

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.



Third Sunday of Advent "Renewal"

December 15, 2024 9:00 a.m.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We will be celebrating Holy Communion in worship today.
- We are celebrating and welcoming new members to our congregation 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, Sarah Morrow, to our AV Technicians, Brian Johnson and John Rekow, to Servant Song for their music, and to our Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

CONFESSIONAL SONG

Build My Life (Housefires)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, alive in the world. reviving creation, arriving soon.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another, taking a moment for our own personal reflections

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: God of mercy in our midst,
- we confess that we have sinned. C: We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. In our fear, we cling to false comforts.

We have turned away from our neighbors.

We have trusted false promises.

We plead for you to come to us.

and bring your mercy to birth in us.

- A righteous branch springs forth: P: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through + Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.
- C: Amen.

GREETING

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

And also with you. C:

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, P:

and open our ears to the words of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring C: forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Zephaniah 3:14-20

¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;

shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,

O daughter Jerusalem!

¹⁵The Lord has taken away the judgments against you,

he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;

you shall fear disaster no more.

¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion:

do not let your hands grow weak.

¹⁷ The Lord, your God, is in your midst,

a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,

he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing ¹⁸ as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,

so that you will not bear reproach for it.

¹⁹I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.

And I will save the lame

and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise

and renown in all the earth.

²⁰At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes

before your eyes, says the Lord.

Word of God, Word of Life. P:

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 3:7-18

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁷ John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹ Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." ¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" ¹¹ In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." ¹² Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" ¹³ He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." ¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." ¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." ¹⁸ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

"What Should We Do Now?" (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

SONG OF THE DAY

I Wait (All Sons and Daughters)

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

- P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.
- P: In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Siblings in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

New Members: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

- P: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?
- C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.
- P: Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to this community of faith.
- All: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

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: Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

Daughters of Zion (The Porter's Gate) (Servant Song)

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

King of Kings (W&P 80)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Creator God,

C: you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Light of the World (Lauren Daigle) (Servant Song)

POST-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: Let us pray. Generous God,
- C: we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name. Amen.

BLESSING AND SPARK DISMISSAL

P: God of endings and beginnings,
God in the darkness and the light,
God, our hope for the journey,

+ bless and keep you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

May You Find a Light (Josh Garrels)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

C: Thanks be to God. We will!

SENDING MUSIC

May You Find a Light (reprise) (Servant Song)

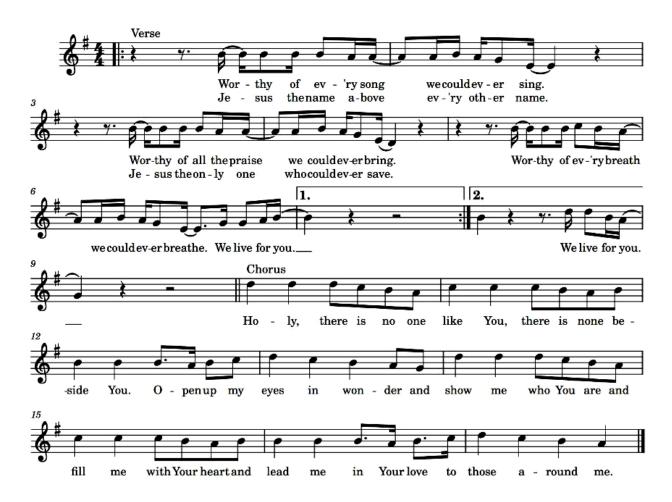
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Advent 2024: "Season of Transformation"

Welcome to the season of Advent! This is a time of waiting and expectation as we watch for the coming of our Savior and the hope he brings into this broken world. This year's Advent theme, "Season of Transformation," is depicted through four phases of the moon that lead us to the full moon on Christmas Eve. Be sure to watch the cross suspended at the front of the Sanctuary as the moon transforms over the next few weeks, mirroring the transformation of our hearts as we prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ.

