



CROWN OF GLORY

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation



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*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 Lent

March 30, 2025

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

A House United (David Gentiles)
(Servant Song)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Crown of Glory is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.
- 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, Brian Johnson and Matt Scherer, to Servant Song for their music, and to our Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

A PRAYER OF INVOCATION

P: God meets us in the night

C: **before the sun rises, before the wound heals, before there are answers, before there is closure.**

P: God meets us in the light

C: **where joy is effervescent, where laughter is contagious, where flowers bloom from cracks in the sidewalk, where people gather around tables.**

P: God meets us in between

C: **at the edge of the water, at the beginning of the wilderness, at the start of something new, on the edge of faith.**

P: And if God meets us in all those places,

C: **then surely God meets us everywhere at the water's edge, at the start of something new, after the baptism, and before the call.**

P: We are not alone. God is all around.

C: **Let us worship the God of everything.**

CONFESSONAL SONG

Jesus Messiah
(Daniel Carson, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves, and Chris Tomlin)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: If God is a painter,

C: **let us be the brush.**

P: If God is a musician,

C: **let us be the song.**

P: If God is an architect,

C: **let us be the builders.**

P: But if God is a shepherd, who never stops seeking,

C: **let us be willing to be found, no matter how lost we feel.**

P: Our God is never far away.

C: **Forgive us for forgetting this good news. Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

P: Family of faith, we are all a little bit lost and a little bit found. We grumble. We push back. We doubt God. We doubt ourselves. We leave the flock and lose our way. But fortunately for us, our God is a shepherding God who is always by our side. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

C: **No matter how far we wander, we can never wander from the bounds of God's grace. We are loved. We are forgiven. We are not alone. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land (ELW 333)

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: Shepherding God,

C: **You look for us. You search for us. You turn every corner and climb every mountain. You call our name until your voice is hoarse. When we lose our way, you never stop seeking after us. So once again we pray, find us in this moment. Look for us. And then surround us with your presence, so that we might feel you near. With hope we pray, with hope we listen. Amen.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil (ELW 512)

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 15:1-7

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

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

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³So he told them this parable: ⁴Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

"A Double Scandal" (Pastor Laura Laughlin)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lost and Found (Anna Strickland)

2025 COUNCIL INSTALLATION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

P: Together, let us confess our faith:

C: **We believe in a seeking God, a with-us and before-us God, a chasing-after-us God.**

We believe that no matter where we wander or what mountains we climb, this God the God who walked the streets of Jerusalem, shook hands with lepers, patted children on the head, and told stories of love is always close at hand.

So on the good days and the hard days, on the mountains and in the valleys, we believe that we are always being found. Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: God, in your mercy,

C: **receive our prayer.**

PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Show Us Christ (Doug Plank) (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

Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior (WOV 614)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Gracious Provider,

C: **you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. 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

Lord, I Need You (Matt Maher) (Servant Song)

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: Generous Host,

C: you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Send Me Out (Steve Fee)

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

P: As you leave this place, may you find God in every messy middle. May you know that the world is bigger than two sides. May you trust that you are made in the image of God, and therefore, you contain multitudes. So may you move through this world with an open heart, with a curious mind, and with the confidence that you do not go alone. God is with you in the mountains, in the valleys, and everywhere in between. Believe that good news, and go in peace.

C: Thanks be to God. We will!

SENDING MUSIC

Send Me Out (Steve Fee) (Servant Song)

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everything [in] between

lost & found

Throughout the remaining few weeks of Lent, we will hear and learn from stories about Jesus as he journeys to the cross as described in the Gospel of Luke. Each week, we will study a piece of art that depicts that week's story and take a close look at two apparent opposites to discover where God might be in between them.

This weekend, we hear the Parable of the Lost Sheep and consider moments in our own lives when we have felt like we have it all together and others when we feel like we are struggling to make it through each day. Through this parable, Jesus reminds us that no matter how "lost" we feel, the Good Shepherd is by our side.

Be sure to take a devotional booklet (located in the display in the Gathering Space) home with you to continue diving deep into this weekend's topic as we learn and journey together this Lenten season.

