

# CROWN OF GLORY

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation



*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 Lent

March 16, 2025

9:00 a.m.

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Be Still, My Soul* (arr. Christopher Alexander) (Ginger Larson)

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We will be celebrating Holy Communion in worship today.
- Crown of Glory is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.
- 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.
- New to Crown of Glory? Welcome! Join us after worship in the Sun Hall for fellowship, coffee, tea, and treats. See a Hospitality volunteer or one of the Pastors with questions.
- Thank you to our Worship Assistant, David Delforge, to our AV Technicians, John Rekow and Tony Sie, to Ginger Larson, Rachel Berg Scherer, and the Chancel Choir for their music, and to our Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

## A PRAYER OF INVOCATION

P: God meets us in the night

C: **before the sun rises, before the wound heals, before there are answers, before there is closure.**

P: God meets us in the light

C: **where joy is effervescent, where laughter is contagious, where flowers bloom from cracks in the sidewalk, where people gather around tables.**

P: God meets us in between

C: **at the edge of the water, at the beginning of the wilderness, at the start of something new, on the edge of faith.**

P: And if God meets us in all those places,

C: **then surely God meets us everywhere at the water's edge, at the start of something new, after the baptism, and before the call.**

P: We are not alone. God is all around.

C: **Let us worship the God of everything.**

## CONFESSONAL SONG

*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* (ELW 712, vs. 1-3)

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: God of Grace,

C: **We long to do the "right" thing.**

**We long to make the "right" choice.**

**We long to stand on the "right" side of the dividing line.**

**In our earnestness, we sometimes miss the sacred right in front of us.**

**In our earnestness, we sometimes miss opportunities to show love.**

**Show us how to hold our heart's desire for perfection loosely.**

**Show us how to lead with grace and love, over anything else.**

**For even more than our desire to be right, we desire to be close to you.**

**Show us the way. Amen.**

## **WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

**P:** Faithful friends, God knows your heart. When you mean well and lose your way, God knows. When you try to do the right thing and miss the point, God knows. When you long to be close to God, and doubt your worth, God knows. You are seen. You are loved. You are forgiven. You have been sent to serve. This is the good news of the gospel! Nothing can separate you from God's love.

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

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land* (ELW 333)

## **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:** Loving God,

**C:** **When our anxiety hovers close, when fear clings to our bones, when our stress rises like the tide, see us. Speak to us. Call us by name. See us in the kitchen, in the classroom, in the hospital waiting room. Speak to us in the quiet, in the crowd, in the inky shadows of night. Call us beloved. Call us by name. Call us your child. Whatever you do, speak to us, for we cannot live on bread alone. Amen.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil* (ELW 512)

## **HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 10:38-42

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

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

<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup>there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

**P:** The Gospel of our Lord.

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

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **MESSAGE**

"Reading the Room" (Pastor Laura Laughlin)

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Ministry and Presence* (Anna Strickland)

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Together, let us confess our faith:

**We believe in a Christ who teaches, sees, affirms, and celebrates all of who we are. We believe in a Christ who invites us to use our gifts for good and celebrates every step we take in that direction. We believe in a Christ who understands our anxieties and is gentle with our concerns. And we believe in a Christ who looks at us with undiluted love. The world will try to rank, rate, and declare winners, but we know love has no limit. So with God's help, may we nurture our faith and do good work. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: God, in your mercy,

C: **receive our prayer.**

## PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

## OFFERING

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* (arr. Thomas Keesecker)  
(Chancel Choir)

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)

## OFFERING PRAYER

P: Gracious Provider,

C: **you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. 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 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

*Dona Nobis Pacem* (arr. Ryan Marvel) (Ginger Larson)

## 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: Generous Host,

C: **you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand* (ACS 1024)

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

P: As you leave this place, may you find God in every messy middle. May you know that the world is bigger than two sides. May you trust that you are made in the image of God, and therefore, you contain multitudes. So may you move through this world with an open heart, with a curious mind, and with the confidence that you do not go alone. God is with you in the mountains, in the valleys, and everywhere in between. Believe that good news, and go in peace.