The theme for this third weekend of Advent is "Season of Transformation: Renewal." With the first quarter moon, the light begins to shine a little brighter as we move one week closer to the coming of Christ. We hear the words of John the Baptist reminding us of Jesus' power to forgive all our sins and grant us life anew.

Build My Life





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Music: SING OUT, Marty Haugen

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Music: Hebrew traditional

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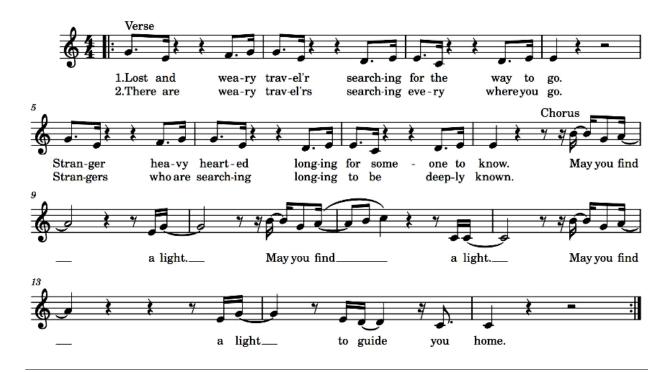
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May You Find a Light



Announcements

New Member Welcome

Eric and Sue Ecklund

Stewardship: Steppingstones of Faith

Commitment cards may be submitted online at <u>crownofglory.org/2025-pledge</u> or dropped off at the main office.

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.

Sunday Conversations: December 15 from 5:30-7:30 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: *Christmas Cookies from Cambodia*

Men's Pub Ministry: December 19 at Back Channel Brewing Co., Spring Park, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Announcements

Fare for All: December 19 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. December Holiday Pack for \$35 includes: Ham (7-9 lb), Shrimp (12 oz), Chicken Wings (2lb), Local Pork Breakfast Sausage (1lb), Turkey Tenderloin (1.5lb), Corn (12 oz), and Apple Pie (24 oz).

Longest Night Ecumenical Service: Thursday, December 19, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for an ecumenical Service of The Longest Night at the Chaska Moravian Church, in downtown Chaska. This service will include faith leaders from the Moravian Church, the ELCA, and UCC. The Longest Night Service, also called Blue Christmas in the Western Christian tradition, is a day in the Advent season marking the longest night of the year. On this day, some churches in Western Christian denominations hold a church service that honors people that have lost loved ones and are experiencing grief. This worship service is traditionally held on or around the longest night of the year, which falls on or about December 21, the Winter Solstice. This service is meant to acknowledge the long nights just before Christmas, and the struggle with darkness and grief faced by those living with loss. The worship will include opportunities for expression of grief, pain, and heartbreak through song, scripture, and prayer. But they will also focus on the promise of hope found in Christ. Candles will be lit during the service in remembrance of those whom we are missing a little bit extra during this time of year. Leadership will come from the Moravian Church, the ELCA, and UCC, all are invited to attend.

Save the Date: Christmas Sing-Along and Lessons and Carols on Saturday, December 21! New Crown of Glory member, Denise Tyler, will be leading a Christmas carol sing-along at 4:30 p.m. prior to worship on December 21. Come and sing along to your favorites! Stay for worship at 5:00 p.m. for a special Lessons and Carols service that follows the medieval tradition of "O Antiphons" (no sermon or Communion).

No Spark Sunday School: December 22 and 29

Building and Office Closed: December 25 and 26

No Connect, Confirmation, Dinner, or Music Rehearsals: December 25 and January 1

Recycle your Christmas Tree

Chaska BSA Troop 174 will collect Christmas trees door-to-door and deliver them to a compost site on Saturday, January 4, 2025 for a fee of \$10. To take advantage of this service, you must sign up by December 31—email Troop 174 at ChaskaBSATroop174@gmail.com with your name, address, and phone number. Christmas trees can also be dropped off at the Carver County Environmental Center during the month of January. There is no charge for dropping off trees. No other decorations or yard waste items are accepted. Check their website for more information at recyclecarver.org.

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

During December we will be collecting donations of crackers, canned tuna, and brown paper bags. These items should be placed in the bin located in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your contributions!

