



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.*



Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2023

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

Great Are You Lord (Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan, David Leonard)
(Servant Song)

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, Jen Bates, to our AV technicians, Tony Sie and John Rekow, to Servant Song for their music, and to the Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service!

CONFESSIONAL SONG

By Faith (Stuart Townsend, Keith Getty, and Kristyn Getty)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sins, taking a moment for our own personal reflections.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

P: Holy God,

C: **we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. Open our hearts to your love, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, and open our hands to care for your creation. Amen.**

P: Beloved, we are God's children. Through Jesus we are forgiven, by Jesus all are welcome, and in Jesus we are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us by the One who claims us in love.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, All You People (ELW 819)

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 of justice and love,

C: **you illuminate our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 70

¹Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;

O Lord, make haste to help me.

²**Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;**

let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

³Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.

⁴**Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great is the Lord!”**

⁵But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.

You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia (WOV 613)

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE: STEWARDSHIP TEMPLE TALKS

Eric and Susan Larson, Yvonne Ramsland

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ Be Our Light (ELW 715, vs. 1, 2, 5)

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

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. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning (arr. Tom Paulson) (Servant Song)

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

We Are an Offering (ELW 692)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of all goodness,

C: **generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared in your love. As we gather these gifts from your abundance, may we feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. 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

Whom Shall I Fear (Chris Tomlin) (Servant Song)

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: Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for all people, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. Amen.

BLESSING AND SPARK DISMISSAL

P: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God,
✠ Sovereign, Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

As For Me (Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, and Pat Barrett) (Servant Song)

DISMISSAL

P: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

SENDING MUSIC

As For Me (reprise)

Announcements

New Member Welcome

Amy and Vlad von Barnes, and daughter Ellie, Kathleen DuBrick, Gretchen and Daniel Mitcham, son Zac, and daughter Katie, Rachel and Tony Rydberg, son Elijah, and daughter Nora, Steve and Karen Cass, Krysta Flaharty and Jacob Stepanek, Brian and Aimee Johnson, sons Cameron and Atticus.

Stewardship: Rooted in Faith

November 18 & 19: Stewardship Commitment Weekend

November 25 & 26: Stewardship Celebration Weekend, First Weekend of Advent

Commitment cards may be dropped off at the main office, mailed to the office by November 13, brought during worship November 18 or 19, or submitted online at crownofglory.org/2024-pledge.

Thank you, Highway Cleanup Volunteers!

We are so grateful to the 16 adults and youth who walked our adopted stretch of Highway 212 on Saturday, November 4 and collected 58 bags of trash! Thank you for being stewards of God's creation.



Crown of Glory's Monthly Pledge to the Bountiful Basket Food Shelf: November

During November our goal is to collect 200 cans of soup. The cans of soup should be placed in the bin located in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your contributions! In October, 74 pounds of food (cans of corn and peas) was collected and in September 62 pounds (peanut butter).

Study for Partners: November 12

Partners of all shapes and sizes (i.e. any two people who share a close relationship: an adult and their parent, two good friends, romantic partners, siblings, etc.) are welcome to join in the Study for Partners! Once a month on a Sunday evening, we will wrestle with social justice issues, specifically regarding human sexuality, through the series, Dialogues On: Sexuality. Our next session will be on Sunday, November 12 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Contact Pastor Laura to get signed up! All are welcome.

Movie Night: November 14

On Tuesday, November 14 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. the Justice & Inclusion Team will show the documentary Doctrine of Discovery: In the Name of Christ. This film teaches about the history of the Doctrine of Discovery, its basis in Christian theology, its effects on Indigenous Peoples today, and how we might start to undo it. Our team has already previewed this film, and it is excellent! There will be time for discussion after the short 43-minute video. Come and watch the movie with us! Beverages and popcorn will be provided.

Fare for All: November 16 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Men's Pub Ministry Bottling Party: November 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Come and enjoy the processing of bottling home brew and taste test some of it! All of the bottling equipment will be provided! You are welcome to bring a favorite beverage (beer or non-alcoholic drink) to share and an appetizer to pass. All are welcome to join on Thursday, November 16 in the Sun Hall at the church from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Women's Bible Study: November 18

Join fellow women of the Word once a month on a Saturday at 9:00 a.m. for coffee, meaningful conversation, and a deep dive into a book of the Bible! This year, we are studying the book of Acts together, a rich exploration of the beginning of the church, the movement of the Holy Spirit, and the connections between the early church and our faith lives today. The next Women's Bible Study session will be held in person on Saturday, November 18 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sun Hall. Contact Sherri Taylor (sherriktaylor@hotmail.com) with questions or to get signed up! All are welcome.

