



*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 after Epiphany

January 14, 2024

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

Be Thou My Vision (Mark Hayes) (Ginger Larson)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are celebrating Holy Communion and the 2023 Baptism Milestone in worship 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, Sherri Taylor, to our AV technicians, Bennett Eriksrud and Brian Boche, to Ginger Larson, Melissa Whiting, Rachel and August Scherer, and the Chancel Choir for their music, and to the Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service!

CONFESSIONAL SONG

Will You Come and Follow Me (ELW 798, vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another, taking a moment for our personal reflections.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

P: God, our rock and refuge,

C: **we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have not loved one another and we have sinned against you. We have not recognized you in our neighbors. Amid our brokenness, remember your covenant and renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters, speaking to all: the time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. You are God's beloved and by the authority of God's love made known in ☩ Jesus Christ, all your sins are forgiven.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines (ACS 1087)

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: Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,

C: **for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, with the Creator and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Samuel 3:1-10

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he

could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. ⁶The Lord called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia (DATH 15)



HOLY GOSPEL John 1:35-51

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter). ⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth."

⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

“Following and Finding” (Pastor Laura Laughlin)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come and See (DATH 56)
(Melissa Whiting, Rachel and August Scherer, percussion)

BAPTISM MILESTONE

STATEMENT OF 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: God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

Here I Am, Lord (Dan Schutte) (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!

OFFERTORY

Praise to You, O God of Mercy (WOV 790, vs. 1 & 3)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, Holy One,

**C: for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.
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 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

Eat This Bread (Jeanne Cotter) (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: Let us pray. Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING AND SPARK DISMISSAL

P: Creator God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✚
bless you and remain with you always.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Send Me, Lord (ELW 809)
(Melissa Whiting, Rachel and August Scherer, percussion)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING MUSIC

Send Me, Lord—reprise (ELW 809) (Ginger Larson)

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Announcements

Baptism Milestone

We celebrate with the families of Ophelia Stiles, Harper Souba, Beckett Lee, Hazel Phillips, Colette Villyard, Dax Ellinboe, and Ingrid Thorson on their Baptism Milestone.

Nominating Committee Seeks Candidates for Church Council

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates to serve as Church Council members starting in March, 2024. There are four Church Council seats that will be vacant: three 3-year terms and one 1-year term. Council membership is an elected position. Please send nominations to Deb Mangen (deb.mangen6469@gmail.com) by Wednesday, January 21, 2024.

Stewardship: Rooted in Faith

2023 commitment amount was \$396,315.00. The goal for 2024 commitment amount is \$397,000.00.

Sustaining Fund

# of Commitments	91
Total Amount	\$345,184.00

Special Appeal

# of Commitments	29
Total Amount	\$15,668.00

Share Your Crown of Glory Moments

All are invited to take pictures of fun moments and life at Crown of Glory and share them on the Crown of Glory Facebook page and/or email them to crownofglorychaska@gmail.com.

Study for Partners: January 14 at 6:00 p.m.

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 wrestle with social justice issues, specifically regarding human sexuality, through the series, *Dialogues On: Sexuality*. Come and join us!

Office and Building Closed: January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Men's Pub Ministry: January 18

Join them from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Fat Pants Brewing Co. (8335 Crystal View Rd, Eden Prairie, MN 55344) for good brew and fellowship.

Women's Bible Study: January 20

The next Women's Bible Study session will be held in person on Saturday, January 20 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.

Adult Forum: January 21

Join us on Sunday, January 21, at 10:15 a.m. in the North Sun Hall for a presentation by Mr. Saoudi from the Islamic Center of Minnesota. This presentation is the first of a three-part series on Religions and Denominations and will focus on the religion of Islam. Come and learn about a religion different from your own to expand your knowledge base and build connections! All are welcome.

Fare for All: January 25 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Crown of Glory

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

During January our goal is to collect 200 boxed meals. The boxed meals should be placed in the bin located in the Gathering Space. Last month 68 pounds of food was collected. Thank you for your contributions!

Faithful Knotters

The Faithful Knotters are seeking items to use. The list of items can be found in the grey bin in the Gathering Space.

Crown of Glory College Kids Virtual Meetings with Pastor Reggie

Do you have a kiddo in college? Would they like to make a connection with other college students from Crown of Glory? Pastor Reggie leads a College Kids Zoom Gathering every other Sunday evening from 7:00-8:00 p.m. All are welcome to join. To get signed up email Pastor Reggie (pastorreggie@crownofglory.org) for the zoom link each month!

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:

January 17– Boneless Chicken Wings
Mac n Cheese

January 24– Pizza

January 31– Tator Tot Hotdish

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.

Confirmation Kitchen Helpers:

7th grade girls

7th grade boys

6th grade girls

Join in the Music at Crown of Glory

All Crown of Glory music ensembles delight in the beauty of making music together in a relaxed, fun-filled way. We work hard and we also laugh together. All skill levels are welcome and encouraged to join. Let's make music together!

Rehearsal Schedule:

Garage Band: Flexible (Wednesdays and Sundays)

Servant Song: 5:00-6:00 p.m. (Wednesdays)

Chancel Chimers: 6:00-6:45 p.m. (Wednesdays)

Chancel Choir: 6:45-7:45 p.m. (Wednesdays)

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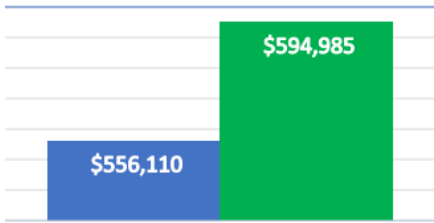
Lori Robinson (Garage Band)

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We join together as a community in praying for all those affected by the wars in Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine.

Sustaining Fund Contributions Report 2023

■ ACTUAL ■ BUDGET



12/31/2023

DIFFERENCE: \$(38,875)

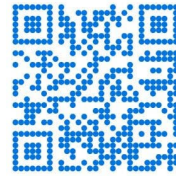
Financial Update

Our 2023 annual budget goal for contributions was \$594,985, based on prior year giving trends. Actual 2023 contributions totaled \$556,110. A difference of \$(38,875) from our expected budget. Although we did not reach our goal, your generous gifts have made a difference. Thank you for supporting Crown of Glory!
We look forward to 2024!

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 have helped to 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>

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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 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Worship Schedule: Saturday 5:00 p.m. & Sunday 9:00 a.m.