



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.*



Epiphany of Our Lord

January 5, 2025
9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

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

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, Amy Alberg, to our AV Technicians, Bennett Eriksrud and Tony Sie, to Servant Song for their music, and to our Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

CONFESSIONAL SONG

What Child is This (ELW 296, vs. 1-2)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity,
✠ one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God-with-us,

C: **we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty.**

We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger.

Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace.

Turn us from our ways to your ways and grant us the grace to begin again.

Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen.

P: Hear the good news and rejoice!

You are God's chosen ones,
holy and beloved,

✠ forgiven in Christ,
and freed to respond in joy.

C: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Love Has Come (ELW 292)

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 God,

C: **on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 60:1-6

¹ Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

² For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

³ Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL CAROL

Go Tell It on the Mountain (ELW 290, vs. 1)

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 2:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

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

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶ 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' " ⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On

entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

“No Ordinary Gift” (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Joy to the World (ELW 267, vs. 1, 2, 4)

CONTEMPORARY STATEMENT OF FAITH

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

C: **We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God!

(Contemporary Statement of Faith, United Church of Canada (1969), adapted)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: God of grace,

C: **receive our prayer.**

PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

I Wait (All Sons and Daughters) (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

Angels We Have Heard on High (ELW 289, vs. 1)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. God of heaven and earth,

C: **from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight. The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy. Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day. 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

Face of God (Phil Wickham) (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. Merciful God,
C: **we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food. Strengthened by this goodness, send us forth to announce your peace, comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of great joy. Amen.**

BLESSING

- P: The God of love,
Creator, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
lavish you with grace,
illumine your path,
and increase your joy,
today and always.
C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

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

DISMISSAL

- P: Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.
C: **Thanks be to God!**

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I Wait

Verse 1

Oh rest-less heart do not grow wea-ry, hold on to faith and wait. The

6

God of love He will not tar-ry, no, He is nev - er late. Oh late. So I__

11

Chorus

wait in the pro-mise, I wait in the hope. So I wait in the pow-er of

17

Verse 2

God's un-end - ing love. Be_ still and rest se -

23

cure, my soul, He knows what's best for me. Here in my pa-tience lies the goal: to

28

Chorus

wait and trust in Thee. So I__ wait in the pro-mise, I wait in the

33

hope. So I wait in the pow-er of God's un-end - ing love. So I__

38

love. Of God's un-end - ing love. Of God's un-end - ing love.

Light of the Stable

Verse



1,3.Hail, hail to the new-born king let our voi - ces sing Himour prais - es.____
2.Comenow whereit shines so bright to the know-ing light of the sta - ble.____

5



Hail, hail_ to the guid-ing light thatbrought us to - night to our Sav - ior.____
Kneel close to the Child so dear_ cast a - sideyour fear_ and be thank - ful.

Chorus

9 High Voices Low Voices



Hal-le,____ (hal - le - lu - jah.)_ Hal-le,____ (hal - le - lu - jah.)_ Hal-le,____ (hal - le - lu - jah.)_

15



Hal - le,____ (hal - le - lu) - jah.____

Announcements

Join us:
January 11 & 12, 2025
Baptism Milestone

Stewardship: Steppingstones of Faith

	Pledges	Amount	2024 to 2025 Comparison
New	8	\$24,260	
Increased	44	\$212,510	\$45,300
Decreased	2	\$4,200	-\$700
Same as 2024	38	\$130,236	
Total	92	\$371,206	\$44,600

Crown of Glory RIC Statement Survey: submit your input by January 13, 2025

The Justice and Inclusion Team has been faithfully leading Crown of Glory through the process of becoming a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation (<https://www.reconcilingworks.org/>) over the past two years. The next step in the process is to draft and adopt an RIC Statement that will be published throughout Crown of Glory (website, bulletins, building, etc.) as a public declaration of who we aspire to be as a community of faith and our commitment to welcoming everyone.

The J&I Team has drafted an RIC Statement and is thrilled to share it with the Crown of Glory community to receive feedback on whether you think this is a statement that fits who Crown of Glory is becoming in faith together.

Each member of Crown of Glory is welcome to complete this survey (no age limit); it is anonymous and no emails or names will be collected. Once the J&I Team has received feedback, the goal is to present this statement at the Annual Meeting on February 9, 2025 and move for an official congregational vote to adopt this RIC statement and become a Reconciling in Christ congregation (welcoming and accepting of all people, race, cultures, ethnicities, genders, and sexual orientations).

Any feedback you can provide is immensely helpful to this process. Please fill out the survey by January 13, 2025 (fill out online with link provided in Special CC sent January 2, paper copies are available at the church, or fill out and return the copy sent in the mail).

The J&I Team thanks you for your participation in this important step towards becoming the most welcoming community we can be!

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

Women's Bible Study: January 11 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.

Sunday Conversations: January 12 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*

Men's Pub Ministry: January 16 at Hackamore Brewing Company, Chanhassen, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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.

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 8 - Pasta Bar

January 15 - Pulled Pork Sandwiches

January 22 - Chili

January 29 - Brinner

Confirmation Kitchen Helpers:

7th Grade Boys

7th Grade Girls

6th Grade Boys

6th Grade Girls

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

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!

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

More information to come.

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

Phone: 1-800-847-4836

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

pastorreggie@crownofglory.org

Scan the Code:



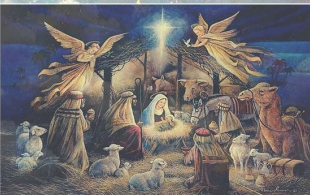
Charitable Giving Information

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>

Crown of Glory Lutheran Church

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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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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.