Time, Talents, and Tasks Ministry Fall Work Session: November 18

Fall has definitely arrived and with it a few tasks around Crown of Glory that need to be completed before the snow season arrives. Contact Bob Chinnock (robert.chinnock@gmail.com or 612-710-5269) for more information and if you would like to help.

Adult Forum: November 19

Join us on Sunday, November 19, at 10:15 a.m. in the North Sun Hall for a presentation by Pastor Reggie and Ashley Pederson (Crown of Glory Finance Manager) on "Giving Outside the Box." Come and learn about unique and creative ways to financially support Crown of Glory through stock gifts, matching gifts, Thrivent dollars and more! Bring your questions and join the conversation. All are welcome.

Children's Christmas Narrative Information and Sign-up



This will be a short Nativity play with Christmas songs performed by the SPARK Sunday school children. After the performance all families are invited to gather in the Sun Hall to enjoy fellowship and birthday cake for Jesus!

Scan the QR Code for more information. Sign-up by Thursday, November 23.

Faithful Knitters

Knitters and Crocheters! We are called the Faithful Knitters, but we knit and crochet. We have several projects happening. Most items are donated to local charities. We enjoy a small devotion during our time. We meet at the Gathering Space next to the kitchen. Join us! We meet every Wednesday evening from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Questions contact Carol Hauck 612-236-5951 or carolhauck@broadband-mn.com.

Faithful Knotters

The Faithful Knotters are seeking the following items to use:

Lightly used colored sheets, blankets for fillers, cotton fabrics-non stretchy, yarn, and pillow cases. For Newborn kits (new or gently used items) for the Global Health Ministries they are seeking, bath towels (regular sized and not too plush), wash cloths (not microfiber), short sleeved onesies (0-3 or newborn), newborn hats, baby receiving blankets, cloth diapers and diaper pins, and white sheets (all or part cotton only, for bandages in rolls). These items can be placed in the grey bin located in the Gathering Space.

Chancel Chimers

Consider joining this fun group that loves to laugh and make music. The Chancel Chimers are seeking additional members to join them! Practices are on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the music room. Contact Sarah Morrow at sissybmorrow@gmail.com with any questions.

Music Rehearsals are on Wednesdays

Servant Song: 5:00 p.m., Chancel Chimers: 6:00 p.m., and Chancel Choir: 6:45 p.m. All talent levels are welcome to join!

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). 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:

November 15– Chili Dogs

November 22– No Dinner

Confirmation Kitchen Helpers:

7th grade girls

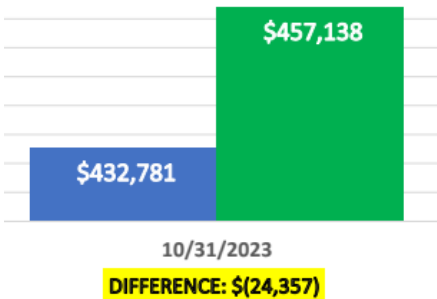
No Dinner

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.

Sustaining Fund Contributions Report 2023

■ ACTUAL ■ BUDGET

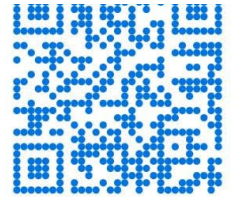


Financial Update

As of 10/31/23, our budgeted total contributions YTD are projected to be \$457,138 based on prior year trends. However, our actual contributions YTD are \$432,781. This is a difference of \$(24,357) from our expected budget. Your gifts make a difference!

Fundraisers are not included in the chart. We budgeted \$5,000 in fundraiser revenue in July and raised \$6,555 from our Rummage Sale. We budgeted \$15,000 in fundraiser revenue in October and raised over \$24,000 from our Fall Social. The additional funds raised will help offset some of the contribution shortfall. Thanks to all who helped make the fundraisers a success!

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



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>

Staff and Leadership

Senior Pastor

Reggie Klindworth
pastorreggie@crownofglory.org

Pastor of Faith Formation

Laura Laughlin
pastorlaura@crownofglory.org

Finance Manager

Ashley Pederson
ashley@crownofglory.org

Administrative Office Assistant

Sara Keim
sara@crownofglory.org

Church Council

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

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

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.