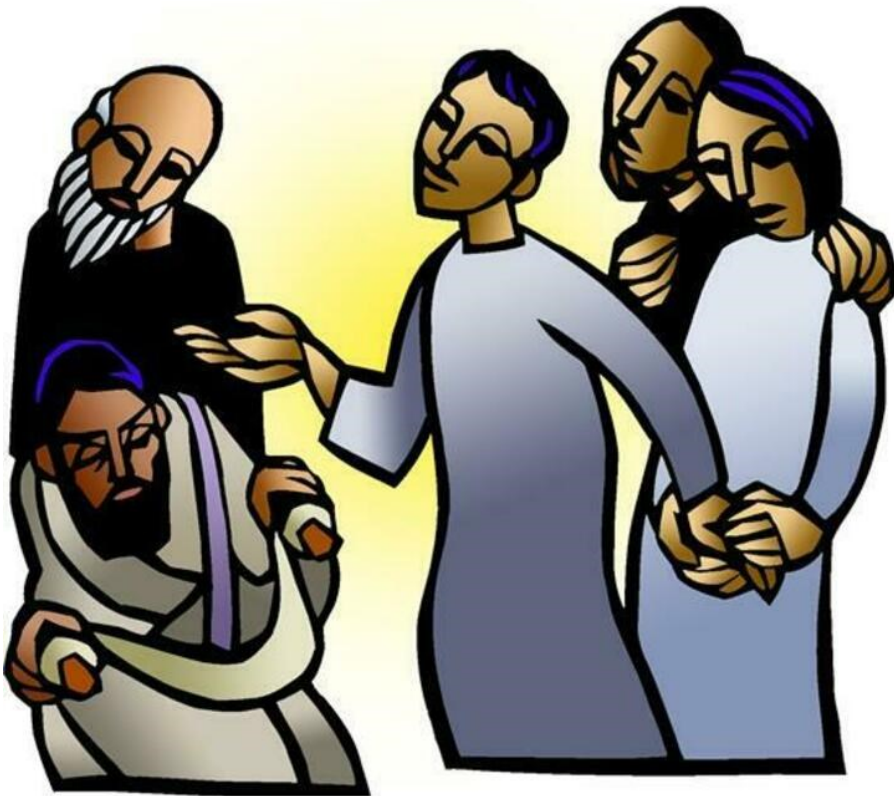




*We are one family of God,
inspired by the Holy Spirit to welcome everyone,
to serve our neighbors,
and to share God's love and saving grace.*



First Sunday of Christmas

December 29, 2024
9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

Christmas Dream (H. Jean Diestelhorst) (Tabitha Hanson)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We will be celebrating Holy Communion in 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.
- 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, Sherri Taylor, to our AV Technicians, John Rekow and Matt Scherer, to Tabitha Hanson for her music, and to our Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

CONFESSIONAL SONG

Once in a Royal David's City (ELW 269, vs. 1-3)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity,
✠ one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of mercy in our midst,

C: **we confess that we have sinned.
We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.
In our fear, we cling to false comforts.
We have turned away from our neighbors.
We have trusted false promises.
We plead for you to come to us.
and bring your mercy to birth in us.**

P: God-with-us,

C: **we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter,
claiming there is no room when we have plenty.
We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger.
Too often, we have valued violence
instead of your peace.
Turn us from our ways to your ways and grant us the grace to begin again.
Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us.
Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Love Has Come (ELW 292)

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: Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God,

C: **and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 148

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.

² **Praise the Lord, all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

³ Praise the Lord, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴ **Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord,
who commanded, and they were created,

⁶ **who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸ **fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

⁹ mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰ **wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;**

¹¹ sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;

¹² **young men and maidens,
old and young together.**

¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴ **The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!**

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL CAROL

Go Tell It on the Mountain (ELW 290, vs. 1)

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 2:41-52

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

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

⁴¹Now every year [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

"Misunderstood" (Pastor Laura Laughlin)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (ELW 288)

CONTEMPORARY STATEMENT OF FAITH

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

C: **We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God!

