



*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.*



First Sunday of Christmas

January 1, 2023

9:00 a.m.

## GATHERING MUSIC

*What Child is This?* (Greensleeves, arr. Thomas Keesecker)

## 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, Amy Alberg, to our AV technicians, John Rekow and Tony Sie, to David Laughlin for his music, and to the Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service!

## CONFESSONAL SONG

*What Child is This?* (ELW 296)

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting the goodness of God, let us confess our sin, taking a moment for our own personal reflections.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God of life,

C: **We confess that too often we keep our joy, resources, and security for ourselves.**

**We nurture conflict instead of peace and build barriers before bridges.**

**We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation.**

**Have mercy on us.**

**Renew us with your grace and give us the hope of eternal life in you. Amen.**

P: Hear the good news:

We are children of God and heirs of God's promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

In Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed.

Sing with joy, for all the earth shall know the salvation of God.

C: **Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Angels We Have Heard on High* (ELW 289, vs. 1 & 3)

## 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: Let us pray. Eternal Creator,

C: **you sent your Word into this world to transform it. Write your love on our hearts and send us to follow your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Numbers 6:22-27

<sup>22</sup>The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>23</sup>Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, <sup>24</sup>The Lord bless you and keep you; <sup>25</sup>the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; <sup>26</sup>the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. <sup>27</sup>So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALMODY** Psalm 8 (Chanted)



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<sup>1</sup>O | Lord our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—  
<sup>2</sup>**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in- | fants and children;**  
**you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger.**  
<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,  
<sup>4</sup>**what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,**  
**human beings that you should | care for them?**  
<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less | than divine;  
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.  
<sup>6</sup>**You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;**  
**you have put all things un- | der their feet:**  
<sup>7</sup>all | flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts | of the field,  
<sup>8</sup>**the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,**  
**and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.**  
<sup>9</sup>O | Lord our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 1:1-18

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE "Let's Start at the Very Beginning..." (Pastor Laura Laughlin)

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Of the Father's Love Begotten* (ELW 295, vs. 1, 2 & 3)

## A CONTEMPORARY STATEMENT OF FAITH

P: With the whole church on earth, let us confess our faith:

C: **We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God!**

## 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

(David Laughlin, trombone)

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 (crownofglory.org) and click on the *GIVE+Online* icon. We give thanks and praise for all gifts!

## OFFERTORY CAROL

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory* (ELW 275, vs. 4)

## OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. God of abundance,

C: **receive and bless these gifts we have offered.**

**Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration.**

**Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. 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 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

*In the Bleak Midwinter* (Cranham, arr. Thomas Keesecker)

### 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. God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### BLESSING

P: May God, our Creator, bless you and keep you,  
may Jesus, our Savior, grant you grace and truth,  
and may the Spirit, our Guide, send peace upon your hearts, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

*Go Tell It on the Mountain* (ELW 290)

### DISMISSAL

P: Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

C: **Thanks be to God. We will!**

### SENDING MUSIC

*Joy to the World* (*Antioch*, arr. Gerald Peterson)

## Announcements

### **2023 Stewardship Appeal and Special Appeal**

We have concluded our journey through this year's Stewardship Appeal and Special Appeal. Thank you to those who have submitted their 2023 commitments. If you have yet to do so, it is not too late. Commitment cards are available at the main office desk. To complete the commitment forms online, visit our website ([crownofglory.org/2023-pledge](http://crownofglory.org/2023-pledge)). Thank you for your generosity and partnership!

### **Poinsettias**

Anyone who ordered a poinsettia and would like to take it home is welcome to select one at the end of the service. Bags for wrapping your poinsettia can be found on the main office desk. Remaining poinsettias will be used to decorate the Sanctuary through January 8.

### **No Adult Forum Today**

Join us Sunday, January 8, at 10:15 a.m. in the Sun Hall for the first presentation in a three-part series on Lutheran Faith Practices. On January 8, Pastor Laura and Tom Paulson will be teaching on the faith practice of the Lord's Prayer, its Biblical origins, its history in Lutheran worship, and how it has been contemporized over the years. Come for a discussion on this staple practice of our Lutheran faith. All are welcome!

