



**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.*



Baptism of Our Lord

January 12, 2025  
9:00 a.m.

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Baptized in Water* (arr. Lisa Hoekstra) (Ginger Larson)

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We will be celebrating Holy Communion and the 2024 Baptism Milestone 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, Matt Scherer and Brian Boche, to the Chancel Choir and Ginger Larson for their music, and to our Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

## CONFESSIONAL SONG

*Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters* (ELW 445)

## 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: Almighty God,

C: **you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 43:1-7

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the Lord,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.

<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.

<sup>3</sup>For I am the Lord your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

<sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.

<sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;

<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth—

<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia (WOV 610)*

## HOLY GOSPEL Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

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

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup> 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.”

<sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### MESSAGE

“Empowered through Prayer” (Pastor Laura Laughlin)

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*Baptized and Set Free* (ELW 453, vs. 1, 3, 4)

## BAPTISM MILESTONE

### 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

*Washed by the Water* (Bear Rinehart and Bo Rinehart; arr. Pastor Laura Laughlin)  
(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

*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

*All Things Bright and Beautiful* (arr. Brad Jacobsen) (Ginger Larson)

## 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

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit* (ACS 942)

## DISMISSAL

- P: Go in peace. Live in hope.  
C: **Thanks be to God. We will!**

## SENDING MUSIC

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit* (arr. Raluca Bojor) (Ginger Larson)

# 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.

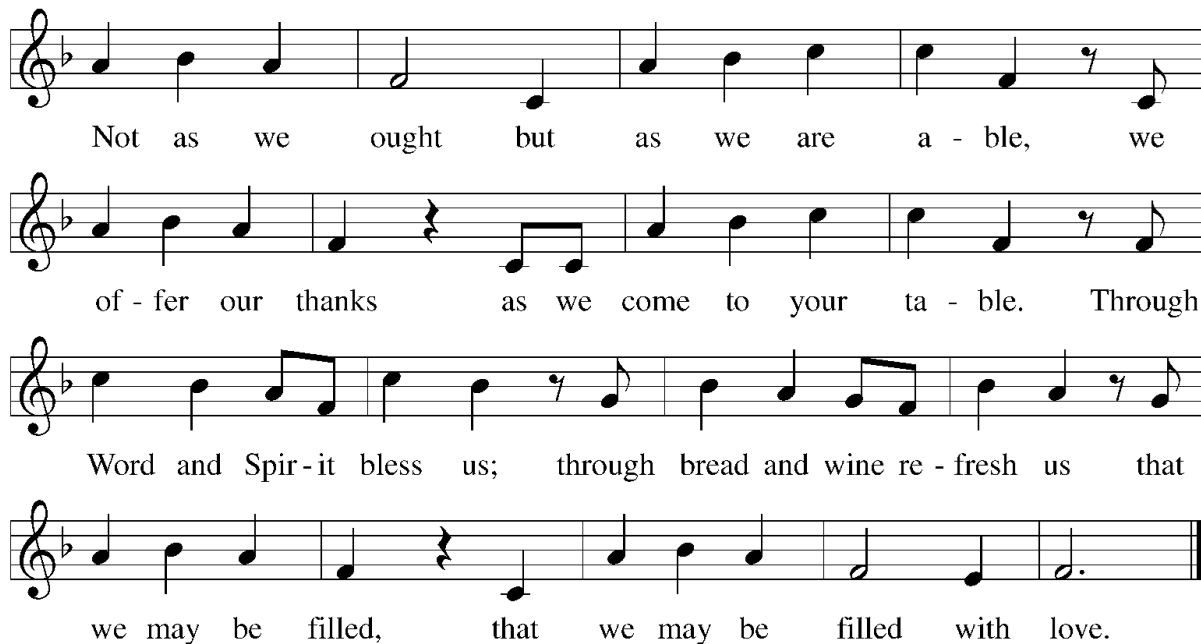
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Alleluia'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. 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, 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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# Every Time I Feel the Spirit

*Refrain*

Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing

in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the

spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.


1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,  
2 . . All a - round me looked so fine,  
3 . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,

*(Every Time I Feel the Spirit continued on next page)*



*Every Time I Feel the Spirit (continued)*

*Refrain*



out of his mouth came fire and smoke.  
asked . . . . . my Lord if all was mine.  
chills the bod - y but not the soul.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: PENTECOST, African American spiritual; arr. Melva W. Costen, b. 1933

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## Announcements

Today's Baptism art was created by Ford Heiling, age 8! He celebrated his First Communion in worship on January 11, 2025.



### **Baptism Milestone**

We celebrate with the families of Brooklyn Chinnock, William Manning, Gordon Bluhm, Louise Schmidt, Tatum Heitz, Julian May, Aubrey Sellner, Nora Rydberg, Micah Willems, and Blakely Gestach on their Baptism Milestone.

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

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. 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 on Crown of Glory's main webpage, paper copies are available at the church, or fill out and return the copy sent in the mail). More details provided on paper and online survey.

## Announcements

### **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.

### **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!

### **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 15 - Pulled Pork Sandwiches

January 22 - Chili

January 29 - Brinner

#### Confirmation Kitchen Helpers:

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys

6<sup>th</sup> 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.

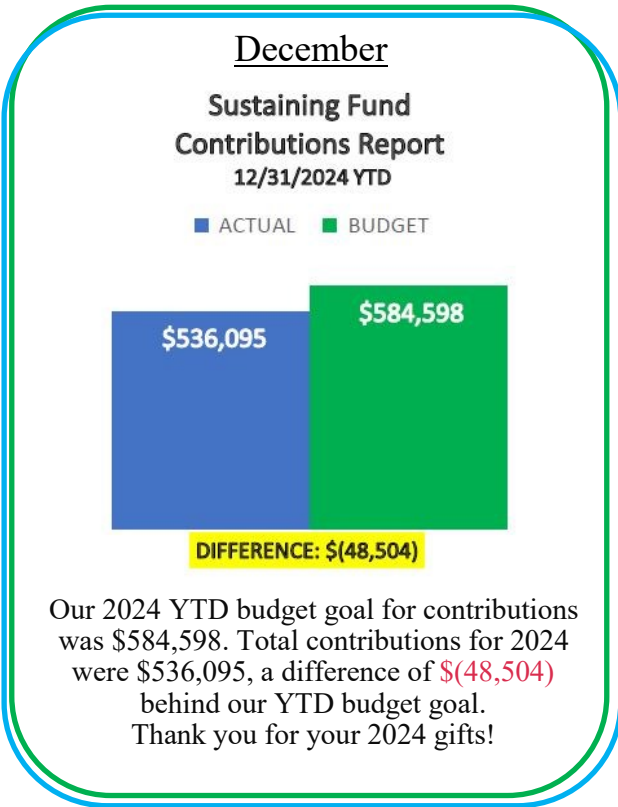
### **2024 Fall Social Update**

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.

# 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:** [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>

**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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>\$371,206</b>	<b>\$44,600</b>

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

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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.