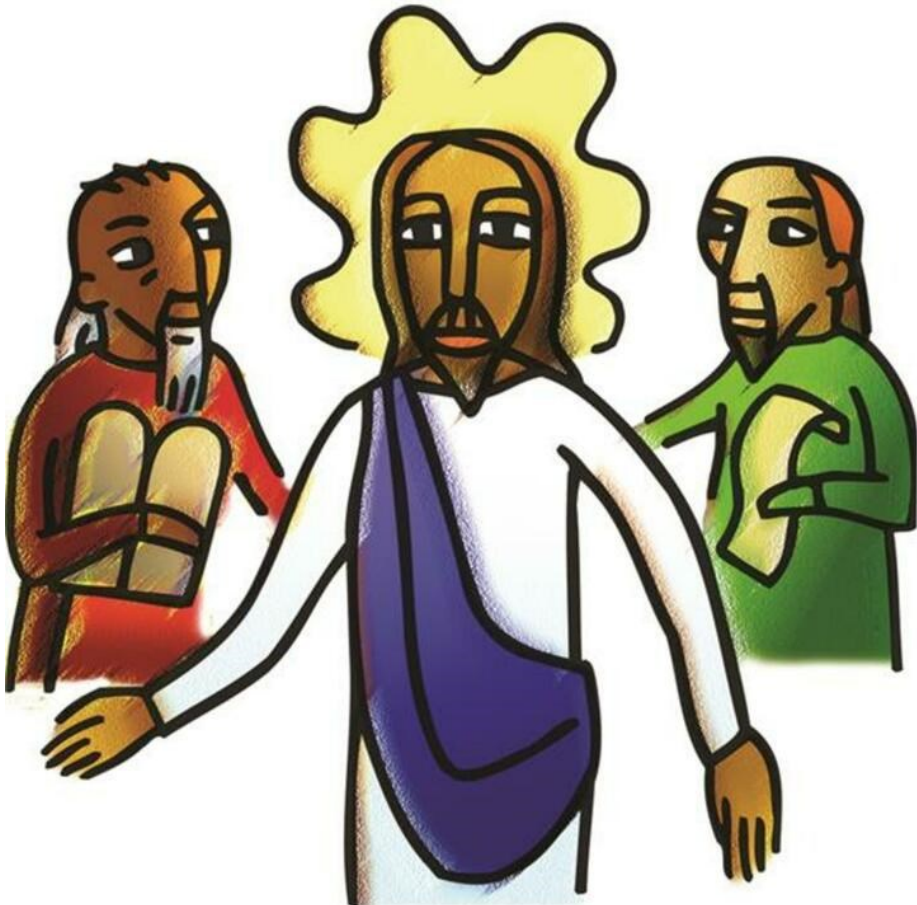




**CROWN  
OF GLORY**  
ELCA LUTHERAN CHURCH

*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.*



Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 11, 2024

9:00 a.m.

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Morning Has Broken* (Richard Blake) (Tabitha Hanson, organ)

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are celebrating Holy Communion in worship today.
- The Kiddos' Corner is located at the North side of the Sanctuary. Activity Bags are located inside the main entrance. Please utilize these resources as needed throughout our worship service.
- Thank you to our Worship Assistant, Sherri Taylor, to our AV technicians, Tony Sie and Matt Scherer, to Tabitha Hanson for her music, and to the Hospitality volunteers and Scouts for their help with today's service!

## CONFSSIONAL SONG

*Christ, Be Our Light* (ELW 843, vs. 1, 2, 5)

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another, taking a moment for our personal reflections.

*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

P: God, our rock and refuge,

C: **we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have not loved one another and we have sinned against you. We have not recognized you in our neighbors. Amid our brokenness, remember your covenant and renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters, speaking to all: the time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. You are God's beloved and by the authority of God's love made known in † Jesus Christ, all your sins are forgiven.

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,  
**the magnificent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING 2 Kings 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.” <sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.” <sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. <sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” <sup>10</sup>He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” <sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia* (DATH 15)

1\* Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL Mark 9:2-9

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

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

<sup>2</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. <sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### MESSAGE

“Walking with the Beloved” (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*Come to the Mountain* (W&P 32)

### STATEMENT OF 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: receive our prayer.**

### PEACE

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

**C: And also with you.**

### OFFERING

*Father, We Praise You* (Todd Kendall) (Tabitha Hanson, piano)

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!

### OFFERTORY

*Praise to You, O God of Mercy* (WOV 790, vs. 1 & 3)

### OFFERING PRAYER

**P: Blessed are you, Holy One,**

**C: for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.  
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 wafer and a cup with either wine or grape-juice. Allergen-free elements are available upon request. 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

*O Christ, Thou Lamb of God* (arr. Karl Osterland) (Tabitha Hanson, piano)

## 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. Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.

## BLESSING AND SPARK DISMISSAL

P: Creator God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✚ bless you and remain with you always.

C: **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* (ELW 815)

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## SENDING MUSIC

*Not Unto Us* (arr. Jacob B. Weber) (Tabitha Hanson)

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## Announcements

### Share Your Crown of Glory Moments

All are invited to take pictures of fun moments and life at Crown of Glory and share them on the Crown of Glory Facebook page and/or email them to [crownofglorychaska@gmail.com](mailto:crownofglorychaska@gmail.com).

**Annual Meeting:** February 11 at 10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Copies of the Annual Report are available at the Church Office.

### Chili Tailgate Party: February 11

Please join us for a Chili Tailgate Party after the annual meeting on Sunday, February 11. Please consider bringing something to share, sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space.