Jesus Messiah

Verse

1. He be-came sin, who knew no sin, that we might be - come His
2. Body the bread, His blood the wine bro - ken and poured out,
right-eous-ness; He hum - bled Him - self, and car-ried the cross. Loves a - maz
all for love. The whole earth trem-bled, and the veil was torn.

Chorus
- ing, Love so a - maz - ing. Je - sus, Mes - si - ah;

Name a - bove all names; Bless - ed Re - deem - er; Em - man - u - el.

The Res - cue for sin - ners; the Ran - som from heav - en;

Bridge
Je - sus, Mes - si - ah, Lord of all. All our hope

is in You, all our hope is in You; all the glo - ry to You,

Go back to chorus
God, the Light of the world.

Lost and Found

BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7 D

Words by Anna Strickland, 2024

Music by B.F. White, 1844



In the flock I am sur-roun - ded by my sib - lings
The ho - ri - zon starts to brigh - ten as I quiet - ly
As I wan - der down the quar - ry a fa - mi - liar



and my friends Safe at home and feel - ing groun - ded with my
slip a - way I can feel my spi - rit ligh - ten with each
voice cries out It's my shep - herd search - ing for me; reck - less



shep - herd to de - fend But an ach - ing, long - ing feel - ing
cau - tious step I take Un - fa - mil - iar paths un - fold - ing
love has tracked me down Though I left my place of re - fuge,



as the stars shine late at night Draws me in, my dreams
as ex - cite - ment blends with fear All cre - a - tion now
he has fol - lowed all a - long But I had to lose

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Lost and Found (continued)



re - veal - ing and I know I'm not quite right
en - folds me like the flock I hold so dear
my - self to find my - self where I be - long

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614 - Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior

Musical notation for the first system of '614 - Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior'. It is a piano accompaniment in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The right hand plays a melodic line with eighth and quarter notes, while the left hand provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

1. Praise to you, O Christ, our sav - ior, Word of the Fa - ther, call - ing us to life:

Musical notation for the second system of '614 - Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior'. It continues the piano accompaniment from the first system. The right hand melody continues with eighth and quarter notes, and the left hand accompaniment remains consistent. A measure rest is present at the end of the system.

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Son of God who leads us to free - dom: glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

Send Me Out

Steve Fee

Verses



1. Je - sus, Lord of my sal - va - tion, Sa - vior of my soul; —
2. Car - ry to the bro - ken heart - ed mer - cy You have shown.



— Send me out to the world to make You known. —
— Send me out to the world to make You known. —



Je - sus, King of ev - 'ry na - tion, this world's on - ly hope; — Send me out
To the ones in need of res - cue, lead me, I will go. — Send me out



— to the world to make You known. — Send me out to the world. —
— to the world to make You known. — Send me out to the world. —

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Send Me Out (continued)

19 **Refrain**

I wan - na be Your hands and ___ feet, I wan - na be Your voice
ev - 'ry time I speak. ___ I wan - na run to the ones in ___ need
in the name of Je - sus. ___ I wan - na give my life a - way,
all for Your king - dom's sake. Shine a light in the dark - est ___ place
in the name of Je - sus, ___ in the name of Je - sus. *1. to Verse 2*
2. to Bridge

37 **Bridge**

Here am I; ___ I ___ will go. ___ Send me out ___ to make ___ You known.
There is hope ___ for ev - 'ry soul. Send me out, ___ send me out.
Here am I; ___ I ___ will go. Send me out ___ to make ___ You known.
There is hope ___ for ev - 'ry soul, so send me out. **(to Refrain)**

Announcements

Fundraising at Target Field

Volunteers from Crown of Glory will be doing concessions for 10 games at Target Field during the upcoming Minnesota Twins season. We are looking for additional volunteers to join us in this new fundraising venture that will help support Crown of Glory. For more information contact [Pastor Reggie](#), [Mikel Jones](#), [Deb Peterson](#) or [Kate Peterson](#).

Rummage Sale

As you may start to do Spring Cleaning, keep in mind we will be seeking donations for the Rummage Sale later this Spring. More information to come.