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

## SENDING MUSIC

*Here on Jesus Christ I Still Stand* (arr. P.F. Tillan) (Ginger Larson)

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Welcome to the season of Lent! Throughout the next several weeks, we will hear and learn from stories about Jesus as he journeys to the cross as described in the Gospel of Luke. Each week, we will study a piece of art that depicts that week's story and take a close look at two apparent opposites to discover where God might be in between them.

This weekend, we hear the story of Mary and Martha, two sisters who are traditionally compared based on how they show hospitality to Jesus. Instead of comparing, we are pushing back on the question, "Are you a Mary or a Martha?", and considering a reality where both sisters are relatable, and necessary, when it comes to what it means to live our faith each day.

Be sure to take a devotional booklet (located in the display in the Gathering Space) home with you to continue diving deep into this weekend's topic as we learn and journey together this Lenten season.

# Ministry and Presence

EIN FESTE BURG 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.7 ("A Mighty Fortress is Our God")

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Music by Martin Luther, 1529



When Je - sus passed near Mar - tha's home she had no  
Her sis - ter Ma - ry took a seat to spend time  
He said, "You are both gifts to me with diff - erent



hes - i - ta - tion "Please treat my house like it's your own,"  
with the tea - cher In - tent - ly listen - ing at his feet,  
ways of be - ing. I won't take that from Ma - ry



she gave the in - vi - ta - tion She wan - ted all the best  
his words drew her in dee - per But Mar - tha took of - fense  
whose place is right here with me. You have no - thing to prove



To serve her hon - ored guest Her check - list grew and grew  
At Ma - ry so con - tent With all there was to do  
So let your heart be moved. Just one thing do I need:



Her time was all con - sumed With min - i - stry a - bound - ing  
She need - ed Ma - ry too And asked for Je - sus' back - ing  
To feel your love in deeds Of min - i - stry and pre - sence."



# Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

*Refrain*

*Kwa - ke*      *Ye - su na - si - ma - ma,*      *ndi - ye*  
Here on      Je - sus Christ I will stand.      He's the

*mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma.*      *Ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la -*  
sol - id rock of my life.      He's the sol - id rock of my

*ma,*      *ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma.*  
life.      He's the sol - id rock of my life.

(Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand continued on next page)



*Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand (continued)*

1 There's no oth - er place I can hide till the  
2 It is not the work of my hands that has  
3 When my days on this earth are done, and I

storm that rag - es sub - sides. My voice cries to God from the  
washed a - way all my sins. I'm re - deemed, and all of my  
stand at God's ho - ly throne, my heart will not have an - y

*Refrain*  
flood, and I'm saved be - cause of his blood.  
days, Je - sus Christ will be my heart's praise.  
fear; in Christ's righ - teous - ness I am here.

Text: Kenyan hymn; adapt. Greg Scheer, b. 1966

Music: KWAKE YESU NASIMAMA, Kenyan melody; adapt. Greg Scheer

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## Announcements

### **Crown of Glory Swag Orders have Arrived!**

If you have placed an order you pick can it up starting on Sunday, March 16. Orders will be available after worship service and then again on Wednesday, March 19. If anyone has an order they can't pick up at either of those time, please make arrangements with Sherri Eriksrud, [SEriksrud@bachmans.com](mailto:SEriksrud@bachmans.com).

### **Rummage Sale**

As you may start to do Spring Cleaning, keep in mind we will be seeking donations for the Rummage Sale later this Spring. More information to come.

### **Cross Wall**

Each year we invite members to bring a cross to be included on the Cross Wall just outside the sanctuary. The Cross Wall was started during Lent in 2018 and remains a tradition today. If you have a cross that you would like to be included on the Cross Wall, please drop it off at the church office.

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

Located to the left of the Hospitality Station outside the main Sanctuary entrance, this board is available to kids of all ages to volunteer to help in worship with things like passing the Offering plates, serving Communion to the Pastors, lighting candles, etc. All kids are encouraged to arrive by 4:55 p.m. on Saturday or 8:55 a.m. on Sunday to get signed up.

