



*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.*



Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2024

9:00 a.m.

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Agnus Dei* (from *Requiem*) (Giuseppe Verdi) (Tabitha Hanson, organ)

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are celebrating Holy Communion in worship today.
- We are celebrating and welcoming new members to our congregation 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, Matt Scherer and John Rekow, to Tabitha Hanson and the Chancel Chimers for their music, and to the Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service!

## CONFESSIONAL SONG

*Come, Let Us Worship God* (DATH 2)

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, and draws all people together through Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another, taking a moment for our own personal reflections.

*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

P: Holy God,

C: **we confess that we are caught in our sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurt grow into hatred. For all these things, known and unknown, forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

P: People of God, here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, washes away our sins, and restores the promise of life through ☩ Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*I Will Bless You, O God* (Psalm 34) (DATH 34, vs. 2 & 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: O God, rich in mercy,

C: **by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING Numbers 21:4-9

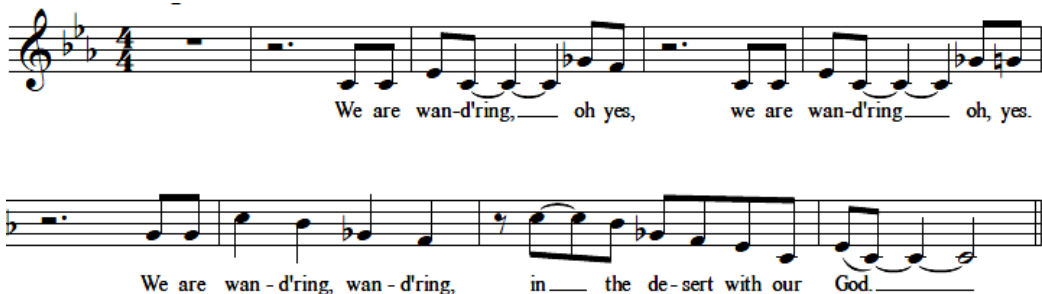
<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” <sup>6</sup>Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## LENTEN PSALM

*A Lenten Psalm* (Pastor Laura Laughlin and Tom Paulson)



## HOLY GOSPEL John 3:14-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>14</sup>“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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“Believing in Promises that are Permanent” (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*What Wondrous Love Is This* (ELW 666)

## NEW MEMBER WELCOME

**P:** Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

**P:** In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Siblings in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

**New Members: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

**P:** People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

**C:** **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

**P:** Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to this community of faith.

**All:** **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

## 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

*Hear My Cry, O God (DATH 36)*

*For the season of Lent, we will be singing a congregational response after each prayer petition.*

**P:** Hear us, O God...

**C:** **Hear my cry, O God;  
listen to my prayer.  
Listen to my song:  
singing praises all along.**

## PEACE

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

**C:** **And also with you.**

**OFFERING** *Bind Us Together & Open Our Eyes, Lord* (Bob Gillman and Bob Cull) (Chancel Chimers)  
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

*Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior* (WOV 614, vs. 3)

## OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.

C: **Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but give us a hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your 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

*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

*All Day and All Night* (Susan E. Geschke) (Chancel Chimers)

## 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. Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now send us out to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.

## BLESSING & SPARK DISMISSAL

P: May God our Creator, ☩ Son, and Spirit bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and give you peace. Amen.

C: **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* (ELW 779, vs. 1, 3, 5)

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share your bread.

C: Thanks be to God. We will.

## SENDING MUSIC

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* (from *Cantata 147*) (JS Bach)  
(Tabitha Hanson, organ)

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## Announcements

### **New Member Welcome:**

Matt and Lindsay Bluhm, and son Gordie, Taylor Manning, and son William, Jordan and Liza May, and son Julian, JoAnn McCloskey, Ardis Moy, Nick and Kelly Pedersen, sons William and Benjamin, Matt and Jennifer Washburn, daughter Molly, sons James, Makale, and Jaxon.

