



**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 22, 2023

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright (Johann Pachelbel)

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, Sarah Morrow, to our AV technicians, Bennett Eriksrud and Brian Boche, to the Garage Band and the Chancel Choir for their music, and to the Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service!

CONFESSIONAL SONG

We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus (ELW 451)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who makes all things new.

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: Holy One, source of our renewal,

C: **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves.**

We have not practiced your righteousness.

Our hearts have turned away from you.

For the sake of the world you love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to you and one another for the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

P: Hear these words of promise: through our Creator's love, the sins we carried with us are no longer present and we are made new. Today and every day, we are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

The Feast Is Ready (ELW 531, vs. 1 & 2)

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. Lord God,

C: **your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Guide us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 9:1-4

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the Lord] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 4:12-23

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

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

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles - ¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. ²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

BAPTISM SONG

Child of God (African American Spiritual)

1 If anybody asks you who I am, who I am, who I am,
If anybody asks you who I am,
tell 'em I'm a child of God.

2 The little cradle rocks today in glory, rocks today in glory, rocks today in glory.
The little cradle rocks today in glory,
Jesus, Holy child of God.

3 Peace on earth, Mary rock the cradle, rock the cradle, rock the cradle.
Peace on earth, Mary rock the cradle,
Jesus, Holy child of God.

4 If anybody asks you who I am, who I am, who I am,
If anybody asks you who I am,
tell 'em I'm a child of God.

BAPTISM MILESTONE

MESSAGE “In Capernaum by the Sea” (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

HYMN OF THE DAY

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore (ELW 817, vs. 1, 2, 4)

HOLY BAPTISM Maren Mae Weispenning

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Reckless Love (Caleb Culver, Cory Asbury, and Ran Jackson)
(Garage Band – Eleonor Edison, Kathryn Goetz, Lexi Morrow,
Abby Robinson, Katie Robinson, and Nick Robinson)

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

God's Work, Our Feet (sung to *Earth and All Stars*) (ACS 1000, vs. 2)

God's work, our feet, trav'ling together;
following Jesus to places unknown
Walking as friends, marching for freedom,
running the race with God's future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,
sharing the good news of the Gospel.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Liberating God,

C: **you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. We magnify and adore you, through Jesus our Savior, 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

Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy) (John Leavitt, fr. Missa Festiva) (Chancel Choir)

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. Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.

BLESSING (SPARK DISMISSAL)

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me (ELW 798, vs 1, 2, 5)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

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

SENDING MUSIC

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright (Dietrich Buxtehude)

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Announcements

Automatic Doors Installed

The north church entrance is now handicap accessible as an automatic door assist system was installed on Tuesday. The gifts from our Fall Social fundraiser were used to purchase the needed equipment. Thank you to all of our donors for making this project come to fruition.

Adult Forum: January 22

Join us on Sunday, January 22, at 10:15 a.m. in the Sun Hall for a presentation by members of the Justice and Inclusion Team and Pastor Laura on the history of Native American Boarding Schools and the church's role in these schools. We will also hear the personal stories of CoG members, Claudine Solseng and Sharon Butz, who will share their experiences of growing up on or near Native American reservation land. All are welcome!

Study for Partners: January 22

Partners of all shapes and sizes are welcome to join in the Partner Bible Study! Our third session of *Animate: Practices* will be on Sunday, January 22 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Sun Hall. Childcare will be provided by Krysta Flaharty, Director of Children's Ministry. Please contact Pastor Laura if you plan to attend or have any questions!

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 Mangan by Wednesday, January 25.

2023 Annual Meeting

The 2023 Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, February 12 at 10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary and via Zoom.

Advanced registration is requested for those who choose to attend the meeting via Zoom. Those who choose to attend the meeting via Zoom may pre-register on our homepage (crownofglory.org) beginning January 20. Click on "2023 Annual Meeting Pre-registration" under the "Helpful Links" section at the bottom right-hand side of our homepage. Instructions for entering the meeting and an Annual Report will be sent on February 9 via email.

Those attending in person will not need to preregister. Paper copies of the Annual Report will be available at the main office desk on Thursday, January 26 after 3:00 p.m.

Immediately following this year's Annual Meeting, we will enjoy a Superbowl Chili Tailgate Party in the Sun Hall! A signup sheet is available in the Gathering Space. All are welcome to attend.

Toy Donations

The Children's Ministry is looking for a few toys to add to the Kiddos' Corner and Sun Hall. If you would like to donate a gently used toy that is quiet enough for a public space, please contact Krysta Flaharty.

Lutheran World Relief Update

During December, SPARK collected items to build personal care kits for the Lutheran World Relief Organization. Crown of Glory was able to donate 48 personal care kits and 12 quilts with supplies left over for next year's kits. A huge thank you to everyone who donated, helped make the kits, and helped carry the boxes over to Miss Krysta's car.

Ruby's Pantry

Ruby's Panty gathers various food overages, surpluses, and bumper crops into generous food bundles and distributes the food at Pop-Up Pantry locations for a \$25 contribution.

Who: Everyone (No residency or income requirements)

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

When: Every 1st Thursday of the Month

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

If you have any questions, please call Loretta at 651-674-0009 or visit rubyspantry.org.

Life Line Screening Event: February 17

There is a simple, convenient way for you to get preventive health screenings and learn your risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions.

These painless screenings go beyond your regular checkup to identify dangerous plaque buildup or blockage, a major risk factor for stroke and heart disease. The screenings are accurate, affordable and will give you valuable information about your health that you can share with your doctor.

We are pleased to host Life Line Screening, who will be at Crown of Glory on Friday, February 17, to conduct these valuable screenings.

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 llsa.social/HC.

Tom Paulson's Music Notes

Please warmly welcome our newest ensemble, the Garage Band (Eleonor Edison, Kathryn Goetz, Lexi Morrow, Abby Robinson, Katie Robinson, and Nick Robinson) to worship this weekend! Before the COVID-19 pandemic, I had some discussions with parents and youth about forming a youth-led band. The pandemic interrupted the process, but we were able to get back on track and began rehearsing a couple of songs in November. They are making their debut this weekend!

In our gospel this weekend, we read how Jesus began calling his disciples. Matthew 4:18-19 says, "As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.'" This reading causes us to consider how God is calling us. What is God calling you to be or to do? What is God calling Crown of Glory to do or be? What can we do to make this world, or at least our corner of it, a better place to live?

*You have come down to the lakeshore, seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy
but only asking for me to follow.*

*Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes; kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat; now with you, I will seek other seas. (ELW 817)*

Worship Attendance

Sunday, January 14

5:00 p.m.: 29

Sunday, January 15

9:00 a.m.: 110

9:00 a.m.: 31 Livestream Views

Next Day: 72 Total Views

Financial Update

December Giving Update

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| Expenses | \$70,690 |
| Rental Income | \$9,449 |
| Giving Through 12/31/22 | \$83,435 |
| Total Revenue | \$92,884 |

Unaudited Sustaining Fund Summary: 12/31/2022

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| YTD Mortgage & Cash Payments | \$758,597 |
| YTD Revenue | \$729,920 |
| Balance | (-\$28,677) |

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



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