



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.*



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

What a Friend We Have in Jesus (arr. Mary K Sallee)
(Sarah Morrow and Sara Doerfler)

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 Rich Latterner for sharing his message, to our Worship Assistant, Sarah Morrow, AV technicians, John Rekow and Scott Saulsbury, to Tabitha Hanson, Sarah Morrow, Sara Doerfler, and the Chancel Chimers for their music, and to the Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

CONFESSIONAL SONG

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (ELW 807)

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

P: Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

C: **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

C: **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

C: **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing (ELW 531, 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 our shepherd,

C: **you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, 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 Psalm 23:1-6

¹ The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

² **The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

³ You restore my soul, O Lord,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (ELW 172)

HOLY GOSPEL John 10:1-10

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

[Jesus said:] ¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

“The Lord is My Shepherd” (Pastor Rich Latterner)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Have No Fear, Little Flock (ELW 764)

STATEMENT OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)

P: With the whole church on earth, let us confess our faith:

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: Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)
(Chris Tomlin, Louis Giglio & John Newton, arr. Linda Scholes)
(Chancel Chimers)

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

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia (ELW 364, vs. 1)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Merciful God,

C: **You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, 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

This Little Light of Mine (arr. William E. Moats) (Chancel Choir)

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: Holy One,

C: **through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

BLESSING & SPARK DISMISSAL

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine (ELW 774)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

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

SENDING MUSIC

Jesus Loves Me (arr. Mary Sallee) (Sarah Morrow and Sara Doerfler)

Announcements

Pastor Peter's Last Sunday: Today

Today is Pastor Peter's last Sunday with us. We thank him for his service as our Bridge Pastor these past two months.

Pray for Peace

Following each 9:00 a.m. Sunday service, we invite you to gather at the Peace Pole for five minutes of prayer for peace. You are welcome to participate in whatever way feels meaningful to you—read a prayer, offer your own words, pray silently or aloud, or sing a song of peace.

Sponsored by the Justice & Inclusion Team

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.

Sunday Fellowship Clean up

We are seeking volunteers for help cleaning up the coffee and treats at the end of Sunday morning fellowship.

Wednesday Night Programming

Wednesday Night Dinner: Last Dinner of the Program Year– May 6

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.

Menu

April 29– Pizza

May 6– Grill Out Hotdogs & Burgers

Kitchen Helpers

All 6th grade

Connect

All dinners include a salad and yogurt bar.

Connect and Confirmation Last Session of the Program Year: May 6

Children and Youth

SPARK Sunday School Last Session of the Program Year: May 3

VBS at Crown of Glory: Registration is Open at www.crownofglory.org/vbs-registration

Monday, July 27– Thursday, July 30 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Kids who have completed Kindergarten - 5th Grade are welcome to attend. (members and non-members).

UPDATE: Crown of Glory has received a generous donation from a member which allows us to offer VBS for free! Campers still need to register (for planning purposes), but there will be no fee for attending. Please register by Monday, June 1. Contact Gretchen with any questions.

Summer Camp Wapo Opportunities

Are you thinking about sending your child to Bible Camp this summer? Lake Wapogasset (aka Wapo) has options for just about every age. Camp Offerings: 1-day option for kids in K-2, “Seeds” weekends for kids in grades 1-3, “Youth Camps” for kids in grades 4-9, “Roots” camps for grades 8-12.

Feel free to reach out to Gretchen if you have any questions, or check out more information on their website, <https://lakewapo.org/>.

Adult Ministry and Education

J & I Team Meeting: May 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Lutheran Women Gone Wild: May 7

Join this group of women for good food and fellowship at Dangerfield's, Shakopee, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Contact Sandi Rue.

Women's Bible Study: May 16 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sun Hall

Led by CoG member, Sherri Taylor, this group of curious and delightful women meet once a month on Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. throughout the program year to study a book of the Bible together. This year, they will be journeying through First and Second Corinthians.

Men's Pub Ministry: May 21

Join this group from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Schram Vineyards Winery, Brewery & Restaurant, Waconia, for good brew and fellowship.

Donations, Fundraisers, and Volunteering

Fundraising at Target Field

Volunteers from Crown of Glory will be doing concessions again this year at Target Field during the upcoming Minnesota Twins season. We are looking for additional volunteers to join us in this fundraising venture that will help support Crown of Glory. Youth (16 or 17 yrs old) are eligible to volunteer along with their parent/guardian. For more information contact Pastor Reggie, Mikel Jones, Deb Peterson, Kate Peterson, or Grant Taylor.

Bountiful Basket Donations:

During April we will be collecting donations of tortillas, crackers, and Ramen Noodles. They could also use brown and plastic bags. These items should be placed in the Bountiful Basket box located in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your generosity!