Cross Wall

Each year we invite members to bring a cross to be included on the Cross Wall just outside the sanctuary. The Cross Wall was started during Lent in 2018 and remains a tradition today. If you have a cross that you would like to be included on the Cross Wall, please drop it off at the church 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.

Children's Bulletins

We have special Children's Bulletins to accompany our lessons during Lent; look for them at the Hospitality table. Crayons can be found in the Activity Bags located in the Kiddos' Corner on the North side of the Sanctuary.

Easter Flowers Sale: Now through April 3

Order forms for Easter Flowers are available in the Gathering Space, at the Church Office, or fill the form out online, <https://forms.gle/vmKcM8YkFeSpydCx6>, if using Venmo as payment.

Flower Choices:

- Easter Lily- \$12
- Yellow or Purple Mum- \$13
- Pink or Orange Tulip- \$11
- Blue Hydrangea- \$25

Payment can be made by cash, check (made payable to Crown of Glory), or Venmo (Crown of Glory: Easter Flowers). Orders are due by Thursday, April 3 by 12:00 p.m. Flowers may be picked up after Easter worship services. If you would like to donate your flowers, please indicate your request by checking the box on the order form. Thank you!

Wednesday Night Worship During Lent: Through April 9 at 6:30 p.m. (In Person & Livestream)

Music Rehearsals During Lent

Wednesdays: Servant Song: 5:00 p.m., Chancel Chimers: 5:45 p.m., and Chancel Choir: 7:15 p.m.
Thursdays: Garage Band: 7:30 p.m.

Announcements

Lent Cinnamon Rolls are Back

Every Sunday through the Lent season, our senior high youth will be serving fresh Cinnamon rolls and OJ following Sunday morning worship service. Cinnamon rolls are a suggested \$2 donation. All proceeds will support the Senior High Mission Trip.

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 \$6 per youth or \$16 per family. Meals are prepared by the Wednesday Night Dinner Team and served by Confirmation small groups.

Upcoming Menu:

Soup Suppers During Lent

April 2 - Chicken Pot Pie Soup

April 9 - Garlic Mushroom Soup

April 16 - No Dinner Holy Week

Confirmation Kitchen Helpers:

7th Grade Girls

Connect (4th & 5th)

No Dinner Holy Week

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

Soup Suppers Served During Lent

We are seeking one more volunteer to bring soup April 2 and one volunteer to bring soup April 9. A signup sheet is located in the Gathering Space or email Pastor Reggie your choice of soup and the Wednesday you are able to donate. Please bring enough soup to feed at least 20-30 people. Soups should be dropped off on Wednesdays by 4:00 p.m. in the church kitchen. Thank you!

No SPARK Sunday School: March 30 and April 6. In recess for Spring Break.

Lutheran Women Gone Wild: April 3

Join this group of women for good food and fellowship at Winchester & Rye, Victoria, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Contact Sandi Rue, srue@rues.org, with any questions and to RSVP.

Speaker on Immigration: April 6 at 10:15 a.m. in the North Sun Hall

In 2016, the ELCA Churchwide Assembly approved "Accompany Migrants with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities" (AMMPARO), our denomination's strategy to inform our holistic, whole-church response to migration and those forced to flee their communities. The message calls for the church to be a welcoming place that is grounded in the call to welcome the stranger (Matthew 25:35), together with the commitment to justice that advocates for fair and generous laws.

In the spirit of this denominational strategy, the Justice & Inclusion Team is hosting a speaker on immigration issues on Sunday, April 6 at 10:15 a.m. in the Sun Hall. Grecia Lozano, Executive Director of Latino Voices, will be sharing the services that her organization provides and will address how our congregation can support our migrant neighbors. We will also have a box in the narthex to collect items for the clients of Latino Voices. Items that are needed include: deodorant, diapers in size 4, 5 and 6, sunscreen, body lotion, and feminine hygiene products.

You can send financial donations to www.latinovoicesmn.org or look for the flyer in the church narthex with a QR code for PayPal donations. Thank you for your support of this vital community organization!

Announcements

Women's Bible Study: April 12 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: April 13 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: *Two Christianities*

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

During March we will be collecting donations of hearty soups and crackers. These items should be placed in the bin located in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your generosity!

