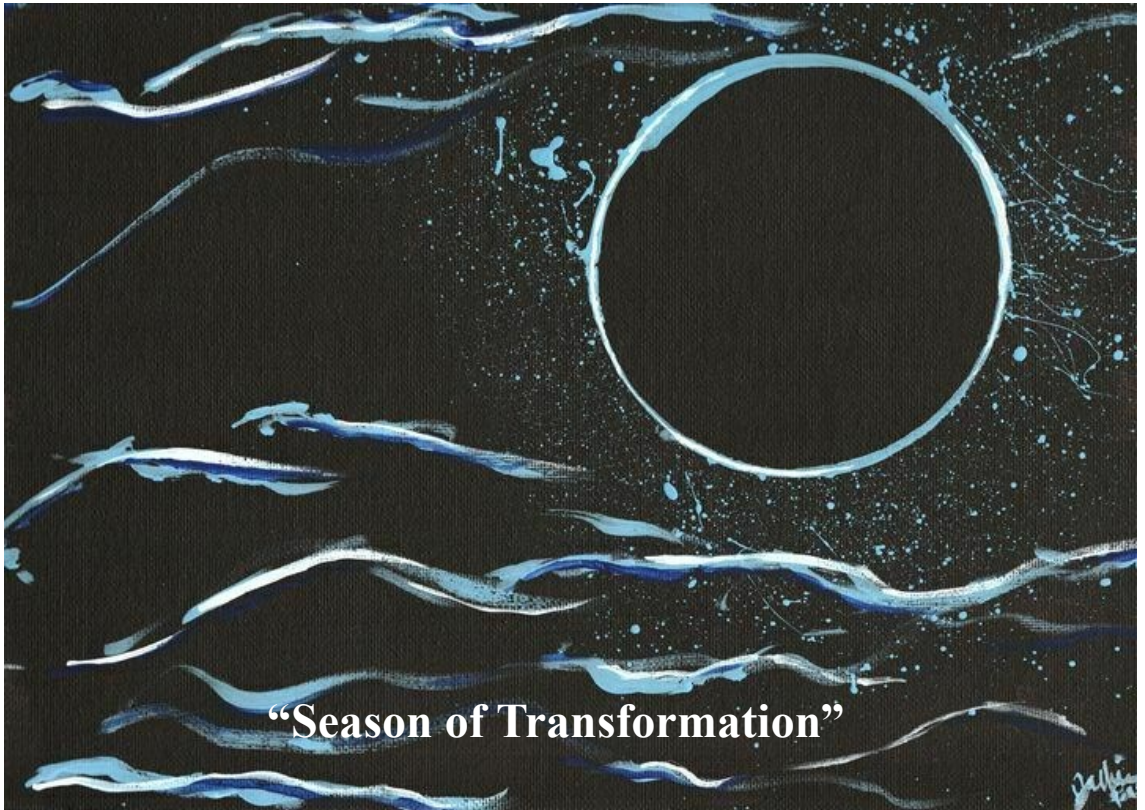




*We are one family of God,
inspired by the Holy Spirit to welcome everyone,
to serve our neighbors,
and to share God's love and saving grace.*



First Sunday of Advent

“What’s Next?”

December 1, 2024

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word (arr. Karl Osterland)
(Tabitha Hanson, organ)

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, Amy Alberg, to our AV Technicians, Matt Scherer and Tony Sie, to Tabitha Hanson, Jodi Barnett, and the Chancel Chimers for their music, and to our Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

CONFESSIONAL SONG

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers (ELW 244, vs. 1, 2, 4)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
alive in the world,
reviving creation,
arriving soon.