Rummage Sale: June 11, 12, & 13

Donations can be dropped off at Crown of Glory following worship services during the month of May. Volunteers are needed to help set up, work, and clean up the sale. Please contact Sarah Morrow at 952-270-3158 or sissybmorrow@gmail.com if you are interested in helping.

A few supplies needed are portable clothing racks, hangers and tables. If you have any of those items that can be used, please bring them in during the month of May.

Sign up to volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044FA8AD2FA2FC1-63655588-2026>

Connect and Confirmation service night at Feed My Starving Children

Our 4th - 8th graders worked hard and had a great time on Wednesday, April 15. The kids helped pack a total of 69 boxes of Mannah Pack Meals (39,744 individual meals!) This will feed 108 kids for a year! The youth brought donations and Crown of Glory matched those for a total of \$326 donated to the organization. This amount will feed more than 2 children for a whole year. Thank you to the youth, the parents who drove, and the leaders who chaperoned the event.



Accepting Donations beginning May 3 after worship service

Rummage Sale Item Donations List

Items we cannot accept:



- Computers
- Printers
- Televisions
- Exercise Equipment
- Car Seats
- Cribs
- Items with rips, tears, stains, soils, scratches, pet hair, mildew or other damages
- Broken Items
- Building Supplies
- Mattresses
- Lawn Mowers
- Gas Trimmers
- Pianos
- Pool Tables

Items we will accept:



Please do not mark items

- Clothing (preferably separated by gender and size)
- Kitchen Goods
- Home Décor
- Furniture (Please bring the week of sale. Contact info will be collected in the event the item is not sold, it will need to be picked back up.)
- Sports Equipment
- Bikes
- Plants
- Clean Bedding and Towels
- Jewelry
- Lawn and Garden Tools

Rummage Sale



THURSDAY, JUNE 11

2:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.



SATURDAY, JUNE 13

8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Crown of Glory Lutheran Church



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Interim Associate Pastor Updates

- During this Interim time, we have welcomed Pastor Peter Samuelson as the Interim Bridge Pastor. His final day at Crown of Glory will be Sunday, April 26. We give thanks for Pastor Peter's leadership over the past 6 weeks and offer our gratitude for his service during our transition time.
- Since mid-February Pastor Reggie and the Executive Council Team had been in contract negotiations with a prospective Interim Associate Pastor. We did not achieve the contract agreement we were hoping for and made the difficult decision to restart the Interim Associate Pastor call process.
- In preparation for our next steps in the Interim Associate Pastor call process Pastor Reggie and the Crown of Glory Executive Council Team recently met with Synod Minister, Pastor Jen Collins, to assist us in identifying potential Interim candidates. In the coming days Crown of Glory will receive resume's from at least three Interim Associate Pastor candidates, and the Executive Team will begin interviews. We are excited to take these next steps together as we prepare to receive an Interim Associate Pastor.
- During this Interim period Crown of Glory is seeking congregation members to participate in an important committee or team, The Transition Team, in the coming months. The Transition Team has the vital role of helping shape and cast a vision for the new Associate Pastor. If you have interest in serving on the Transition Team, please contact Pastor Reggie, pastorreggie@crownofglory.org.

Pastor Reggie Klindworth
Senior Pastor

Financial Update:

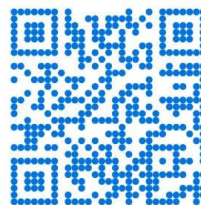
Financial Reports

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

Phone: 1-800-847-4836

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

pastorreggie@crownofglory.org

Scan the Code:



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<https://www.fidelitycharitable.org/guidance/charitable-tax-strategies.html>

Church Council



An updated Church Council photo will be published soon!

Pastor Reggie Klindworth (Senior Pastor), Sherri Eriksrud (President),
Eric Larson (Vice President), Kristi Kirsch (Secretary),
Krista Hammann, Deb Kielty, Rich Latterner, Deb Mangen, Leah Skille, and Bill Tyler.

Staff

Senior Pastor	Reggie Klindworth	pastorreggie@crownglory.org 952-448-3230 ext. 3
Finance Manager	Ashley Pederson	ashley@crownglory.org 952-448-3230 ext. 5
Director of SPARK Ministry	Gretchen Mitcham	gretchen@crownglory.org 952-448-3230 ext. 7
Administrative Office Assistant	Sara Keim	sara@crownglory.org 952-448-3230 ext. 8
Piano Accompanist Ginger Larson	Organist Tabitha Hanson	Chancel Chimers Director Sarah Morrow
Servant Song Leader Interim Chancel Choir Director (March-May) 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.