 6th Grade

8th Grade Boys

8th Grade Girls

All meals are served with a salad bar, yogurt and granola bar, and fruit.

Soup Suppers Served During Lent

Soup Suppers are served on Wednesdays during Lent. We are seeking up to three volunteers per week to bring a favorite soup to share. A signup sheet is located in the Gathering Space or email Pastor Reggie your choice of soup and the Wednesday you are able to donate. Please bring enough soup to feed at least 20-30 people. Soups should be dropped off on Wednesdays by 4:00 p.m. in the church kitchen. Thank you!

Ash Wednesday Worship Service: March 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night Worship During Lent: March 5 - April 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Lutheran Women Gone Wild: March 6

Join this group of women for good food and fellowship at Pablo's Mexican Restaurant, Shakopee, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Contact Sandi Rue, srue@rues.org, with any questions and to RSVP.

New Member Orientation: March 9 at 10:15 a.m.

Lent Cinnamon Rolls are Back Beginning Sunday, March 9

Starting on March 9 and every Sunday through the Lent season, our senior high youth will be serving fresh Cinnamon rolls and OJ following Sunday morning worship service. Cinnamon rolls are a suggested \$2 donation. All proceeds will support the Senior High Mission Trip and National Youth Gathering.

Women's Bible Study: March 15 from 9:00-10:15 a.m.

Led by CoG member, Sherri Taylor (sherriktaylor@hotmail.com), this group of curious and delightful women meet once a month on Saturdays throughout the program year to study a book of the Bible together. This year, they will be journeying through the Gospel of Luke.

New Member Welcome: March 15 & 16

Spring First Communion Class: March 16 at 1:30 p.m.

Contact Pastor Reggie for more information. To sign up for the class, go to crownofglory.org Ministry tab and click on Milestones.

Announcements

Sunday Conversations: March 16 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Dive into thought-provoking discussion in our adult study group, where we explore a range of biblical themes, social justice issues, and relevant topics. This year, we'll focus on the book *Dialogues: On Race*. Topic of conversation this month: *Whither the Women?*

Crown of Glory's Monthly Pledge to the Bountiful Basket Food Shelf

During February we will be collecting donations of baking mixes, peas, and mixed vegetables. These items should be placed in the bin located in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your contributions!

VBS Registration is Open!

JULY 28-31

Monday–Thursday

9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Luther Crest Counselors Present...

"We are the Church"



at Crown of Glory
for kids grades 1st-6th in fall of 2025

Cost:

Early Bird Rate
(until June 1, 2025)

\$55/camper
(includes lunch & snacks)

Register online

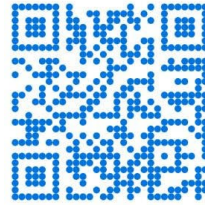
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Contact Gretchen Mitcham, gretchen@crownofglory.org, with any questions.

Ways to Give at Crown of Glory



To give via Venmo, scan the QR code. Include the amount you would like to contribute and the fund you are giving to.



Directing Thrivent Choice Dollars:

Online: thrivent.com/thriventchoice

Phone: 1-800-847-4836

Contact: Pastor Reggie (952)-448-3230 ext. 3

pastorreggie@crownofglory.org

Scan the Code:



**Direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars by
March 31, 2025.**



Charitable Giving Information

Investment groups have great information on tax savings that help you give more to charitable causes and could save you money overall. Win/win! Check out this link for ideas (disclaimer, we do not give tax advice, simply serving up ideas for your review with your tax advisor).

<https://www.fidelitycharitable.org/guidance/charitable-tax-strategies.html>

Church Council



Back row, from left to right:

Pastor Laura Laughlin, Sherri Eriksrud, Kristi Kirsch, Mikel Jones (Secretary), Eric Larson,
Pastor Reggie Klindworth, Bob Chinnock

Front row, from left to right:

Deb Mangen, Sarah Morrow (Vice President), Kate Peterson (President), Deb Peterson

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Servant Song Leader Grace Becker		

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Worship Schedule (Program Year): Saturday 5:00 p.m. & Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Summer Worship Schedule: Sunday 9:00 a.m.