



CROWN OF GLORY

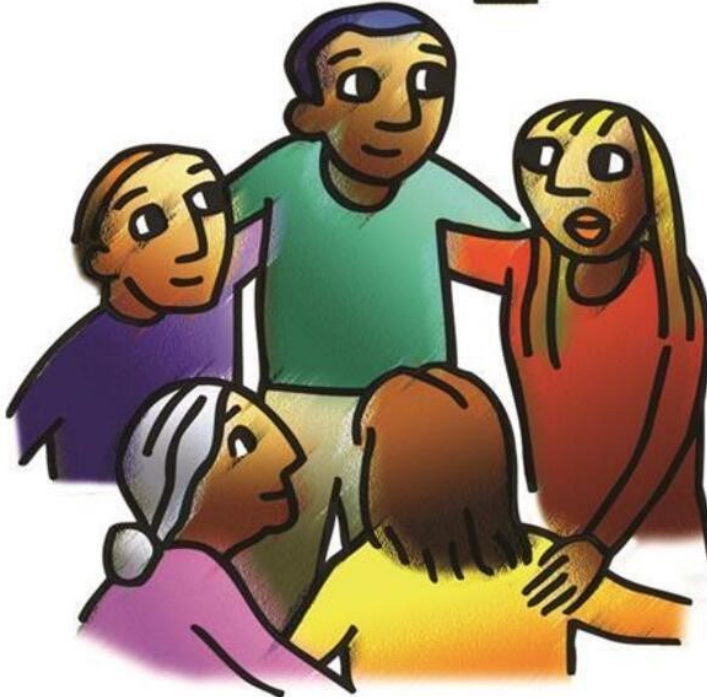
A Reconciling in Christ Congregation



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*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.*



Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

We Are One In The Spirit (Peter Scholtes, arr. Joy Nelson)
(Ginger Larson)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Crown of Glory is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.
- 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.
- Thank you to our Worship Assistant, Amy Alberg, to our AV Technicians, Bennett Eriksrud and John Rekow, to Ginger Larson, Lexi Morrow, Kate Peterson, and the Chancel Choir for their music, and to our Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

CONFESSIOAL SONG

God, We Gather as Your People (ACS 1038, vs. 1, 3, 4)

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

P: In the name of + the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

C: **Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: **make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: **make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: **make us one as you are one.**

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

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 Lord God,

C: **you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 21:1-6

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (ELW 172)

HOLY GOSPEL John 13:31-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

"What You Should Do." (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (ELW 631, vs. 1-3)

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.

SENIOR GRADUATE RECOGNITION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed (Kieth Getty, Kristyn Getty and Ed Cash)
(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 given toward our on-going mission.

OFFERTORY

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

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Risen One,

C: **you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. 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

"Friends" (Michael W. Smith)
(Lexi Morrow and Kate Peterson)

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: Living One,

C: **in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.**

BLESSING

P: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Spirit, Open My Heart (ACS 1043)

DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!

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

SENDING MUSIC

Spirit, Open My Heart (reprise)

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God, We Gather As Your People



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we
that they nev - er have a rea - son to
May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.
join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



long. May that wel - come be our song.

Text: David Lohman, b. 1961

Music: WELCOME BE OUR SONG, David Lohman

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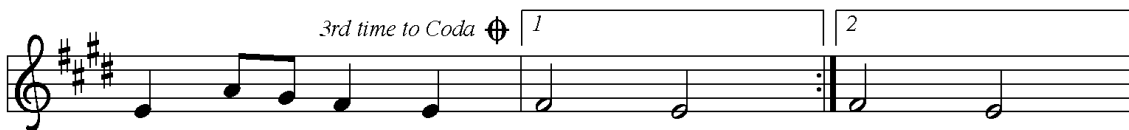
Praise to You, O God of Mercy



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 -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
thanks be to you for - ev - er!
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.

⌘ Coda



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

Text and music: *Now the Feast and Celebration*, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain



Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of



liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.



1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953

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Where in the World is Pastor Laura?

A few highlights from Pastor Laura's trip



At the very end of the nearly-50-mile hike around the Dingle peninsula



Looking out over one of the views along our journey



Very pastoral at the nave of Christ Church in Dublin



So giddy at the choir loft at Christ Church

Announcements

Congratulations 2025 Graduates

Kelsey Berkas, Caiden Burton, Bennett Eriksrud, Peter Hammerschmidt, Brayden Husfeldt, Ella Keenan, Senja Leeper, Alexis Schaefer, Hannah Sower, James Stifter, Quinn Swanson, and Lucille Wright

Quilts Available: Today

The Faithful Knotters will have quilts available following worship service today. Quilts are available for a minimum \$50 donation via cash, check, or Venmo (include Crown of Glory Quilt Sale).

Crown of Glory Welcomes Guest Speaker from The Humanity Alliance: Today

Join us Sunday, May 18 at 10:15 a.m. in the Sun Hall for a presentation from guest speaker Greg Pavett, Director of The Humanity Alliance. The Humanity Alliance is a Minnesota-based 501(c)(3) non-profit established in 2018 that aspires to create long-lasting community value. The mission of The Humanity Alliance is to restore love and dignity as we serve our most vulnerable populations. The Humanity Alliance initial focus is to provide improved access to nutrition to people who are food insecure and was inspired by a group of Minneapolis high school students. These students and their families are disproportionately held back by the catastrophic health outcomes tied to food insecurity. The Humanity Alliance restores love and dignity through two programs: The Weekend Meal Program and The Unite Lodge Program. To find out more about The Humanity Alliance visit humanityalliance.org.