Announcements

2024 Giving Tree: Now through December 22

Crown of Glory proudly announces the 2024 Giving Tree! Each holiday season our congregation partners with local charities and ministries to offer support to families in need. This year's Giving Tree will be virtual and available in the Gathering Space outside the sanctuary for the next few weekends after each worship service! Please consider making a special gift.

Which Ministries are We Supporting? Bountiful Basket, Kitchen Essentials, and Faithful Knotters Our congregation's goal is to support three ministries that impact our congregation and community. Gifts given to the Giving Tree will be split evenly to each of the ministries listed above. Suggested donations of \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100 or more are accepted.

Ways to Give:

- You can grab an envelope from the Giving Tree on the weekend and drop it in the offering plate or drop box in the church office. Checks can be made out to "Crown of Glory" with "Giving Tree 2024" in the memo line.
- You can make a gift by using the Venmo code with "Giving Tree 2024" in the memo line.
- Visit our website and make a gift, be sure to select "Giving Tree" box.

We offer our sincere thanks and gratitude to all who support our community partners during this holiday season with a special gift to the Giving Tree ministry. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Thank you for helping us give joy this year!



Chaska Santa 2024 Toy Drive:

Now through December 18
Scan codes to register, donate via Venmo, or get access to Santa's Amazon Wish List. Donation box is located in the Gathering Space.

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 \$5 per youth or \$15 per family. Meals are prepared by the Wednesday Night Dinner Team and served by Confirmation small groups.

Upcoming Menu:

December 18 - Pizza

December 25 - No Dinner

January 1 – No Dinner

Confirmation Kitchen Helpers:

8th Grade Boys

Winter Break

Winter Break

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

"SEASON OF TRANSFORMATION"



Advent Week 1 New Moon: "What's Next?" (Luke 21: 25-36)



Advent Week 2 Waxing Crescent Moon: "Change" (Luke 3:1-6)



Advent Week 3
First Quarter
Moon:
"Renewal"
(Luke 3:7-18)



Advent Week 4
Waxing Gibbous
Moon:
"Hope Magnified"
(Luke I: 39-55)



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Worship Times: Saturday 5:00 p.m. (In Person) & Sunday 9:00 a.m. (In Person & Livestream)

Join us for the "Season of Transformation" and these special events:

Sunday, December 15 at 10:30 a.m.

Children's Christmas Narrative

Twas the Evening of Christmas By: Glenys Nellist Retold and performed by the SPARK kids

Sunday, December 22 at 9:00 a.m.

Christmas Cantata "Hope Magnified"

Performances by all ensembles

Sunday, December 22 following the Christmas Cantata

Carnegie Hall Brunch Fundraiser



Join Us December 24



"SEASON OF TRANSFORMATION"

Christmas Eve Worship
"LOVE EMBODIED"

2:00 p.m. (In Person) 3:30 p.m. (In Person & Livestream) 5:00 p.m. (In Person)

Join us for Christmas Eve Worship and these upcoming celebrations:

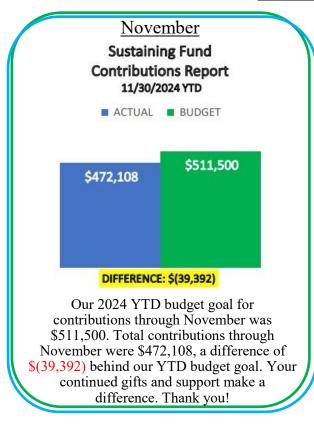
January 4 & 5, 2025

January 11 & 12, 2025

Baptism Milestone

Epiphany

Financial Update



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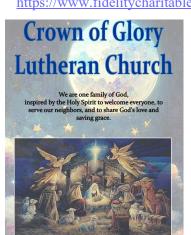
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Charitable Giving Information

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



Winter Crownicle 2024

Winter Crownicle Now Available

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! There are a few printed copies available for reading at the church and it is also available to view online on the Crown of Glory website, in the special CC sent November 26, or the weekly CC.

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

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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.