

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.



Second Sunday of Advent "Change" December 8, 2024 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

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, Grant Taylor, to our AV Technicians, Bennett Eriksrud and John Rekow, to Ginger Larson, Brian Johnson, Rachel Berg Scherer, and the Chancel Choir for their music, and to our Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

CONFESSIONAL SONG

Freedom is Coming (ACS 903)

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,
- C: we confess that we have sinned. 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.
- P: A righteous branch springs forth: 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Sing Out, Earth and Skies (W&P 126, vs. 1, 3, 5)

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 our hearts, Lord God, **P**:
- to prepare the way of your only Son, and give to all the people of the world knowledge of **C**: your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:68-79

⁶⁸ Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,

you have come to your people and set them free. ⁶⁹ You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of your servant David.

- ⁷⁰Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies,
- ⁷¹ from the hands of all who hate us,
- ⁷² to show mercy to our forebears,

and to remember your holy covenant.

- ⁷³ This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:
- ⁷⁴to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- free to worship you without fear,

⁷⁵ holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.

- ⁷⁶ And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
- ⁷⁷ to give God's people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.
- ⁷⁸ In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- ⁷⁹ to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
- P: Word of God, Word of Life.
- **C**: Thanks be to God.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Come Now, O Prince of Peace (ELW 247, vs. 3)

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 3:1-6

- The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. P:
- Glory to you, O Lord. **C**:

¹ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵ Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God, '"

- The Gospel of our Lord. P:
- Praise to you, O Christ. **C**:

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"A Call to Repent" (Pastor Laura Laughlin)

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry (ELW 249, vs. 1-4)

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 *Let Hope Be Our Light* (Ruth Elaine Schram) (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

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

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

Always Good (Andrew Peterson) (Brian Johnson, solo)

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 HYMN

Prepare the Royal Highway (ELW 264, vs. 1, 3, 4)

DISMISSAL

- P: Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.
- C: Thanks be to God. We will!

SENDING MUSIC

Prepare the Royal Highway (reprise) (Ginger Larson)

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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," will be depicted through four phases of the moon that lead us to the full moon on Christmas Eve.

The theme for this second weekend of Advent is "Season of Transformation: Change". With the waxing crescent moon, we begin to see the changes develop as we move one week closer to the coming of Christ. We hear the voice of John the Baptist proclaiming the grace and love that God's Son will bring to the earth, a much-needed change to a world broken by sin.



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2 Oh, Jesus. Jesus is coming. Oh, yes, I know.

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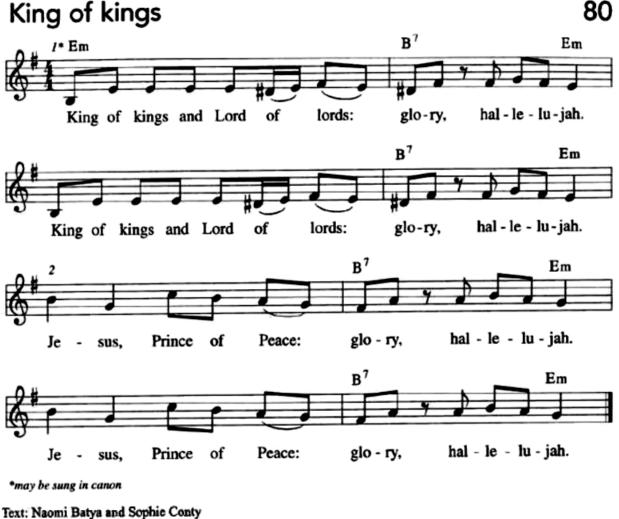
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Announcements

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.

Announcements

Men's Faith Retreat Registration: Registration deadline is December 10, 2024.

Join us for the Men's Faith Retreat: Good News, Good Brews at Green Lake Bible Camp in Spicer, MN from Friday, January 10 – Sunday, January 12! We'll explore the process of making home brew together, bottling, tour a local brewery, and dive into devotional series led by Pastor Reggie. More information and registration are available by emailing Pastor Reggie.

Connect and Confirmation Special Event: December 11, Christmas Carols at Auburn Manor, Chaska

Women's Bible Study: December 14 from 9:00-10:15 a.m.

Led by CoG member, Sherri Taylor (<u>sherriktaylor@hotmail.com</u>), 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.

Pick up a schedule for Women's Bible Study and/ or Sunday Conversations at the church office on the display board. Please note dates are subject to change. Check announcements for updates.

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 are focusing on the book *Dialogues:* On Race. Topic of conversation this month: Christmas Cookies from Cambodia

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 (2 lb), Local Pork Breakfast Sausage (1 lb), Turkey Tenderloin (1.5lb), Corn (12 oz), and Apple Pie (24 oz).

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

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.

Announcements

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

2024 Giving Tree: Now through December 22

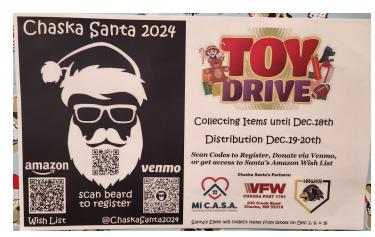
Crown of Glory proudly announces the 2024 Giving Tree! Each holiday season our congregation partners with local charities and ministries to offer support to families in need. This year's Giving Tree will be virtual and available in the Gathering Space outside the sanctuary for the next few weekends after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

Announcements

Music Rehearsal Schedules:

Garage Band – Mondays at 5:00 p.m.

Servant Song – Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

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:

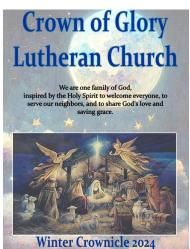
Do you want a night off from making dinner? Join us for a wonderful meal and fellowship on Wednesday nights. Dinner is served almost every Wednesday from 5:15-6:15 p.m. The cost is \$5 per youth or \$15 per family. Meals are prepared by the Wednesday Night Dinner Team and served by Confirmation small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

Upcoming Menu: December 11 - Mac 'n' Cheese December 18 - Pizza <u>Confirmation Kitchen Helpers:</u> 6th Grade Girls 8th Grade Boys

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

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 <u>ChaskaBSATroop174@gmail.com</u> 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 <u>recyclecarver.org</u>.



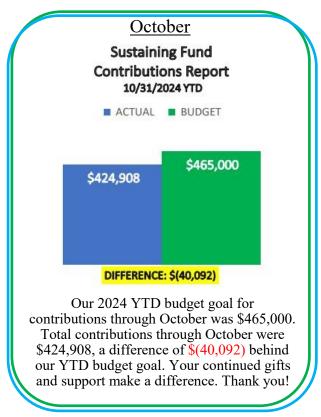
Winter Crownicle Now Available

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.

Chancel Chimers – Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir – Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.

Financial Update



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: <u>thrivent.com/thriventchoice</u> Phone: 1-800-847-4836 Contact: Pastor Reggie– (952)-448-3230 ext. 3 <u>pastorreggie@crownofglory.org</u> 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

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.



Join us for Christmas Eve Worship and these upcoming celebrations: January 4 & 5, 2025 January 11 & 12, 2025 Epiphany Baptism Milestone