C: **Amen.**

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

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: A righteous branch springs forth:
it is Christ the Lord, our Savior,
in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
receive the grace and forgiveness of God
through ☩ Christ Jesus,
whose day draws near.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Sing Out, Earth and Skies (W&P 126, vs. 1, 3, 5)

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: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.
C: **By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Creator and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

P: Word of God, Word of Life.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Come Now, O Prince of Peace (ELW 247, vs. 4)

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 21:25-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

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

[Jesus said:] ²⁵ "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." ²⁹ Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴ "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

P: The Gospel of our Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

"These Things" (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

HYMN OF THE DAY

The King Shall Come (ELW 260, vs. 1, 2, 3, 5)

STATEMENT OF FAITH

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: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **receive our prayer.**

PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

The Timeless Canon (Johann Pachelbel, arr. Sandra Githun) (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

King of Kings (W&P 80)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Creator God,

C: **you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our 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

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

Let There Be Peace (Sy Miller and Jill Jackson, arr. Arnold B. Sherman)
(Chancel Chimers)

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. Generous God,

C: **we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name. Amen.**

BLESSING AND SPARK DISMISSAL

P: God of endings and beginnings,
God in the darkness and the light,
God, our hope for the journey,
✠ bless and keep you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

People, Look East (ELW 248, vs. 1-3)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

C: **Thanks be to God. We will!**

SENDING MUSIC

Go Forth in Faith (Christopher Gale) (Tabitha Hanson, organ)

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Advent 2024: "Season of Transformation"

Welcome to the season of Advent! This is a time of waiting and expectation as we watch for the coming of our Savior and the hope he brings into this broken world. This year's Advent theme, "Season of Transformation," will be depicted through four phases of the moon that lead us to the full moon on Christmas Eve. Be sure to watch the cross suspended at the front of the Sanctuary as the moon transforms over the next four weeks, mirroring the transformation of our hearts as we prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ.

The theme for this first weekend of Advent is "Season of Transformation: What's Next?" With the new moon, we begin our journey with very little light, looking to the heavens for signs of what is coming next, trusting that Christ is indeed coming to us once again.

Sing Out, Earth and Skies



1 Come, O God of all the earth: come to us, O
 2 Come, O God of wind and flame: fill the earth with
 3 Come, O God of flash - ing light: twin - kling star and
 4 Come, O God of snow and rain: show - er down up -
 5 Come, O Jus - tice, come, O Peace: come and shape our



Righ - teous One; come, and bring our love to birth:
 righ - teous - ness; teach us all to sing your name:
 burn - ing sun; God of day and God of night:
 on the earth; come, O God of joy and pain:
 hearts a - new; come and make op - pres - sion cease:



in the glo - ry of your Son.
 may our lives your love con - fess.
 in your light we all are one.
 God of sor - row, God of mirth.
 bring us all to life in you.



Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who



loves you! Raise your joy - ful cries!



Dance to the life a - round you!

Text: Marty Haugen
 Music: SING OUT, Marty Haugen

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King of kings

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**may be sung in canon*

Text: Naomi Batya and Sophie Conty

Music: Hebrew traditional

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Announcements

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: December 1, 22, and 29

Connect and Confirmation Christmas Gift Night: December 4

Lutheran Women Gone Wild: December 5

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

Poinsettia Sale

Poinsettias are available for purchase in memory or honor of loved ones and will be used to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas Eve worship. Your dedication will be included in the worship bulletin. To order, fill out an order envelope and return it, with payment, to the church office. Both items must arrive no later than Thursday, December 5. Order envelopes are available in the Gathering Space and at the main office desk. If you have any questions, contact Sara in the church office.

Women's Bible Study: December 14 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.

Pick up a schedule for Women's Bible Study and/ or Sunday Conversations at the church office on the display board. Please note dates are subject to change. Check announcements for updates.

Sunday Conversations: December 15 from 5:30-7:30 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: *Christmas Cookies from Cambodia*

Fare for All: December 19 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. December Holiday Pack for \$35 includes: Ham (7-9 lb), Shrimp (12 oz), Chicken Wings (2 lb), Local Pork Breakfast Sausage (1 lb), Turkey Tenderloin (1.5lb), Corn (12 oz), and Apple Pie (24 oz).

