



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.*



Ordination of Word and Service Deacon Krysta Stepanek

March 22, 2026
1:30 p.m.

PRELUDE

The People Walk (ELW 706) (Ginger Larson)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Crown of Glory is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.
- We will be celebrating Holy Communion in worship today.
- Today we are celebrating Service of Ordination of Word and Service for Krysta Stepanek.
- Thank you to Bishop Jen Nagel for presiding, to Pastor Day Hodd for sharing today's message, to the Readers, Jacob Stepanek and Jeanine Dorfman, to Pastor Kathryn Ostile, Jeanne Haus, and Kali Gustafson for their participation, to the AV Technicians, Brian Johnson and Matt Scherer, to Ginger Larson for her music, and to the Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

OPENING HYMN

O Living Breath of God (ELW 407, vs. 1, 2, 3)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God,

C: **through the ages you have called from among your people those who will carry out the ministry of word and service in the church. Let your blessing rest now on all who answer that call. Grant that Krysta, now to be ordained to this ministry, may carry out the ministry of word and service faithfully in the power of your Spirit. Give her understanding of the gospel, sincerity of purpose, diligence in ministry, and the beauty of life in Christ, that many people will be served and your name be glorified; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING Amos 5:14-15, 24

¹⁴ Seek good, not evil, that you may live.

Then the Lord God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is.

¹⁵ Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts.

Perhaps the Lord God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph.

²⁴ But let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like a never-failing stream

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18

¹ You have searched me, Lord,
and you know me.

² You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

³ You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.

⁴ Before a word is on my tongue
you, Lord, know it completely.

⁵ You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.

¹³ For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.
¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be.
¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, God!
How vast is the sum of them!
¹⁸ Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand
when I awake, I am still with you.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

“Other Duties As Assigned” (Pastor Day Hodd)

PRESENTATION

P: I present for ordination to the ministry of word and service, Krysta Stepanek, who has been prepared, examined, and approved for this ministry and who has been called by the church to hospice chaplaincy through the Minneapolis Area Synod.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ADDRESS

BISHOP ADDRESSES THE CANDIDATE

Bishop: Before almighty God...

Bishop: Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

C: **Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: God of mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

HYMN OF INVOCATION

Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove (ELW 578, vs. 1-3) (Ginger Larson)

THANKSGIVING

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

LAYING ON OF HANDS

GIVING OF A STOLE

CHARGE

BLESSING

Bishop: May the lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace.

C: Amen.

ACCLIMATION BY THE ASSEMBLY

Bishop: Will you, assembled as the people of God and speaking for the whole church, receive Krysta as minister of word and service, sent by God to serve all people in Christ's name? Will you regard Krysta as servant of Christ?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

Bishop: Will you pray for Krysta, help and honor her for her work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

Bishop: Let it be acclaimed that Krysta Stepanek is a called and ordained minister of word and service in the church of Christ. Krysta has Christ's authority to witness to the gospel and to serve with Boldness as together we bear God's creative and redeeming love to all the world.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

THANK YOU FROM KRYSTA

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

Krysta: Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

OFFERING

Plowshare Prayer
(Spencer LaJoye, arr. Ginger Larson, adapted from arr. by Nate Terry)
(Ginger Larson)

*Today's offering has been designated to support Reconciling Works.
We give thanks and praise for all gifts given in kind today.*

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. To give by Venmo, scan the QR code found in the bulletin and enter in amount to donate and include the memo: Krysta's Ordination.

OFFERTORY HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (ELW 803, vs. 4)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: O God, maker of heaven and earth,

C: your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. 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

One Bread, One Body (ELW 496) (Ginger Larson)

COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

- P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.
Amen.
- P: God of our salvation,
C: **we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

- P: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:
God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✠ bless you now and always.
C: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love (ELW 708, vs. 1, 3, 4)

DISMISSAL

- P: Go in peace. Believe the good news.
C: **Thanks be to God. We will!**

POSTLUDE

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love (arr. Bradley Sowash) (Ginger Larson)

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To give via Venmo, scan the QR code. Include the amount you would like to contribute and the fund you are giving to or indicate "Krysta's Ordination."



Announcements

Restrooms are located down the center hallway and then turn right, or through the hallway by the main office window and turn left. There is also a single stall restroom available.

Following today's service of Ordination all are invited into the fellowship hall to celebrate with Krysta and her family. Refreshments will be served.