### **Easter Flower Orders: Now through March 14**

Order forms for Easter Flowers are available at the Church Office desk. Flower Choices:

Easter Lily- \$12      Yellow Mum- \$13      Purple Mum- \$13

Orange Tulip- \$11      Yellow Tulip- \$11      Purple Tulip- \$11

Payment can be made by cash, check (made payable to Crown of Glory), or Venmo (Crown of Glory: Easter Flowers). Orders are due by Thursday, March 14 at 1:00 p.m. Flowers may be picked up after Easter services. If you would like to donate your flowers, please indicate your request by checking the box on the order form. Thank you!

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

### **Lent Cinnamon Rolls are Back!**

Now 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 March 17.

### **Candlelight Yoga:** March 14 at 7:00 p.m. at Crown of Glory in the Sun Hall

Join us in the Sun Hall for a gentle meditative yoga. Stay for tea and fellowship after yoga. Pay what you can, suggested \$5-\$15 donation.

### **Adult Forum:** March 17

Join us on Sunday, March 17, at 10:15 a.m. in the North Sun Hall for a presentation by Katie Schaumann from Southern Valley Alliance, a domestic abuse advocacy center. Katie will share about all the services and programs that Southern Valley Alliance provides for the greater community. Come and learn about this important community resource! All are welcome.

### **Study for Partners:** March 17 at 5:30 p.m. at Crown of Glory in the Sun Hall

### **Crown of Glory Spring Cleaning: March 21**

Join along with the Décor Team for a “power hour” spring cleaning of the main church spaces (Sanctuary, Sun Hall, Gathering Space, etc.) on Thursday, March 21 at 5:30 p.m. Individuals are invited to bring their own “cleaning care kit”- bucket, rags, paper towels, window cleaner, spray cleaner, magic eraser, etc. Please contact Julie Youngman, [jyoungman31@gmail.com](mailto:jyoungman31@gmail.com), if you are interested in helping.

### **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: March**

During March our goal is to collect 100 personal care items. The personal care items should be placed in the bin located in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your contributions!

### **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).

### **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:

March 13– French Onion Soup

March 20– Polish Hunter’s Stew

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:

6<sup>th</sup> grade girls

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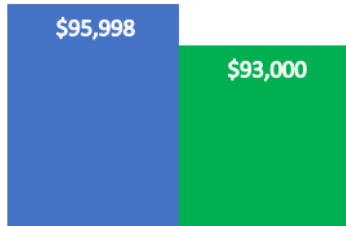
### **Soup Suppers Served During Lent**

Soup Suppers are served on Wednesdays during Lent. We are seeking up to three volunteers to bring a favorite soup to share. A signup sheet is located in the Gathering Space. 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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**Sustaining Fund  
Contributions Report  
2/29/2024 YTD**

■ ACTUAL ■ BUDGET

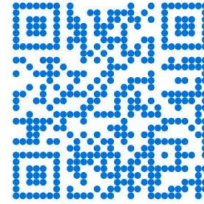


DIFFERENCE: \$2,998

## Financial Update

Our 2024 monthly budget goal for contributions through January is \$46,500. Total contributions through February were \$95,998. A difference of \$2,998 over our YTD budget goal of \$93,000. Thank you for your generous gifts and continued support!

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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## 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>

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## Staff and Leadership

### Senior Pastor

Reggie Klindworth  
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### Pastor of Worship and Music

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### Finance Manager

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### Administrative Office Assistant

Sara Keim  
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### Piano Accompanist

Ginger Larson

### Organist

Tabitha Hanson

### Church Council

President: Jodi Sie  
Vice President: Robert Chinnoek  
Secretary: Sarah Morrow  
Members: Steve Clay, Mikel Jones, Kate Peterson,  
Rachel Berg Scherer, Rebecca Varone,  
Pastor Reggie Klindworth, and  
Pastor Laura Laughlin

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

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**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., (during Lent) Wednesday 6:30 p.m.