Summer Worship Schedule: No Saturday Worship Until September 6

Beginning Saturday, May 24 there will be no Saturday worship throughout the summer until September 6. Sunday worship will continue as scheduled, Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.



Parking Lot Lines

Thank you to members of our Building Maintenance Team, Bob Chinnock, David Kirsch, and Bill Tyler for the painting refresh of our parking lot lines.

Special Thank You from Connie Kindsvater

God bless you all and thank you for the wonderful cards and donations for Wally Cornelius' Memorial. Thank you to Pastor Reggie and the kitchen ladies for their assistance and graciousness, and to Betty Hess for the beautiful floral arrangement. Thank you all again!

New Member Welcome: May 25

If you are interested in becoming a member of Crown of Glory, please contact Pastor Reggie.

Crown of Glory Softball League

It's that time of year again to sign-up for softball. The league is co-ed and plays every Monday from June to mid-August. Players should be 14 or older. **Practice will be held on May 31 from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Lion's Park #3. The first game is June 2.** If you would like to play some or all the games, please contact Grant Taylor at 952-210-7678 or email at grantataylor@hotmail.com.

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 8:55 a.m. on Sunday to get signed up.

Crown of Glory Online Swag Store

We are excited to reopen the Crown of Glory online Swag store. We have listened to your feedback and some new items are available along with new colors in the popular sellers from the last store. The store can be accessed using the following link: <https://crownofglory2.itemorder.com/>. This is a great opportunity to show our pride and enthusiasm for Crown of Glory and our mission as we are out in the community. Orders can be placed through May 19 and will be available for pick up at the church in mid-June. Fifteen percent of the sales will go to support the Youth Mission Trip in June. Please see Sherri Eriksrud with any questions.

New Building Partner

Crown of Glory Welcomes Nueva Vida, “New Life Congregation.” We are looking forward to this new partnership. The following is their schedule:
Mondays Musician Rehearsal - 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Tuesdays Prayer Service - 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Saturdays Worship - 6:15-8:30 p.m.

Crown of Glory Rummage Sale: May 29, 30, and 31

Rummage Sale Donations Drop Off

Donations can be dropped off at CoG following Sunday worship services until 11:30 a.m. during the month of May. More drop off times to be announced soon.

Rumage Sale Volunteers

We are seeking volunteers 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 or sign-up to volunteer at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044FA8AD2FA2FC1-56210266-rummage>. 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.

Seeking Families to Host Foreign Exchange Students!

The Education Travel & Culture (ETC) Program is searching for host families in the Chaska and Chanhassen areas willing to host a foreign exchange student for either the fall semester or the entire 2025/26 school year. Chanhassen High School has open exchange student spaces, and we have the option to set up a carpool for students living in Chaska. We also have the ability to place students at Eden Prairie High School, Minnetonka High School, and New Prague High School. We have quite a few young students that attend church, at a minimum, occasionally at home and desire to or are willing to attend church with their host families. These students come from countries such as: Germany, Italy, Spain, France, South Korea, Vietnam, and Brazil. Reach out to Megan Bielefeldt for more information on becoming a host family! Cell: 309-657-1900. Email: mbielefeldt@edutrav.org

Youth Mission Trip: June 8-14

Nine people (7 youth and 2 adult leaders) will be attending the Mission Trip this year in Blue Ridge Mountains, North Carolina. We wish them well as they prepare for their trip of service.

Announcements

Sunday Conversations: May 18 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. - Final Meeting of the Program Year

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: *A New Heaven and a New Earth*.

Last Service Date - Fare for All: May 22 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.

May's Hot Buys

Chicken Thighs - 3 lbs - \$4 single or \$40 for a whole case

Local Beef Patties - 2 lbs - \$11

Ham and Cheddar Quiche - 24 oz - \$8

Bacon Wrapped Steak - 10 oz - \$6

Building and Office Closed: May 26 in observance of Memorial Day



Vending Machine

The Vending Machine is open for business! At this time we are selling beverages and snacks - several varieties of chips, cookies, bars, pop, sparkling water, and water. Each costs 75¢ or \$1.00 - bring your quarters! There is a dollar changer attached to the machine. It will take a little patience to get your dollar to go in. If you have questions, comments, or requests regarding the vending machine, please direct them to gretchen@crownglory.org.

VBS Registration is Open!

Register online on Crown of Glory's website, crownglory.org, hover over the word Ministry, and click on VBS Registration.

JULY 28-31
Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Contact Gretchen Mitcham, gretchen@crownglory.org, with any questions.

Cost:

Early Bird Rate
(until June 1, 2025)

\$55/camper
(includes lunch & snacks)

Proceeds from the machine will benefit our youth programs.

Camp Wapo Summer Camp Opportunities

You can learn more about the camp and the options on this website:

<https://lakewapo.org/sites/blue-wapo/>.

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

During May we will be collecting donations of canned pineapple, mandarin oranges, mixed vegetables, black and pinto beans. These items should be placed in the bin located in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your generosity!

Financial Update: New Location!

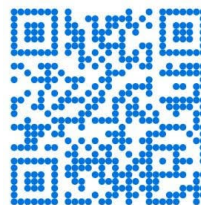
Financial Reports

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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Church Council



Pictured from left to right:

Pastor Reggie Klindworth— Senior Pastor, Kate Peterson, Chad LaGow, 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 (Program Year): Saturday 5:00 p.m. & Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Summer Worship Schedule: Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Summer Worship Schedule



Join us

**Sundays at 9:00 a.m.
(In Person & Livestream)**

No Saturday Worship May 24 through August 31

Crown of Glory Rummage Sale

Thursday, May 29 from 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Friday, May 30 from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 31 from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.