

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 after Epiphany

February 1, 2026
9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above (Thomas Chesterton)
(Tabitha Hanson)

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, Rachel Berg Scherer, AV Technicians, Brian Johnson and Scott Saulsbury, to Tabitha Hanson and the Chancel Chimers for their music, and to the Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

CONFESSONAL SONG

As We Gather at Your Table (ELW 522)

CONFESION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, \ddagger one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

C: Amen.

P: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Mighty God, lover of justice,

C: **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

P: Hear this good news: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in \ddagger Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines (ACS 1087, vs. 1, 2, 1)

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: Holy God,

C: **you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Micah 6:1-8

¹ Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ² Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³ “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.” ⁶ “With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” ⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia (DATH 15)

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

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

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

“Absent All the Suffering” (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Build a Longer Table (ACS 1062, vs. 1, 3, 4)

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

Let There Be Peace on Earth (Sy Miller & Jill Jackson, arr. Arnold B. Sherman)
(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

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

OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of majesty,

C: **no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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

A Time for Joy (Cynthia Dobrinski)
(Chancel Chimers)

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: Radiant God,
C: **we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING & SPARK DISMISSAL

P: May the triune God, who has put a new song in your heart and tuned your heart for praise
☩ bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Rise up, O Saints of God! (ELW 669, vs. 1-3, 5)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.
C: **Thanks be to God. We will!**

SENDING MUSIC

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice (arr. Karl Osterland)

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be. A - men.

Text: Paul M. Vasile, b. 1976, based on the Gloria Patri

Music: GLORY TO GOD (VASILE), Paul M. Vasile

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1* Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Music: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

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Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

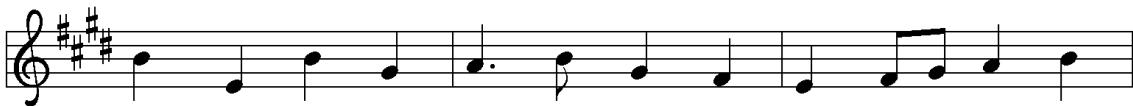
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Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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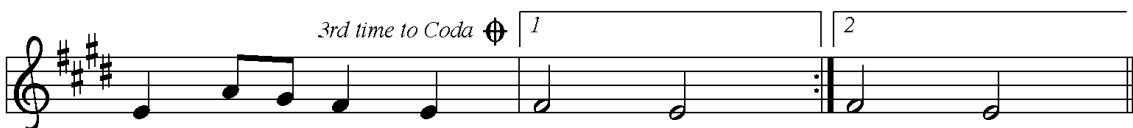
Praise to You, O God of Mercy



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ever! Raising high the weak and low - ly:
ever! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
ever! Raising high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ever!
thanks be to you for -
thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



ever! Thanks be to you for - ever!

Announcements

CoG 2025 Year-to-Date Finance Report

Total contributions for 2025 were \$572,080, a difference of \$12,080 ahead of our YTD budget goal. Thank you for your generous gifts & for supporting Crown of Glory in 2025! We look forward to the new year with you!

RIC Sunday: February 8

Join us for our 1-year anniversary of becoming a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

Annual Meeting: February 8 at 10:15 a.m. in the Crown of Glory Sanctuary.

Unable to make it in person? Register for an Annual Meeting Google Meets Link by contacting Pastor Reggie.

Seeking Lay Leaders at Synod Assembly

Crown of Glory is seeking up to four adult lay leaders and one youth leader to attend this year's Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly on Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2, 2026. If you would like to serve as a voting delegate and represent our congregation, please contact Pastor Reggie.

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.

November Swag Order Delivery

Orders of Crown of Glory Swag are available for pick-up. Sherri Eriksrud will be available after the church service for pick-up in the Sun Hall. She will continue to distribute the following weeks as well. For any questions, feel free to reach out to Sherri directly at seriksrud@bachmans.com. Thank you!

Wednesday Night Programming

Soup Suppers Served During Lent: February 18-March 25

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!

Wednesday Night Dinner Team: Seeking New Members

Contact pastorreggie@crownofglory.org for more details and information.

Wednesday Night Dinner:

Meal

February 4—Pasta: Chicken Alfredo w/garlic bread
February 11—Pizza

Kitchen Helpers

All 6th grade
Volunteers

Connect and Confirmation: February 11 Buck Hill Tubing.

Children and Youth

Senior High Youth Ministry Group Event: February 8 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Adult Ministry and Education

J & I Team Meeting: February 2 from 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Lutheran Women Gone Wild: February 5 at Crooked Pint Ale House, Chaska, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Contact Sandi Rue.

Women's Bible Study: February 21 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sun Hall.

Donations, Fundraisers, and Volunteering

Bountiful Basket Donations:

During February we will be collecting donations of pasta or rice meals (examples, Mac and Cheese, Hamburger Helper) and canned vegetables. These items should be placed in the Bountiful Basket box located in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your generosity!

A Thank You to Crown of Glory

Thank you so much for your continued support of the Crown of Glory Kitchen Ministry, a gap ministry of Love INC. The financial donations made in December will ensure that we can continue to assist families in our community with basic kitchen essentials such as toasters, coffee makers, silverware sets, pots, pans, and other kitchen items. In 2025, we served over 70 families and individuals. This is an almost 25% increase from the previous year. If you have any questions about the Kitchen Essentials Ministry please contact Tracy (952-239-9344), Jodi (952-567-4397) or Sue (612-735-2616).



VBS welcomes kids who have completed
kindergarten through 5th grade.

Financial Update:

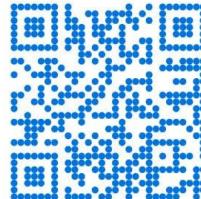
Financial Reports

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: thriveon.com/thriventchoice

Phone: 1-800-847-4836

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

Scan the Code:



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



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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Servant Song Leader 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.