

# CROWN OF GLORY

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation



ELCA



*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.*



## Second Sunday of Christmas

January 4, 2026  
9:00 a.m.

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Go Tell it On The Mountain* (Joel Smallbone, Luke Smallbone,  
Benjamin Backus, Tedd Tjornhom, & John Wesley Work Jr.)  
(Servant Song)

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Crown of Glory is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.
- We will be celebrating Holy Communion in worship today.
- Members, guests, and visitors are invited to fill out a yellow Welcome Card located in a Hymnal, at the North entrance, Hospitality Station, and Church Office table. If you need a pencil/pen, they can be found at the North entrance of the building, Hospitality Station, and church office. Filled out Welcome Cards can be placed in the offering plate during offering, put in the designated box at the church office desk, or handed to an usher as you leave worship today.
- The Kiddos' Corner is located at the North side of the Sanctuary along with Activity Bags. Please utilize these resources as needed throughout our worship service.
- Thank you to our Worship Assistant, Angie Saulsbury, AV Technicians, Brian Johnson and John Rekow, to Servant Song for their music, and to the Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

## CONFESSIONAL SONG

*O Little Town of Bethlehem* (Lewis Redner, Phillips Brooks,  
Shane Barnard, Ross Fishburn, and Adrian Disch)

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin, taking a moment for our own personal confessions.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Reconciling God,

C: **we yearn for your presence to transform our grief, pain, and despair.**

**We confess that we have not always prepared room in our hearts for your love;**

**we have not always recognized your presence among us;**

**we have not always embraced your message of peace.**

**We are weary with the burden of violence, oppression, and fear.**

**We confess our failure to make room for those seeking refuge,**

**our participation in violent systems that harm your innocent ones,**

**and our reluctance to embody your good news.**

**Be born in us today**

**and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation. Amen.**

P: God's grace upon grace flows over you and ☩ Christ's presence redeems the whole creation.

Your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad!

C: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## PRAISE CAROL

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* (ELW 288, 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: Almighty God,

C: **you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 1:3-14

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup> He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup> so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup> this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL CAROL

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* (ELW 276, vs. 1)

## HOLY GOSPEL 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 overtake 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 the only Son, himself God, 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

“Grace in the Flesh” (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*What Child is This* (arr. Lauren Daigle)

### 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: 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

*Joy Unto the World* (Dan Ostebo, Ethan Hulse, Jordan Mohilowski, Joshua Havens, & Matt Fuqua) (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 given toward our on-going mission.

### OFFERTORY CAROL

*In the Bleak Midwinter* (ELW 294, vs. 3)

### OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of glory,

C: **great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ 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

*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 portion of bread and a cup with either wine or grape-juice (please indicate your preference to your server). All bread is allergen-free. 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

*Remembrance (The Communion Song)* (Matt Maher and Matt Redman)  
(Servant Song)

### COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.  
Amen.

P: Incarnate God,

C: **you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder the mystery of your presence in our hearts. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Jesus Christ born in us. Amen.**

### BLESSING

P: The triune God, glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter, ✠ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.

C: **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

*May You Find a Light* (The Brilliance)

### DISMISSAL

P: Glory to God in the highest!

C: **And peace to God's people on earth!**

P: Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.

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

### SENDING MUSIC

*May You Find a Light* (reprise)

## Announcements

**Building and Offices Closed:** January 19 (MLK Day)

### **Sign Up on the Worship Whiteboard**

All kids are encouraged to arrive by 8:55 a.m. on Sunday to get signed up to help in worship.

### **Upcoming in Worship:**

January 11– Baptism Milestone

January 25– RIC Sunday

## Wednesday Night Programming

**Wednesday Night Dinner Team:** Seeking New Members

Contact [pastorreggie@crownofglory.org](mailto:pastorreggie@crownofglory.org) for more details and information.

### **Wednesday Night Dinner:**

#### Meal

January 7– Tacos

January 14– Scalloped Potatoes and Ham

January 21– Pizza

January 28– Sloppy Joes

#### Kitchen Helpers

All 8<sup>th</sup> grade

All 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Volunteers

All 7<sup>th</sup> grade

**Connect and Confirmation:** January 21 Buck Hill Tubing

## Children and Youth

**Senior High Youth Ministry Group Event:** January 11 sledding at Jonathan Elementary 3:00-5:00 p.m.

## Adult Ministry and Education

**J & I Team Meeting:** January 6 at 6:30 p.m.

**Lutheran Women Gone Wild:** January 8 at Turtle's Bar and Grill, Shakopee from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Women's Bible Study:** January 10 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sun Hall

**Sunday Conversations:** January 11 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Sun Hall

**Book Discussion:** Thursday, January 15, 2026, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Sun Hall.

Author will join to discuss book, *Being Ellen: A Second Chance at Life* by Ellen Krug.

**Men's Pub Ministry:** January 22 Bottling Party at 6:30 p.m. in the CoG Sun Hall

Please bring a beer to share and pizza will be provided.

## Donations, Fundraisers, and Volunteering

**Bountiful Basket Donations for January:** hearty soups, crackers, and healthy kid snacks.

### **CoG Giving Tree Ends January 5**

Donate items labeled on a Christmas ornament to help welcome eighteen new families into Prairie Pointe. Please place these purchased items in the donation box in the Sun Hall or under the tree.

## **Financial Update:**

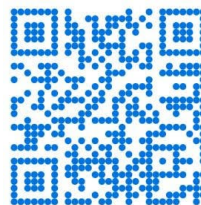
### **Financial Reports**

Copies of Financial Reports can be found on the display board next to the main Church Office or by contacting our Finance Manager, Ashley Pederson.

### **Ways to Give at Crown of Glory**



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



### **Directing Thrivent Choice Dollars:**

**Online:** [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://thrivent.com/thriventchoice)

**Phone:** 1-800-847-4836

**Contact:** Pastor Reggie (952)-448-3230 ext. 3

[pastorreggie@crownofglory.org](mailto:pastorreggie@crownofglory.org)

**Scan the Code:**



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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>

## Church Council



*Pictured from left to right:*

Pastor Reggie Klindworth– Senior Pastor, Kate Peterson, Kristi Kirsch, Deb Mangen, Sherri Eriksrud (Secretary), Eric Larson (Vice President), Bill Tyler, Mikel Jones (President), Bob Chinnock, Pastor Laura Laughlin– Pastor of Worship and Music

## Staff

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<b>Servant Song Leader</b> Grace Becker		

**Office Hours:** Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
**Worship Schedule** (All Year): Sunday 9:00 a.m.  
**SPARK Sunday School** (Program Year): Sunday 9:55-10:35 a.m.