



**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.*



Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 2025
9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

Gather Us In (arr. Jeanne Cotter) (Ginger Larson)

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, Rachel Berg Scherer, to our AV Technicians, Matt Scherer and John Rekow, to the Chancel Choir and Ginger Larson for their music, and to our Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

CONFESSIONAL SONG

Christ, Be Our Light (ELW 715, vs. 1-3)

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: Blessed Lord God,
- C: **you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Inspire us to hear, read, mark, and learn from them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope and love found in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 19

- ¹ The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.
- ² **One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**
- ³ Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,
- ⁴ **their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world,
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**
- ⁵ It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- ⁶ **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**
- ⁷ The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
- ⁸ **The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**
- ⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- ¹⁰ **More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**
- ¹¹ By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- ¹² **Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**
- ¹³ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- ¹⁴ **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia (WOV 610)

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 4:14-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

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

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

“A Continuous Fulfillment” (Pastor Laura Laughlin)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Streams of Living Justice (ELW 710)

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

True Light (Keith Hampton) (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

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

Open the Eyes of My Heart (arr. Mark Hayes) (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

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (ELW 843)

DISMISSAL

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

SENDING MUSIC

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (arr. Mark David Johnson)
(Ginger Larson)

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Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the second line. The third staff contains the third line. The fourth staff contains the fourth line and ends with a double bar line.

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.

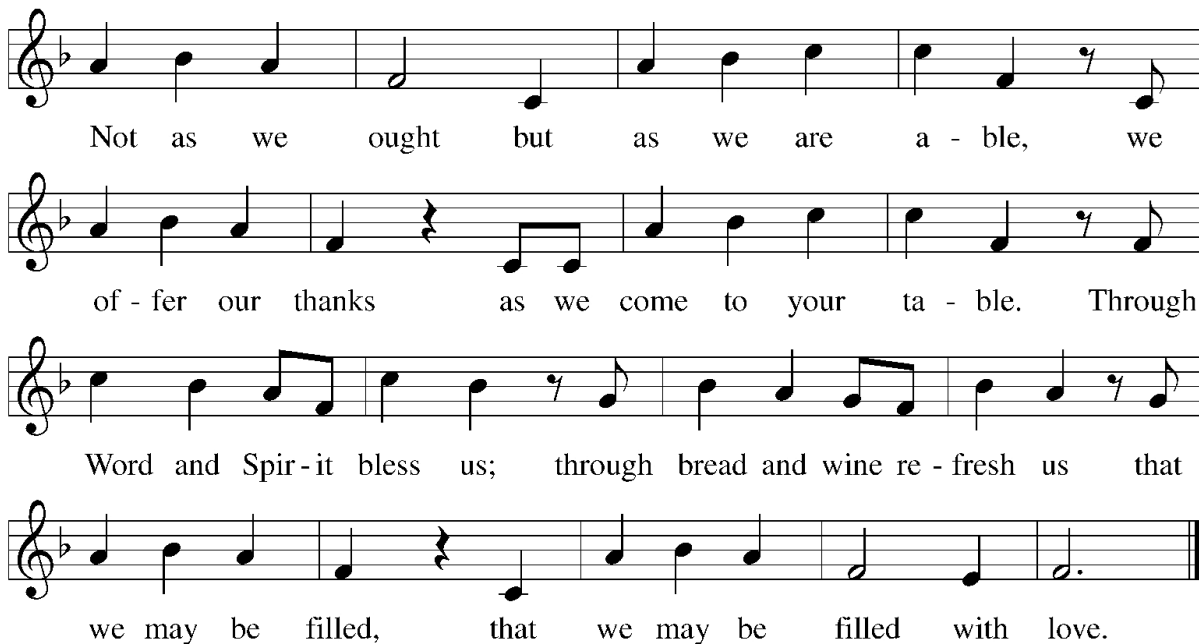
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score for 'Alleluia' is written for a two-part setting in G major (one sharp). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The score consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff.

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 musical score for 'That We May Be Filled' is written for a single part in B-flat major (two flats). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. 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.' The score consists of four systems, each with a single staff.

Text: Handt Hanson and Paul Murakami
Music: THAT WE MAY BE FILLED, Handt Hanson and Paul Murakami

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Announcements

Nominating Committee Seeks Candidates for Church Council

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates to serve as Church Councilmembers starting in March 2025. There are three 3 year-terms Church Council seats that will be vacant. Council membership is an elected position. Please send nominations to [Grant Taylor](#), [Jodi Sie](#), or [Pastor Reggie](#) by Today.

Seeking Lay Leaders at Synod Conference Assembly

Crown of Glory is seeking up to four adult lay leaders and one youth leader to attend this year's Minneapolis Area Synod Conference Assembly on Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3. If you would like to serve as a voting member and represent our congregation, please contact [Pastor Reggie](#).

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.

Sunday Conversations: Today 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*.

Women's Bible Study Canceled for February 1: Next scheduled meeting March 15

Crown of Glory Swag: Available now through February 2

We are excited to introduce a Crown of Glory online "swag" store! An assortment of apparel and accessories is available to purchase through February 2. This is a great opportunity to show pride in our congregation and represent the church throughout our community. Fifteen percent of all purchases will be donated to support the Crown of Glory small choral ensemble for their upcoming trip to and performance at Carnegie Hall. Orders will be available for pick-up at Crown of Glory later in February. Please use the link, <https://crownofglory.itemorder.com/>, to access the store and place orders directly on the site. For questions or suggestions, please reach out to Sherri Eriksrud, SEriksrud@bachmans.com.

Lutheran Women Gone Wild: February 6

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

Annual Meeting: February 9 at 10:15 a.m. in the Crown of Glory Sanctuary

Unable to make it in person? Register for an Annual Meeting Zoom Link <https://form.123formbuilder.com/5048555/zoom-registration-annual-congregational-meeting-february-9-2025>

Men's Pub Ministry: February 20

Join this group at Trove Brewing, Burnsville, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for good brew and fellowship.

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

More information to come.

Announcements

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 29 - Brinner

February 5 - Sloppy Joes

February 12 - Potato Bar

February 19 - Taco Bar

Confirmation Kitchen Helpers:

6th Grade Girls

8th Grade Boys

8th Grade Girls

7th 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!

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

December **Sustaining Fund Contributions Report** 12/31/2024 YTD

■ ACTUAL ■ BUDGET



DIFFERENCE: \$(47,993)

Our 2024 YTD budget goal for contributions was \$584,598. Total contributions for 2024 were \$536,605, a difference of \$(47,993) behind our YTD budget goal. Thank you for your 2024 gifts!

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 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>

Stewardship: Steppingstones of Faith

	Pledges	Amount	2024 to 2025 Comparison
New	9	\$29,460	
Increased	47	\$216,370	\$49,160
Decreased	4	\$6,000	-\$3,700
Same as 2024	40	\$142,936	
Total	100	\$394,766	\$45,460

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.

