



**CROWN  
OF GLORY**  
ELCA LUTHERAN CHURCH

*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.*



Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Christmas Cantata  
“Hope Magnified”

December 22, 2024  
9:00 a.m.

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Ding! Dong! Merrily on High* (arr. Joel Raney)  
(Ginger Larson and Pastor Laura Laughlin)

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- There will be no Holy Communion or sermon 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 Readers, Claudine Solseng, Tammy Wolf, David Delforge, Zac and Katie Mitcham, to our AV Technicians, Matt Scherer and Tony Sie, to the Chancel Chimers, the Chancel Choir, Crown Brass, Garage Band, Servant Song, Percussionists, Ginger Larson, Tabitha Hanson, Grace Becker, Sarah Morrow, Lori Robinson, and Pastor Laura Laughlin for their music, and to our Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

## MUSIC

*Go, Tell it on the Mountain* (Traditional, arr. Paul Edwards) (Crown Brass)

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*Come Now, O Prince of Peace* (ELW 247, vs. 1)

## MUSIC

*Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)*  
(George Frederic Handel, Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash and Matt Glider)  
(Garage Band)

## LITANY AMONG THE POOR

P: Among the poor, among the proud, among the persecuted, among the privileged, Christ is coming.

C: **He is coming to make all things new.**

P: In the private house, in the market place, in the wedding feast, in the judgement hall, Christ is coming.

C: **He is coming to make all things new.**

P: With a gentle touch, with an angry word, with a clear conscience, with burning love, Christ is coming.

C: **He is coming to make all things new.**

P: That the kingdom might come, that the world might believe, that the powerful might stumble, that the humble might be raised, Christ is coming.

C: **He is coming to make all things new.**

P: Within us, without us, among us, before us,

C: **in this place, in every place,**

P: for this time, for all time, Christ is coming.

C: **He is coming to make all things new.**

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## MUSIC

*What Sweeter Music* (Hal. H. Hopson) (Chancel Choir)

## READING Luke 1:26-33

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And

he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## MUSIC

*Light of the Stable* (Steve Rhymer and Elizabeth Rhymer)  
(Servant Song)

## READING Luke 1:34-38

<sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## MUSIC

*God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen* (Heather Sorenson) (Chancel Choir)

## OFFERING

*Dona Nobis Pacem* (arr. Douglas E. Wagner) (Chancel Chimers)

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.

## OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Creator God,

C: **you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to us. Strengthen us with your grace that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## MUSIC

*Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy* (arr. Aaron Weitekamp) (Crown Brass)

## READING Luke 1:46b-55

<sup>46b</sup>My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

<sup>47</sup>**my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,**

<sup>48</sup>for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:

<sup>49</sup>**you, the Almighty, have done great things for me  
and holy is your name.**

<sup>50</sup>You have mercy on those who fear you,  
from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup>**You have shown strength with your arm  
and scattered the proud in their conceit,**

<sup>52</sup>casting down the mighty from their thrones  
and lifting up the lowly.

<sup>53</sup>**You have filled the hungry with good things  
and sent the rich away empty.**

<sup>54</sup>You have come to the aid of your servant Israel,  
to remember the promise of mercy,

<sup>55</sup>**the promise made to our forebears,  
to Abraham and his children forever.**

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **receive our prayer.**

**MUSIC** *Face of God* (Phil Wickham, Shane Barnard, and Shane Eric Everett) (Servant Song)

### **PEACE**

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

C: **And also with you.**

**MUSIC** *Carol of the Bells* (arr. Cathy Moglebust) (Chancel Chimers)

**MUSIC** *A New Jerusalem Arise* (Kyle Pederson) (All Ensembles)

### **BLESSING**

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.**

### **DISMISSAL**

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

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

**SENDING MUSIC** (Tabitha Hanson, organ)

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## **Advent 2024: "Season of Transformation"**

This year's Advent theme, "Season of Transformation," has been depicted through four phases of the moon that has been leading us to the full moon on Christmas Eve. Together, we have watched as the moon transforms over the past few weeks, mirroring the transformation of our hearts as we prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ.

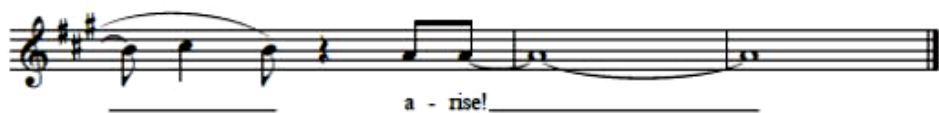
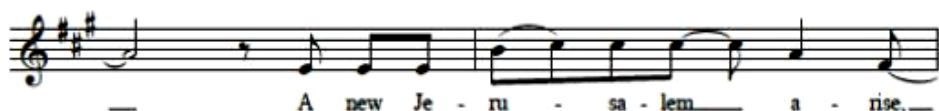
The theme for this fourth weekend of Advent is "Season of Transformation: Hope Magnified." With the waxing gibbous moon, we focus on Mary's part of the Advent story: receiving the news from God's angel that she will carry, give birth to, and raise the Savior of the world. We hear Mary's words of strength, justice, and faith in the words of her Magnificat as together, we envision a world filled with a hope that declares that God is still making all things new.

