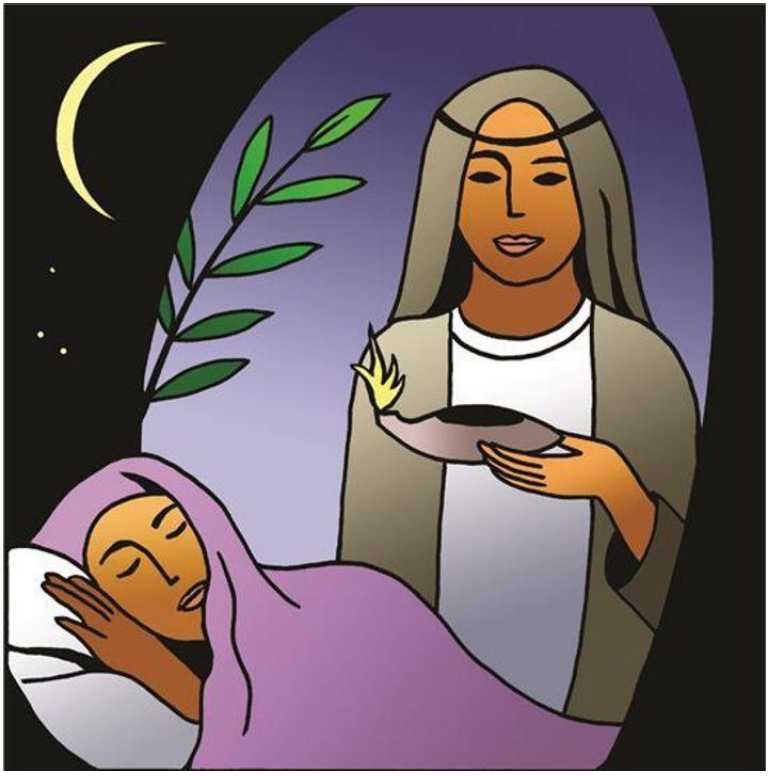
CROWN OF GLORY

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

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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

Stewardship 2: *Led by the Spirit*

November 8, 2026

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC *Sweet Ever After*
(Words and Music by Ellie Holcomb and Bear Rinehart)
(Folk Band)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Crown of Glory is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.
- We will be celebrating Holy Communion in worship today.
- We are celebrating the baptism of Jack Josia Conlee, son of Danielle and Michael Conlee, with his sponsor, Michael Conlee.
- 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 on 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, Sarah Morrow; AV technicians, Brian Johnson and Robin Bielefeldt; to the Folk Band (Ginger Larson, voice, violin, and guitar; Grace Becker, voice and guitar; Jodi Barnett, voice and guitar; John Posselt, voice and guitar; Rachel Berg Scherer, percussion; Tabitha Hanson, voice and violin; Tom Barnett, voice and bass) for their music; and to the Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

CONFESSIONAL SONG *Though the Earth Shall Change* (ACS 1035)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

C: Amen.

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.
(*Silence is kept for reflection*)

P: Compassionate God,

C: We confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: Hear this good news:
We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE *Brighter than the Sun* (DATH 64, vs. 1, 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 of justice and love,

C: you illumine 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 70:1-5

1 God, hurry to save me; Lord, hurry to help me!

2 May those who seek my life be put to shame and humiliated; May those who delight in my harm be turned back and dishonored.

3 May those who say, "Aha, aha!" be turned back because of their shame.

4 May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; And may those who love Your salvation say continually, "May God be exalted!"

5 But I am afflicted and needy; Hurry to me, God! You are my help and my savior; Lord, do not delay.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Celtic Alleluia* (ELW 174, refrain only)

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 young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But 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.' 10 And 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. 11 Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13 Keep 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 "Pack Extra Oil" (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

SONG OF THE DAY *Fear Not For I Am With You* (Rachel Wilhelm, arr. Grace Becker)

HOLY BAPTISM Jack Josia Conlee

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
P: God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

PEACE
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

OFFERING *Be Where You Are* (Birdtalker) (Folk Band)
The offering will be received in offering plates during worship.
To give by phone with *Text-to-Give*, text 833-497-3991 with your contribution amount.
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 *That We May Be Filled* (W&P 134)

OFFERING PRAYER
P: God of creation,
C: You send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. 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* (Adapted 2026) (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 wish to be served at your seat, please let an usher know.

DISTRIBUTION *Slow Me Down*
(Leslie Jordan, Sandra McCracken, Matthew Kaemingk, Wendell Kimbrough, and Kate Bluett)
(Folk Band)

COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER
P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: Amen.

P: God of our salvation,
C: We give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING AND SPARK DISMISSAL
P: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.
The God of hope grant you strength and joy by the power of the Spirit.
The God of grace ✢ bless you now and forever.
C: Amen.

SENDING SONG *Well* (Paul Zach)

DISMISSAL
P: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
C: Thanks be to God. We will!

SENDING MUSIC *Well* (reprise)

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Announcements

Each household should receive a 2027 Stewardship Appeal packet by mail detailing this year's theme and goals. Please review the packet and join us during the following weekends in November for our stewardship season as we explore what it means to be *A Giving Spirit*.