### **Children's Bulletins**

We have special Children's Bulletins to accompany our lessons during Lent; look for them at the Hospitality table. Crayons can be found in the Activity Bags located in the Kiddos' Corner on the North side of the Sanctuary.

### **Easter Flowers Sale: Now through April 3**

Order forms for Easter Flowers are available in the Gathering Space, at the Church Office, or fill the form out online, <https://forms.gle/vmKcM8YkFeSpydCx6>, if using Venmo as payment.

#### Flower Choices:

- Easter Lily- \$12
- Yellow or Purple Mum- \$13
- Pink or Orange Tulip- \$11
- Blue Hydrangea- \$25

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, April 3 by 12:00 p.m. Flowers may be picked up after Easter worship 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: March 19 - April 9 at 6:30 p.m. (In Person & Livestream)**

### **Music Rehearsals During Lent**

Wednesdays:

Servant Song: 5:00 p.m., Chancel Chimers: 5:45 p.m., and Chancel Choir: 7:15 p.m.

Thursdays:

Garage Band: 7:30 p.m.

## Announcements

### **Wednesday Night Dinners:**

Do you want a night off from making dinner? Join us for a wonderful meal and fellowship on Wednesday nights. Dinner is served almost every Wednesday from 5:15-6:15 p.m. The cost is \$6 per youth or \$16 per family. Meals are prepared by the Wednesday Night Dinner Team and served by Confirmation small groups.

#### Upcoming Menu:

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

March 19 - Polish Hunters Stew

March 26 - French Onion Soup

#### Confirmation Kitchen Helpers:

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys

All meals are served with a salad bar, yogurt and granola bar, and fruit.

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

Soup Suppers are served on Wednesdays during Lent. We are seeking up to three volunteers per week to bring a favorite soup to share. A signup sheet is located in the Gathering Space or email Pastor Reggie your choice of soup and the Wednesday you are able to donate. 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!

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

Every Sunday through the Lent season, 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.

### **Spring First Communion Class:** Today at 1:00 p.m.

Contact Pastor Reggie for more information. To sign up for the class, go to [crownofglory.org](http://crownofglory.org) Ministry tab and click on Milestones.

### **Sunday Conversations:** Today from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Dive into thought-provoking discussion in our adult study group, where we explore a range of biblical themes, social justice issues, and relevant topics. This year, we'll focus on the book *Dialogues: On Race*. Topic of conversation this month: *Whither the Women?*

### **Men's Pub Ministry:** March 20

Join this group at The Savage Tap Craft Beer & Brewery, Savage, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for good brew and fellowship.

### **March 23:** SPARK kids are invited to sing during Children's Message

### **Fare for All:** March 27 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the CoG Sanctuary

Fare for All is a pop-up grocery store and a great way to save money on quality, nutritious food. Fare For All buys fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, and frozen meat in bulk to save you up to 40% off grocery store prices. Fare For All is community supported and open to everyone. Fare For All accepts cash, credit, debit, and EBT cards.

Mega Meat Pack- \$25      Produce Pack- \$10

March's Hot Buys: Italian Sausage Lasagna - 2lbs - \$7, Chicken Thighs 1.25lbs - \$4, Chicken Thighs Case (6) 7.5lbs - \$21, Beef Patties (6) 21oz - \$5, Bacon Breakfast Sandwich 16oz - \$4, Ribeye Steak 4-6oz - \$5

## Announcements

**No SPARK Sunday School:** March 30 and April 6 for Spring Break

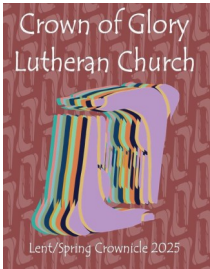
**Lutheran Women Gone Wild:** April 3

Join this group of women for good food and fellowship at Cuzzy's Brick House, Chaska, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Contact Sandi Rue, [srue@rues.org](mailto:srue@rues.org), with any questions and to RSVP.

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

During March we will be collecting donations of hearty soups and crackers. These items should be placed in the bin located in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your generosity!