# A New Jerusalem Arise

Text inspired by Isaiah 65:17-19,  
Isaiah 43:19 and Revelation 21:1-27

KYLE PEDERSON  
Edited by DAN FORREST

*Please sing when directed.*



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## Ensembles

### **Crown Brass**

Bob Moeller  
Robert Chinnock  
David Laughlin  
Jeff Mensing  
Steve Pieh  
Barb Kern-Pieh  
Kelly Schwenn  
Mark Corpron  
Steve Albrecht (Ensemble Leader)

### **Garage Band**

Lexi Morrow  
Karli Morrow  
Harper Heiling  
Jillian Peterson  
Lucy Smith  
Ruthie Scherer  
August Scherer  
Katie Robinson  
Nick Robinson  
Lori Robinson (Ensemble Leader)

### **Servant Song**

John Posselt  
Tom Barnett  
Kate Peterson  
Amy Alberg  
Jodi Barnett  
David Delforge  
Grace Becker (Band Leader)

### **Chancel Chimers**

Melissa Whiting  
Jodi Sie  
Tiffany Sower  
Tabitha Hanson  
Harper Heiling  
Krista Hammann  
Deb Peters  
Rorie Chinnock  
Karli Morrow  
Lexi Morrow  
Sarah Morrow (Director)

### **Chancel Choir**

Krista Hammann  
Claudine Solseng  
David Laughlin  
Steve Clay  
Tammy Wolf  
Hannah Larson  
Tabitha Hanson  
Rachel Berg Scherer  
John Posselt  
Peter Potter  
Mary Lindall  
Gail Lawler  
Audrey Kramer  
Sarah Morrow  
Tom Barnett  
Doug Sayles  
Hannah Sower  
Elias Barnett  
Kate Peterson  
Amy Alberg  
Jodi Barnett  
Dee Ann Pettyjohn  
Denny Hamman  
Shawn Signalness  
JoAnn McCloskey  
Nancy Johnson  
David Delforge  
Tiffany Sower  
Grace Becker  
Ginger Larson (Piano Accompanist)  
Pastor Laura Laughlin (Director)

### **Percussionists**

Nick Robinson  
Melissa Whiting  
Rachel Berg Scherer

### **Oboist**

Tabitha Hanson (Organist)

## Announcements

# Carnegie Hall Brunch Fundraiser

Suggested donation:

\$5 per person OR \$15 per family

Ways to give:

1. QR code for Venmo (@crownofglory)

2. Checks made payable to  
Crown of Glory Lutheran Church

- For Venmo and check donations, please label the donation with "Carnegie Hall Fundraiser"

3. Cash

Thank you for supporting the small ensemble that will be singing at Carnegie Hall this coming June 2025!



## 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

Epiphany

January 11 & 12, 2025

Baptism Milestone

## Announcements

### **Stewardship: Steppingstones of Faith**

Commitment cards may be submitted online at [crownofglory.org/2025-pledge](https://crownofglory.org/2025-pledge) or dropped off at the main office. See worship announcement slide for details.

### **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.

**No Spark Sunday School:** Today and December 29

**Building and Office Closed:** December 25, 26, and January 1

**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](mailto: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](https://recyclecarver.org).

**JULY 28-31**  
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

**SAVE THE DATES**

**VBS  
at  
Crown of Glory**

For kids entering 1st through 6th grade

More information to come early 2025



## Announcements

### **2024 Giving Tree: Ends Today**

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!

### **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!

### **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 25 - No Dinner

January 1 - No Dinner

January 8 - Pasta Bar

#### Confirmation Kitchen Helpers:

Winter Break

Winter Break

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys

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

# Financial Update

## November Sustaining Fund Contributions Report 11/30/2024 YTD

■ ACTUAL ■ BUDGET



**DIFFERENCE: \$(39,392)**

Our 2024 YTD budget goal for contributions through November was \$511,500. Total contributions through November were \$472,108, a difference of **\$(39,392)** behind our YTD budget goal. Your continued gifts and support make a difference. Thank you!

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](https://thrivent.com/thriventchoice)

**Phone:** 1-800-847-4836

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

[pastorreggie@crownofglory.org](mailto:pastorreggie@crownofglory.org)

**Scan the Code:**



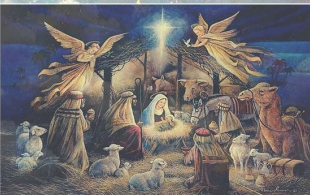
## Charitable Giving Information

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>

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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

*Front row, from left to right:*

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

## Staff

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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.