2027 Stewardship Appeal: *A Giving Spirit*
November 8: Led by the Spirit
November 15: Shaped by the Spirit
November 22: Give Thanks!

Quilt Raffle: Today

The Faithful Knotters are hosting a quilt raffle featuring a Minnesota Vikings quilt and a Green Bay Packers quilt. Purchase raffle tickets, $5.00 each, for which quilt you want your name entered and the winners will be announced at the Fall Social on Saturday, November 14. You do not need to be present to win but make sure to write your name and phone number on your raffle entry ticket. Good luck!

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.

Fall Social: Saturday, November 14 (see back pages for details)

New Member Orientation: Today at 10:30 a.m.

All visitors and guests looking to make Crown of Glory their church home are invited to attend an orientation with Pastor Reggie.

New Member Welcome: November 15 during worship

During the service, your family will be briefly introduced to the congregation. We will also take a photo for our New Member Bulletin Board.

Adult Ministry and Education

Justice and Inclusion Team Meeting: Tuesday, November 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Women's Bible Study: Saturday, November 14 from 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Understanding and Responding to Christian Nationalism

The Justice & Inclusion Team at Crown of Glory Lutheran Church is pleased to invite you to a presentation on Understanding and Responding to Christian Nationalism, featuring speaker, Jerry Gale. Jerry is a member of Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church in Minneapolis. In January 2024 he founded the Christians Against Christian Nationalism Minnesota community group and has been sharing his message throughout the state. Christian Nationalism seeks to merge Christian and American identities, damaging both the Christian faith and America's democracy. It implies to be a good American one must be a Christian. This workshop provides information about Christian Nationalism and ways for Christians, people of other faiths, and secular individuals to respond to Christian Nationalism.

EVENT DETAILS:

Date: Thursday, November 19
Time: 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Location: Crown of Glory Lutheran Church Sun Hall
Address: 1141 Cardinal Street, Chaska
We hope you will join us for this informative presentation and conversation. Please register for this event **https://forms.gle/zUMvRyLXhoT3JvG66**, but registration is not required.
For more information contact rebecca.varone@gmail.com

Update- November 5, 2026

During Pastor Joe's leave of absence, Pastor Jen Collins, from the Bishop's Office, will be joining the Transition Team and Mikel Jones has been appointed the Chairperson of the Transition Team.

Transition Process Updates- October 15, 2026

A Transition Team has been assembled to help lead Crown of Glory in discerning our next faithful steps as a congregation. The team members include: Rachel Berg-Scherer, Mikel Jones, Rich Latterner, Sarah Morrow, Dee Ann Pettyjohn, Leah Skille, Grant Taylor, and Pastor Joe Orner.

Where are we in the Transition Process?

Over the last two months, the Transition Team has been meeting regularly to discuss and evaluate our congregation and its ministries. The primary goal of these conversations has been to name where the congregation has been, where it sees itself now, and to identify possible directions for our continued ministry and mission together. We know: God has a mission. God's mission has a church. All we're doing is asking how we can join in.

What's next in the Transition Process?

Having completed our internal assessment, the Transition Team now wants to widen our scope to hear from the entire congregation. In late October, a congregational survey will be shared, and we need your voice and participation! The survey will remain open for your completion for about two weeks.

After the results are reviewed by the Transition Team, we will host a Town Hall Forum on a Sunday after worship. There, members of the Transition Team will lead table conversations to discuss our learnings and to hear more in-depth perspectives from you.

Through this holy listening together, we will prayerfully consider our gifts, growth areas, priorities, and core values; we will honestly reflect about who we have been as a congregation, who we are now, and who we'd like to become; and we will discern where God is leading us into the future.

Is there anything else I can do?

Join the Transition Team in praying the Prayer of Good Courage:
O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Music

Christmas Children's Choir!

All youth in grades 3-8 are invited to participate in a children's choir as part of this year's Christmas Cantata. Rehearsals will be held from 5:15-5:45 p.m. November 11 and December 2, 9 and 16 in the music room. No music or choral experience is required! Just come make a joyful noise. Contact Rachel Berg Scherer at rbscherer@gmail.com with any questions.

Wednesday Night Programming

Wednesday Night Dinner

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 (cash or Venmo; code available at the dinner line). Each dinner is served with a salad and yogurt bar.

Menu and Kitchen Helpers:

November 11	Subs and chips	7th grade
November 18	Chicken wraps and Mac and cheese	6th grade
November 25	No Dinner	No Dinner

Connect and Confirmation Family Night: November 11 from 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Children and Youth

Children's Christmas Narrative

It's time to sign up for the Children's Christmas Narrative! The Narrative is traditionally put on by the SPARK kiddos with a few helpers from Connect. Just because a child is in SPARK doesn't mean they are required to participate, but we welcome them to take a speaking, or non-speaking role in the program. The Children's Christmas Narrative will take place during worship on December 13. Check your email for information and link to sign up.