### **Ruby's Pantry**

Who: Everyone (No residency or income requirements)

Where: Grace Church (9301 Eden Prairie Road, Eden Prairie)

When: January 5 & Every 1st Thursday of the month

Time: 5:00-6:30 p.m.

A \$25 cash donation at the door is appreciated. You will receive an abundance of grocery items.

If you have any questions, please call Loretta at (651) 674-0009 or visit [rubyspantry.org](http://rubyspantry.org).

### **Lutheran Women Gone Wild: January 5**

Join us on Thursday, January 5 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. as we head to El Toro in Shakopee. Please RSVP to Sandi Rue ([srue@rues.org](mailto:srue@rues.org)). All women are welcome!

### **2022 Annual Reports: Due January 18**

Ministry team leaders are welcome to submit their 2022 Annual Report to Kellie Bokusky by Wednesday, January 18. Please include the name and purpose of your ministry, team members, and a brief description of activities for 2022. Reports should not exceed 300 words. Thank you for your partnership in ministry!

### **Nominating Committee Seeks Candidates for Church Council: Due January 25**

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates to serve as Church Council members starting in March. There are three Church Council seats that will be vacant. Council membership is an elected position and members serve a three-year term. Please send nominations to Deb Mangen by Wednesday, January 25.

## **Life Line Screening Event: February 17**

Life Line Screening will offer affordable, non-invasive, and painless health screenings at Crown of Glory on Friday, February 17, 2023. A package of four screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease, and other chronic conditions will be offered:

- **Carotid Artery Screening (Plaque)**  
An ultrasound is performed to screen the carotid arteries (a pair of blood vessels in the neck that deliver blood to your brain) for buildup of fatty plaque. This buildup, called atherosclerosis, is one of the leading causes of stroke.
- **Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening**  
An Ankle-Brachial Index (ABI) test is performed using blood pressure cuffs on the arms and legs. It is important to screen for PAD because it increases the risk of coronary artery disease, heart attack, or stroke.
- **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)**  
An ultrasound is performed to screen the abdominal aorta for the presence of an enlargement or aneurysm. AAA can lead to a ruptured aortic artery, which is a serious medical emergency.
- **Atrial Fibrillation**  
A 6-lead electrocardiogram (EKG) is performed by placing sensors on the arms and legs to screen for Atrial Fibrillation. AFib can lead to blood clots, stroke, and heart failure, and other heart-related complications.

These 4 vital screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Register by calling toll-free 1-888-653-6441, texting the word "circle" to 216-279-1607, or online at [lisa.social/HC](https://lisa.social/HC).

## November and December Sustaining Fund Giving Goal:

- Total giving needed: \$190,000
- Giving through December 26, 2022: \$111,797
- Giving still needed for 2022: **\$78,203\***

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### Financial Update

#### November Giving Update

Monthly Expenses	\$60,112
Monthly Rental Income	\$8,577
Giving Through 11/30/22	\$46,337
Total Revenue	\$54,914

#### Sustaining Fund Summary: November 30, 2022

YTD Mortgage & Cash Payments	\$689,597
YTD Revenue	\$638,728
Balance	<b>(-\$50,869)</b>

### Worship Attendance

#### **Saturday, December 24**

2:00 p.m.: 107

3:30 p.m.: 162

3:30 p.m.: 11 Livestream View

Next Day: 79 Total Views

5:00 p.m.: 117

#### **Sunday, December 25**

9:00 a.m.: 18

### Staff and Leadership

#### **Senior Pastor**

Reggie Klindworth  
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#### **Pastor of Faith Formation**

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#### **Church Council**

President: Grant Taylor  
Vice President: Rachel Berg Scherer  
Secretary: Jodi Sie  
Members: Roger Lee, Mary Leopold,  
Sarah Morrow, Sandi Rue,  
Rebecca Varone, Andy Wright,  
Pastor Reggie Klindworth, and  
Pastor Laura Laughlin

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**Phone:** 952-448-3230

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

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