VBS Registration is Open!

Register online on Crown of Glory's website, crownofglory.org, hover over the word Ministry, and click on VBS Registration.

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

Contact Gretchen Mitcham, gretchen@crownofglory.org, with any questions.

Cost:

Early Bird Rate
(until June 1, 2025)

\$55/camper
(includes lunch & snacks)



Camp Wapo Summer Camp Opportunities

Does the sunshine have you dreaming about summer camp?

In the past few years, kids from Crown of Glory have enjoyed attending Camp Wapogasset, aka Wapo, located in Amery, WI. You can learn more about the camp and the options on this website: <https://lakewapo.org/sites/camp-wapo/>. They offer a weekend camp called "Wapo Seeds" for kids currently in grades 1-3. There is a Sunday - Friday option for kids currently in grades 4-9. The Wapo staff is encouraging us to consider the weeks for July 20-25 or August 3-8 if Crown of Glory kids are wanting to attend as a group. Please reach out to [Gretchen](#) if you have any questions!



Holden Evening Prayer Service:

Wednesdays

6:30 p.m.

(In Person & Livestream)

The Story of Job: Faithful One of God

March 19: Job's Suffering

March 26: God Responds to Job

April 2: God's Voice

April 9: Job's Final Words

Announcements

Join us through the season of Lent



stranger & neighbor

March 8 & 9
5:00 p.m. & 9:00 a.m.



power & humility

April 5 & 6
5:00 p.m. & 9:00 a.m.



righteousness & mercy

Maundy Thursday
April 17
6:30 p.m.



faith & works

March 15 & 16
5:00 p.m. & 9:00 a.m.

everything
[in] between



acceptance & resistance

Good Friday Cantata
April 18
6:30 p.m.



rest & growth

March 22 & 23
5:00 p.m. & 9:00 a.m.

Holy Week
April 13-19



Holy Saturday Taize

April 19
5:00 p.m.



lost & found

March 29 & 30
5:00 p.m. & 9:00 a.m.



shouting & silence

April 12 & 13
5:00 p.m. & 9:00 a.m.



grief & hope

Easter Sunday
April 20
8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Holy Week Worship Schedule:

Palm Sunday

April 13
9:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday

April 17
6:30 p.m.

First Communion

Good Friday

Cantata
April 18
6:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday Taize

April 19
5:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday

April 20
8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



SABBATICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Pastor Laura is going on Sabbatical!

Beginning April 24, 2025, I will be taking a three-month sabbatical for rest, renewal, study, and writing. I am grateful for this congregation's support and invite your prayers during this time!

Amid some time off and respite at home and enjoying time with my family, I will be focusing portions of my sabbatical on the intersection between music and creation rooted in several experiences: hiking a section of the Dingle Way in Ireland, singing with the Crown of Glory choral ensemble at Carnegie Hall in the urban jungle of New York City, visiting Zion National Park and the Grand Canyon while learning about the Native American communities in Arizona, and participating in the music and work of the church as a voting member at the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Phoenix, Arizona.

I give thanks for the support of my colleague, Pastor Reggie, and for the Crown of Glory Staff as they cover and share my responsibilities during the time that I am gone. Just as I invite your prayers for my sabbatical time, I will also be holding you, Crown of Glory, in my prayers throughout the three months that we are apart.

I look forward to returning to worship on August 10, 2025 renewed, refreshed, and ready for another program year of ministry together!

In Christ,
Pastor Laura

Financial Update: New Location!

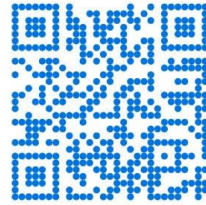
Financial Reports

Copies of Financial Reports can be found on the display board next to the main Church Office or by contacting our Finance Manager, Ashley Pederson.

Ways to Give at Crown of Glory



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 Thrivent Choice 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>

Church Council



Mikel Jones (President), Eric Larson (Vice President), Sherri Eriksrud (Secretary), Bob Chinnock, Deb Mangen, Kate Peterson, Kristi Kirsch, Chad LaGow, Bill Tyler, Pastor Laura Laughlin, and Pastor Reggie Klindworth

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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.