SPARK kiddos and Connect kiddos are welcome to sign up. Priority for speaking parts are given to SPARK kiddos, Connect kiddos take on more of a "helper" role. Feel free to reach out to Gretchen with any questions!

Donations, Fundraisers, and Volunteering

Bountiful Basket Donations:

During November we will be collecting donations of ramen noodles, tortillas, mac & cheese, and coffee, as well as brown paper bags. These items should be placed in the Donation Station Bountiful Basket bins located in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your generosity!

Donation Drive

Justice & Inclusion Team is sponsoring a donation drive for the families at Beyond New Beginnings (BNB). This program "supports and nurtures young moms and their children as they gain independence in safe, stable homes while being actively involved in the New Beginnings High School Program, post-secondary education and/or employment by empowering them to become healthy, engaged members of a community". The donation drive will be held during the entire month of November. Look for the collection box next to the Donation Station in the Gathering Space for you to drop off items.
These are the items that are needed by the moms and their children:

5T/6T Overnight Pull-ups, Size 4,5,6 Pampers or Huggies
Fragrance free wipes, Thin toilet paper, Paper towels, Clorox wipes
Other cleaning supplies - glass, toilet bowl, and floor cleaner; fragrance free laundry detergent

The Table Travels: Communion to-go kits



Available to put together after worship in the Gathering Space or at the main office during office hours (M-Th, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)

Pick up Communion to-go kits to participate in worship and communion from home, on vacation, or wherever you're joining us online. Each kit is prepackaged and gluten free so you can remain part of our church family because worship doesn't stop when you're away.

Financial Reports

Copies of the latest Financial Report can be found on the display board next to the main Church Office or by contacting our Finance Manager, Ashley Pederson, ashley@crownofglory.org.

Ways to Give to Crown of Glory

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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

Phone: 1-800-847-4836

Contact: Pastor Reggie (952)-448-3230 ext. 3
pastorreggie@crownofglory.org

Scan the Code:

Church Council



Pictured from left to right:
Back Row: Deb Kielty, Krista Hammann, Bill Tyler, Kristi Kirsch (Secretary), Pastor Reggie Klindworth (Senior Pastor), and Eric Larson (Vice President).
Middle Row: Leah Skille, Sherri Eriksrud (President), and Rich Latterner.
Front Row: Deb Mangen.

Staff

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Organist Tabitha Hanson	**Chancel Chimers Director** Sarah Morrow	**Chancel Choir Director** **Servant Song Leader** Grace Becker

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Worship Schedule (All Year): Sunday 9:00 a.m.
SPARK Sunday School (Program Year**)**: Sunday 9:55-10:35 a.m.

Fall Social

We're excited to announce the 5th Annual CoG Fall Social! Come join in a wonderful evening of fellowship, food and fundraising.

Proceeds from the Fall Social will be used to replace the sanctuary Sound and AV System. Our current analog system is at capacity and wearing out, and moving to a digital platform will restore reliability and give us room to expand our audio and video capabilities for years to come. It will take approximately $25,000 to purchase and install the new system. A private donor has generously offered to match the first $10,000 in gifts, so every dollar you give will be doubled until that match is reached. If you will not be attending the Fall Social, gifts may be made by contacting Pastor Reggie in the church office, by check or through our online giving options. Please write "Sound & AV System" in the memo line of your check or in the memo field when giving online. Thank you for your generosity as we work to improve worship in the sanctuary for everyone.

Here's how you can take part in the Fall Social:

Attend

Join us on Saturday, November 14, 2026, for a great evening together. Tickets are available now and can be purchased online or at church on Wednesday (5:00-6:00 p.m.) and Sunday after worship. Adult tickets are $25 (Early Bird), $35 (Day of) per person. Childcare for toilet-trained kids ages 3-5th grade will be provided for free, so please make sure to include tickets accordingly. In addition to tickets for the event, you can also pre-purchase beverage tickets.

Volunteer

The Fall Social Committee is seeking several volunteers to help with check-in, serving the meal, selling tickets, etc. Most shifts are an hour. If you can help with one or more volunteer slots, please sign up using the link via the weekly Crown Connection or on our website.

Donate

We are seeking donations of items, services, or experiences for our auctions. Popular ideas include:

- Gift cards or certificates
- Themed baskets (wine, sports, family night, etc.)
- Event tickets or experiences
- Handcrafted items or professional services

Side Dishes

This year the meal will be a potluck. Pulled pork sandwiches with buns and condiments will be provided. We are asking for individuals to bring side dishes to help complete the meal. To sign up, use the link in the weekly Crown Connection or on our website.

Desserts

Calling all bakers! We are looking for desserts for the Fall Social Dessert Auction. Each dessert should be 8 servings. To sign up, use the link in the weekly Crown Connection or on our website.

Please contact Grant, grantataylor@hotmail.com, or Lori, Lori.w.robinson@gmail.com, if you have drop-off or pick-up needs. We will collect items at church and post to the auction site.


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FALL FAN FEST
Fall Social & Tailgate Party
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
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5:30 PM
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