(Contemporary Statement of Faith, United Church of Canada (1969), adapted)

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

How Great is Our God (Chris Tomlin) (Tabitha Hanson)

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

Angels We Have Heard on High (ELW 289, vs. 1)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. God of heaven and earth,

C: **from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight. The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy. Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day. 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

Christmas Message (Lucien Fordell) (Tabitha Hanson)

POST-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. Merciful God,

C: **we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food. Strengthened by this goodness, send us forth to announce your peace, comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of great joy. Amen.**

BLESSING

P: The God of love,
Creator, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
lavish you with grace,
illumine your path,
and increase your joy,
today and always.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Cold December Flies Away (ELW 299)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

SENDING MUSIC

Christmas Spirit (Jos. Cassin) (Tabitha Hanson)

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Announcements

Join us for these upcoming celebrations:
January 4 & 5, 2025 January 11 & 12, 2025
Epiphany Baptism Milestone

Stewardship: Steppingstones of Faith

Commitment cards may be submitted online at crownofglory.org/2025-pledge or at the church main office. Stewardship Commitments and Year-end gifts must be postmarked by December 31, 2024.

	Pledges	Amount	2024 to 2025 Comparison
New	8	\$24,260	
Increased	44	\$212,510	\$45,300
Decreased	2	\$4,200	-\$700
Same as 2024	38	\$130,236	
Total	92	\$371,206	\$44,600

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.

No Spark Sunday School: Today

Building and Office Closed: January 1

No Connect, Confirmation, Dinner, or Music Rehearsals: January 1

Announcements

Recycle your Christmas Tree

Chaska BSA Troop 174 will collect Christmas trees door-to-door and deliver them to a compost site on Saturday, January 4, 2025 for a fee of \$10. To take advantage of this service, you must sign up by December 31—email Troop 174 at ChaskaBSATroop174@gmail.com with your name, address, and phone number. Christmas trees can also be dropped off at the Carver County Environmental Center during the month of January. There is no charge for dropping off trees. No other decorations or yard waste items are accepted. Check their website for more information at recyclecarver.org.

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

During December we will be collecting donations of crackers, canned tuna, and brown paper bags. These items should be placed in the bin located in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your contributions!

Lutheran Women Gone Wild: January 2

Join this group of women for good food and fellowship at Turtles, Shakopee, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Contact Sandi Rue, srue@rues.org, with any questions and to RSVP.

Women's Bible Study: January 11 from 9:00-10:15 a.m.

Led by CoG member, Sherri Taylor (sherriktaylor@hotmail.com), this group of curious and delightful women meet once a month on Saturdays throughout the program year to study a book of the Bible together. This year, they will be journeying through the Gospel of Luke.

Sunday Conversations: January 12 from 6:00-7:30 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: *American Amnesia*

Men's Pub Ministry: January 16 at Hackamore Brewing Company, Chanhassen, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Fare for All: January 23 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.

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 \$5 per youth or \$15 per family. Meals are prepared by the Wednesday Night Dinner Team and served by Confirmation small groups.

Upcoming Menu:

January 1 - No Dinner

January 8 - Pasta Bar

January 15 - Pulled Pork Sandwiches

Confirmation Kitchen Helpers:

Winter Break

7th Grade Boys

7th Grade Girls

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

Save the Dates: VBS at Crown of Glory July 28-31 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

More information to come early 2025.

Financial Update

November Sustaining Fund Contributions Report 11/30/2024 YTD

■ ACTUAL ■ BUDGET



DIFFERENCE: \$(39,392)

Our 2024 YTD budget goal for contributions through November was \$511,500. Total contributions through November were \$472,108, a difference of **\$(39,392)** behind our YTD budget goal. Your continued gifts and support make a difference. Thank you!

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:



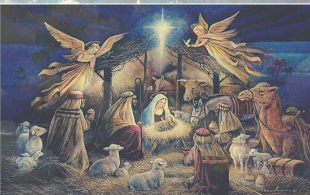
Charitable Giving Information

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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Winter Crownicle 2024

Winter Crownicle Now Available

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! 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 November 26, or the weekly CC.

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

Front row, from left to right:

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

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Servant Song Leader Grace Becker		

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.