**Spring First Communion Class:** February 11 at 1:30 p.m.

Contact Pastor Reggie for more information. To sign up for the class, go to [crownofglory.org](http://crownofglory.org) Ministry tab and click on Milestones.

**Ash Wednesday Worship Service:** February 14 at 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday Night Worship During Lent:** February 14 through March 20 at 6:30 p.m.

**Men's Pub Ministry:** February 15

Join them at the Hackamore Brewing Company, 18651 Lake Dr E, Chanhassen, MN 55317, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for good brew and fellowship.

**Lent Cinnamon Rolls are Back!**

Starting on February 18 through March 17, each Sunday during Lent 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 and National Youth Gathering.

**Crown of Glory College Kids Virtual Meetings with Pastor Reggie**

Do you have a kiddo in college? Would they like to make a connection with other college students from Crown of Glory? Pastor Reggie leads a College Kids Zoom Gathering every other Sunday evening from 7:00-8:00 p.m. All are welcome to join. To get signed up email Pastor Reggie ([pastorreggie@crownofglory.org](mailto:pastorreggie@crownofglory.org)) for the zoom link each month! Next Zoom Meeting is Sunday, February 18.

**Fare for All and Show Away Hunger:** February 22 at Crown of Glory from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

**Mosque Visit:** February 25

Crown of Glory Members are invited to visit the Quba Islamic Center, 415 N. Chestnut Street, Chaska, on Sunday, February 25 at 11:00 a.m. John Emery and Faraz Currimbhoy will provide us with a brief history of the mosque and the local Muslim community. There will also be time for questions and socializing. Light refreshments will be served. Space is limited to 15 people so please sign up for this event at the church office.

**Book Discussion and Potluck with Ellie Krug:** April 7 at 5:00 p.m. (Book Available for Purchase)

The Justice & Inclusion Team is sponsoring a discussion of the book *Getting to Ellen: A Memoir about Love, Honesty and Gender Change* by Ellie Krug. This book has many themes including dealing with grief, adopting a child, and learning to be your authentic self. Copies of the book are available for \$15 (payable to Rebecca Varone (via check, cash or Venmo) and can be picked up at the church office. Ellie Krug will join us for a potluck and book discussion on Sunday, April 7. The potluck will be held in the Sun Hall from 5:00-6:00 p.m. and the book discussion will follow from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Please feel free to join us for one or both of these events.

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

During February our goal is to collect 100 boxes of potatoes. The boxes of potatoes should be placed in the bin located in the Gathering Space. Last month 14 pounds of food was donated. Thank you for your contributions!

## **Wednesday Night Dinner**

Come join in a meal prepared for you on a busy weeknight with your favorite community. The dinner will be served in correlation with the Confirmation and Connect schedules starting at 5:15-6:15 p.m. If you have any food allergies or dietary restrictions and plan on attending, please let the kitchen team know at least a week in advance (email Jenni Payne at [jennipayne929@gmail.com](mailto:jennipayne929@gmail.com)). There is a suggested donation of \$5/person, or \$15/family, either way we want you to come and have a night to relax. We welcome meal requests and suggestions!

### Upcoming Menu:

February 14– Italian Wedding Soup

February 21– Chicken Pot Pie Soup

February 28– Lentil Soup

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

You can also find the menu on our main page online at [crownofglory.org](http://crownofglory.org).

### Confirmation Kitchen Helpers:

8<sup>th</sup> grade girls

8<sup>th</sup> grade boys

7<sup>th</sup> grade girls

## **Soup Suppers Served During Lent**

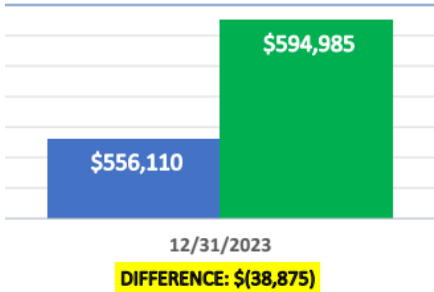
Soup Suppers are served on Wednesdays during Lent. We are seeking up to three volunteers per week to bring a favorite soup to share. A signup sheet is located in the Gathering Space or email Pastor Reggie your choice of soup and the Wednesday you are able to donate. Please bring enough soup to feed at least 20-30 people. Soups should be dropped off on Wednesdays by 4:00 p.m. in the church kitchen. Thank you!

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We join together as a community in praying for all those affected by the wars in Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine.

## Sustaining Fund Contributions Report 2023

■ ACTUAL ■ BUDGET



## Financial Update

Our 2023 annual budget goal for contributions was \$594,985, based on prior year giving trends. Actual 2023 contributions totaled \$556,110. A difference of **\$(38,875)** from our expected budget. Although we did not reach our goal, your generous gifts have made a difference. Thank you for supporting Crown of Glory!  
We look forward to 2024!

Fundraisers are not included in the chart. We budgeted \$5,000 in fundraiser revenue in July and raised \$6,555 from our Rummage Sale. We budgeted \$15,000 in fundraiser revenue in October and raised over \$24,000 from our Fall Social. The additional funds raised have helped to offset some of the contribution shortfall.

Thanks to all who helped make the fundraisers a success!

To give via Venmo, scan the QR code. Include the amount you would like to contribute and the fund you are giving to.



## 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>

## Staff and Leadership

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### Church Council

President: Jodi Sie

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Rachel Berg Scherer, Troy Seefeldt,

Rebecca Varone, Pastor Reggie Klindworth,  
and Pastor Laura Laughlin

Please Note: No food or drink is allowed in the Sanctuary,  
with the exception of water and Holy Communion.

**Phone:** 952-448-3230

**Office Hours:** Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Worship Schedule:** Saturday 5:00 p.m. & Sunday 9:00 a.m.