**Spring Crownicle Now Available**



Read about all of the things coming up at Crown of Glory. There are a few printed copies available for reading at the church and it is also available to view online on the Crown of Glory website, in the special CC sent March 3, or the weekly CC.

## VBS Registration is Open!

Register online on Crown of Glory's website, [crownofglory.org](http://crownofglory.org), hover over the word Ministry, and click on VBS Registration.

**JULY 28-31**  
Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Contact Gretchen Mitcham, [gretchen@crownofglory.org](mailto:gretchen@crownofglory.org), with any questions.

**Cost:**

**Early Bird Rate**  
(until June 1, 2025)

**\$55/camper**  
(includes lunch & snacks)



### **Camp Wapo Summer Camp Opportunities**

Does the sunshine have you dreaming about summer camp?

In the past few years, kids from Crown of Glory have enjoyed attending Camp Wapogasset, aka Wapo, located in Amery, WI. You can learn more about the camp and the options on this website: <https://lakewapo.org/sites/camp-wapo/>. They offer a weekend camp called "Wapo Seeds" for kids currently in grades 1-3. There is a Sunday - Friday option for kids currently in grades 4-9. The Wapo staff is encouraging us to consider the weeks for July 20-25 or August 3-8 if Crown of Glory kids are wanting to attend as a group. Please reach out to [Gretchen](mailto:Gretchen) if you have any questions!

## Announcements

Join us through the season of Lent



# everything [in] between

Meeting God in the midst of extremes



Holden Evening Prayer Service:  
Wednesdays  
6:30 p.m.  
(In Person & Livestream)

The Story of Job: Faithful One of God  
March 19: Job, A Servant of God  
March 26: Job's Suffering  
April 2: God Responds to Job  
April 9: God's Voice & Job's Final Words

## Holy Week Worship Schedule:

Palm Sunday

April 13  
9:00 a.m.



Maundy Thursday

April 17  
6:30 p.m.

First Communion



Good Friday

Cantata  
April 18  
6:30 p.m.



Holy Saturday Taize

April 19  
5:00 p.m.



Easter Sunday

April 20  
8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



## SABBATICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

### **Pastor Laura is going on Sabbatical!**

Beginning April 24, 2025, I will be taking a three-month sabbatical for rest, renewal, study, and writing. I am grateful for this congregation's support and invite your prayers during this time!

Amid some time off and respite at home and enjoying time with my family, I will be focusing portions of my sabbatical on the intersection between music and creation rooted in several experiences: hiking a section of the Dingle Way in Ireland, singing with the Crown of Glory choral ensemble at Carnegie Hall in the urban jungle of New York City, visiting Zion National Park and the Grand Canyon while learning about the Native American communities in Arizona, and participating in the music and work of the church as a voting member at the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Phoenix, Arizona.

I give thanks for the support of my colleague, Pastor Reggie, and for the Crown of Glory Staff as they cover and share my responsibilities during the time that I am gone. Just as I invite your prayers for my sabbatical time, I will also be holding you, Crown of Glory, in my prayers throughout the three months that we are apart.

I look forward to returning to worship on August 9, 2025 renewed, refreshed, and ready for another program year of ministry together!

In Christ,  
Pastor Laura

### Financial Update

#### **Financial Reports**

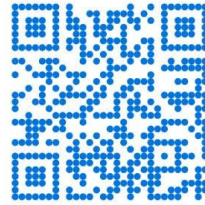
Copies of Financial Reports can be found on the display board next to the main Church Office or by contacting our Finance Manager, Ashley Pederson.



## 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:**



**Direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars by  
March 31, 2025.**



### **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>

## Church Council



*Back row, from left to right:*

Pastor Laura Laughlin, Sherri Eriksrud, Kristi Kirsch, Mikel Jones (Secretary), Eric Larson,  
Pastor Reggie Klindworth, Bob Chinnock

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Deb Mangen, Sarah Morrow (Vice President), Kate Peterson (President), Deb Peterson

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

**Worship Schedule (Program Year):** Saturday 5:00 p.m. & Sunday 9:00 a.m.

**Summer Worship Schedule:** Sunday 9:00 a.m.