



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.*



Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2025
9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

Sunrise to Sunset (Edwin Broughton) (Tabitha Hanson)

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, Sarah Morrow, to our AV Technicians, Bennett Eriksrud and Matt Scherer, to the Chancel Chimers and Tabitha Hanson for their music, and to our Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

CONFSSIONAL SONG

All Are Welcome (ELW 641, vs. 1-3)

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: Lord God, source of every blessing,

C: **you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 36:5-10

⁵Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep;
you save humankind and animals, O Lord.**

⁷How priceless is your love, O God!

All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

⁸**They feast upon the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

⁹For with you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light.

¹⁰**Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia (WOV 610)

HOLY GOSPEL John 2:1-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.

⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

"The First of Many" (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise (ELW 310, vs. 1-3)

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

This Little Light of Mine (arr. Allan Robert Petker) (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.

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

Songs of Prayer (Kevin McChesney) (Chancel Chimers)

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 HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me (ELW 798, vs. 1, 4, 5)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God. We will!

SENDING MUSIC

Our Father, God in Heaven Above (arr. Robert J. Powell) (Tabitha Hanson)

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.



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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Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Alleluia'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system has two lines of lyrics: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The second system also has two lines of lyrics: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.'

Music: South African; arr. Gobingca Mxadana
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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 lines of music, each with a treble clef staff. The key signature is two flats (Bb and Eb). The lyrics are: '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.'

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

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Announcements

Nominating Committee Seeks Candidates for Church Council

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates to serve as Church Councilmembers starting in March 2025. There are three 3 year-terms Church Council seats that will be vacant. Council membership is an elected position. Please send nominations to [Grant Taylor](#), [Jodi Sie](#), or [Pastor Reggie](#) by Sunday, January 26, 2025.

Seeking Lay Leaders at Synod Conference Assembly

Crown of Glory is seeking up to four adult lay leaders and one youth leader to attend this year's Minneapolis Area Synod Conference Assembly on Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3. If you would like to serve as a voting member and represent our congregation, please contact [Pastor Reggie](#).

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.

Building and Office Closed: Monday, January 20 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Fare for All: January 23 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.

Fare for All hot buy for January is chicken wings (2 pound bag) for \$4.50.

Rescheduled Date- Sunday Conversations: January 26 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: *American Amnesia*

Women's Bible Study Canceled for February 1: Next scheduled meeting March 15

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:

January 22 - Chili

January 29 - Brinner

Confirmation Kitchen Helpers:

6th Grade Boys

6th Grade Girls

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

Save the Dates: VBS at Crown of Glory July 28-31 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

More information to come.

Announcements

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

During January we will be collecting donations of flour, sugar, and cooking oil. These items should be placed in the bin located in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your contributions!

2024 Fall Social Update

The 2024 Fall Social was a rousing success! Members enjoyed a social time and dinner around a western theme. A total of over \$18,000 was raised through the fundraiser event to support Crown of Glory's Sustaining Fund. Thank you to everyone who supported the Fall Social.

Giving Tree

The total donations from the Giving Tree was \$1,590. Bountiful Basket, Faithful Knotters, and Kitchen Essentials were each given \$530. Thank you for supporting these ministries.

Coming Today: Crown of Glory Swag

Look for a Special CC email today!

Financial Update

December Sustaining Fund Contributions Report 12/31/2024 YTD

■ ACTUAL ■ BUDGET



Our 2024 YTD budget goal for contributions was \$584,598. Total contributions for 2024 were \$536,605, a difference of \$(47,993) behind our YTD budget goal. Thank you for your 2024 gifts!

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 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>

Stewardship: Steppingstones of Faith

	Pledges	Amount	2024 to 2025 Comparison
New	9	\$29,460	
Increased	46	\$215,330	\$48,120
Decreased	4	\$6,000	-\$3,700
Same as 2024	40	\$142,936	
Total	99	\$393,726	\$44,420

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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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.