Men's Pub Ministry: December 19 at Back Channel Brewing Co., Spring Park, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Building and Office Closed: December 25 and 26

Announcements

2024 Giving Tree: Now through December 22

Crown of Glory proudly announces the 2024 Giving Tree! Each holiday season our congregation partners with local charities and ministries to offer support to families in need. This year's Giving Tree will be virtual and available in the Gathering Space outside the sanctuary for the next few weekends after each worship service! Please consider making a special gift.

Which Ministries are We Supporting? Bountiful Basket, Kitchen Essentials, and Faithful Knotters
Our congregation's goal is to support three ministries that impact our congregation and community. Gifts given to the Giving Tree will be split evenly to each of the ministries listed above. Suggested donations of \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100 or more are accepted.

Ways to Give:

- You can grab an envelope from the Giving Tree on the weekend and drop it in the offering plate or drop box in the church office. Checks can be made out to "Crown of Glory" with "Giving Tree 2024" in the memo line.
- You can make a gift by using the Venmo code with "Giving Tree 2024" in the memo line.
- Visit our website and make a gift, be sure to select "Giving Tree" box.

We offer our sincere thanks and gratitude to all who support our community partners during this holiday season with a special gift to the Giving Tree ministry. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Thank you for helping us give joy this year!



Chaska Santa 2024 Toy Drive:

Now through December 18

Scan codes to register, donate via Venmo, or get access to Santa's Amazon Wish List. Donation box is located in the Gathering Space.

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

The donations collection for December is TBD.

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:

December 4 - Sub Sandwiches
December 11 - Mac 'n' Cheese
December 18 - Pizza

Confirmation Kitchen Helpers:

6th Grade Boys
6th Grade Girls
8th Grade Boys

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

Announcements

Stewardship: Steppingstones of Faith

Commitment cards may be submitted online at crownofglory.org/2025-pledge or dropped off at the main office.

Music Rehearsal Schedules:

Garage Band – Mondays at 5:00 p.m.

Chancel Chimers – Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Servant Song – Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir – Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.

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“SEASON OF TRANSFORMATION”

			
<u>Advent Week 1</u> New Moon: “What’s Next?” (Luke 21: 25-36)	<u>Advent Week 2</u> Waxing Crescent Moon: “Change” (Luke 3:1-6)	<u>Advent Week 3</u> First Quarter Moon: “Renewal” (Luke 3:7-18)	<u>Advent Week 4</u> Waxing Gibbous Moon: “Hope Magnified” (Luke 1: 39-55)

Worship Times: Saturday 5:00 p.m. (In Person) & Sunday 9:00 a.m. (In Person & Livestream)

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“SEASON OF TRANSFORMATION”

Children’s Christmas Narrative

Sunday, December 15 at 10:30 a.m.



“Twas the Evening of Christmas”
By: Glenys Nellist
Retold and performed by the SPARK kids

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“SEASON OF TRANSFORMATION”



Christmas Cantata “HOPE MAGNIFIED”

Sunday, December 22 at 9:00 a.m.

Performances by all ensembles

Chancel Chimers	Servant Song	Garage Band
Chancel Choir	Percussionists	Crown Brass

CROWN OF GLORY

Carnegie Hall Brunch Fundraiser

following the Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 22

Financial Update

October **Sustaining Fund Contributions Report** 10/31/2024 YTD

■ ACTUAL ■ BUDGET



DIFFERENCE: \$(40,092)

Our 2024 YTD budget goal for contributions through October was \$465,000.

Total contributions through October were \$424,908, a difference of \$(40,092) 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>



Join Us December 24

“SEASON OF TRANSFORMATION”

Christmas Eve Worship

“LOVE EMBODIED”

2:00 p.m. (In Person)

3:30 p.m. (In Person & Livestream)

5:00 p.m. (In Person)



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.