



**CROWN
OF GLORY**
ELCA LUTHERAN CHURCH



Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 16, 2022

9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright (Johann Pachelbel) (9:00)
Walk in the Light (Spiritual, arr. Andre Thomas) (Chancel Choir) (10:45)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We will be celebrating Holy Communion in worship today.
- All are invited to place their offering in an offering plate during worship.
- 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 Assistants, Grant Taylor (9:00) and Amy Alberg (10:45), to our AV technicians, John Rekow and Matt Scherer (9:00), and Scott Saulsbury (10:45), to Doug Sayles, Servant Song, and the Chancel Choir for their music, and to the Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's services!

CONFESSIONAL SONG

Rise, Shine, You People! (ELW 665) (9:00)
Justice And Mercy (Matt Redman) (10:45)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who creates us,
redeems us,
and calls us by name.

C: **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children.
We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected.
We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves.
We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome.
Have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may follow your Son and reflect your love for all creation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Rejoice in this good news: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. We are descendants of the Most High, inheritors of eternal life, and set free to live as forgiven children of God.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Shine, Jesus, Shine (ELW 671, vs. 1)

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Holy God, source of every blessing,

C: you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 36:5-10

⁵Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

**⁶Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep;
you save humankind and animals, O Lord.**

⁷How priceless is your love, O God!

All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

**⁸They feast upon the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

⁹For with you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light.

**¹⁰Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Word of God, Come Down on Earth (ELW 510, vs. 1) (9:00)

Lord, Be Glorified (ELW 744, vs. 1) (10:45)

HOLY GOSPEL John 2:1-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE "No Need to Panic" (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Signs and Wonders (ELW 672) (9:00)
Come And See (Matt Redman) (10:45)

STATEMENT OF FAITH

P: With the whole church on earth, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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.

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

Walk in the Light (Spiritual, arr. Andre Thomas) (Chancel Choir) (9:00)

Go Light Your World (Chris Rice) (Servant Song) (10:45)

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

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant (ELW 659, vs. 1) (9:00)

Give Thanks (Henry Smith) (10:45)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe.

C: **You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. 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: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. 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

I Dream of a World (Mark Miller) (Doug Sayles, soloist)

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. We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

BLESSING (SPARK DISMISSAL 9:00)

P: May God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, bless your going out and your coming in, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

We Shall Overcome (Joan Baez, et al.)

DISMISSAL

P: Go with Christ into a weary world and share the good news!

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

SENDING MUSIC

Lift Every Voice and Sing (J. Rosemond Johnson) (9:00)
We Shall Overcome (reprise) (10:45)

Tom Paulson's Music Notes

I can still see his condescending face as he said to me, "We don't sing spirituals here. That's not OUR music." This statement came from a choir member at a church I previously served at. I was in my first fall there and not "in the know." We had just finished rehearsal on a spiritual choir song, and it had not gone well. (In all fairness we were singing it for the first time). In response, I immediately planned three more spirituals for us to sing!

Spirituals are deeply heartfelt music, organically grown, and the children of native African song and slavery/racism/Jim Crow/civil rights in the United States. In the Bible, God hears the cry of the oppressed, the poor, the downtrodden, and the outsider. Remember the story of Israel escaping slavery in Egypt? Think about Jesus' teaching: "...when you did it to the least of these, my children, you did it to me." Every time we sing Mary's song, the Magnificat, we sing, "God has put down the mighty from their thrones and uplifted the lowly." Let's not forget about the story of the Good Samaritan!

This Monday is Martin Luther King Jr. Day in the US. Rev. Dr. King reminds us that all people are unrepeatable miracles of God, of inestimable worth. *We Shall Overcome*, a great spiritual, speaks a great truth: we still have a long way to go to bring forth the kingdom of God. The work of truth and justice, peace and love, is a job that needs to be taken up again and again by each succeeding generation. Indeed, learning to love each other may be the most important thing we ever do.

Opportunities to Serve

SPARK Volunteers

We could use some SPARK volunteers in January and February! As we are entering the new year, if you haven't yet had the chance to volunteer (even if you don't have SPARK kiddos!), consider making one of your New Year's resolutions be signing up to hang out with SPARK kiddos on Sundays! I can say from personal experience, it is the best time!

If you are able to help with SPARK, please email Krysta Flaharty(krysta@crownofglory.org) or visit our website (crownofglory.org/children) to sign up on Signup Genius.

Hospitality Volunteers Needed

Hospitality teams are looking for volunteers. If you can help, please contact Grant Taylor (952-210-7678) for the 9:00 a.m. service. For the 5:00 p.m. service on Saturdays, please contact Mary Leopold (952-500-3341).

Seeking New Loaves & Fishes Coordinator

We are seeking a new Loaves & Fishes Coordinator. Please contact Pastor Reggie Klindworth if you are available to fill this role.

Announcements

Worship Survey Response and Worship Change

In response to the changes we have experienced, the Crown of Glory staff and Council have come to the difficult decision to temporarily suspend the Sunday 10:45 a.m. worship service. This suspension is not permanent but will continue until a new adjustment is required to continue to support our congregation's needs. Moving forward, the last Sunday with the 10:45 a.m. worship will be January 16, 2022. Beginning January 23, 2022, we will move to one service (in person and livestream) at 9:00 a.m. with an education time (SPARK Sunday School and Adult Forum) to follow. As we move and adjust to this new change, we will be holding our congregation in hope and prayer, trusting that God is with us and guiding us forward.

To read the complete statement, please refer to the newsletter that was sent on Thursday, January 13. If you would like the statement emailed to you, please contact Kellie Bokusky.

Adult Forum

Join us this Sunday, January 16, at 10:05 a.m. in the Sun Hall for an Adult Forum featuring Gina Lindquist from the local organization, The Drawer! Gina will be presenting on the work that The Drawer does in our community to help clothe those who are homeless in our midst and how we can participate. All are welcome!

Next week's Adult Forum (Sunday, January 23) will feature CoG member, Carol Hauck, who will be presenting on her recent trip to Pakistan.

Office Closed January 17

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 17 in observation of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Nominating Committee Seeks Candidates for Church Council

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates to serve as Church Council members starting in March. There are three Church Council positions that will be vacant. Council membership is an elected position and members serve a three-year term. Please send nominations to Deb Mangan (deb.mangan6469@gmail.com) by Wednesday, January 26.

2021 Annual Reports

Ministry team leaders are welcome to submit their 2021 Annual Report to Kellie Bokusky by Wednesday, January 19. Please include the name and purpose of your ministry, team members, and a brief description of activities for 2021. Reports should not exceed 300 words. Thank you for your partnership in ministry!

Share the Warmth Coat Drive: Success!

The Justice and Inclusion Team wants to thank everyone in the congregation who contributed to the Share the Warmth Coat and Winter Gear Drive. We took THREE van loads of coats, hats, scarves, and mittens to His House for distribution to those in need! Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Matthew 25:35-36 says, "...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

Worship Attendance

Saturday, January 8

5:00 p.m.: 25

Sunday, January 9

9:00 a.m.: 52

43 (Livestream Views)

98 (Next Day Views)

10:45 a.m.: 19

Financial Update

December Giving Update

Expenses	\$71,259
Rental Income	\$7,361
Giving Through 12/31/21	\$112,664
Total Revenue	\$120,025

Unaudited Sustaining Fund Summary: 12/31/2021

YTD Mortgage & Cash Payments	\$721,534
YTD Revenue	\$691,571
Balance	(-\$29,963*)

*Does not include the Draw 2 PPP Loan that was forgiven in September, 2021.

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

Worship Schedule: Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.