



**CROWN  
OF GLORY**  
ELCA LUTHERAN CHURCH

*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.*



Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023

9:00 a.m.

## GATHERING MUSIC

*All Are Welcome* (arr. Paul A. Tate) (Ginger Larson)

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are celebrating Holy Communion, welcoming new members to our congregation, and celebrating the dedication of the stained glass window created by local artist and Crown of Glory member, Michael Bechtold, 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, Matt Scherer and Bennett Eriksrud, to Ginger Larson and the Chancel Choir for their music, and to the Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service!

## CONFSSIONAL HYMN

*Light Dawns on a Weary World* (ELW 726)

## CONFESION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sins, taking a moment for our own personal reflections.

*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

P: Holy God,

C: **we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. Open our hearts to your love, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, and open our hands to care for your creation. Amen.**

P: Beloved, we are God's children. Through Jesus we are forgiven, by Jesus all are welcome, and in Jesus we are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us by the One who claims us in love.

C: **Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Come, All You People* (ELW 819)

## 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: Righteous God, our merciful master,

C: **you own the earth and everything in it, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## NEW MEMBER WELCOME

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body

of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

P: In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Siblings in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

**New Members: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

**C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

P: Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to this community of faith.

**All: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

### SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 90:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to another.

<sup>2</sup>**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,  
from age to age you are God.**

<sup>3</sup>You turn us back to the dust and say,  
"Turn back, O children of earth."

<sup>4</sup>**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past  
and like a watch in the night;**

<sup>5</sup>you sweep them away like a dream,  
they fade away suddenly like the grass:

<sup>6</sup>**in the morning it is green and flourishes;  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

<sup>7</sup>For we are consumed by your anger;  
we are afraid because of your wrath.

<sup>8</sup>**Our iniquities you have set before you,  
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Celtic Alleluia (WOV 613)*

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

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Celtic Alleluia. Both staves are in the treble clef and the key signature of D major (two sharps). The melody is written in a simple, folk-like style with eighth and quarter notes, and rests. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes on both staves.

## HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>14</sup>For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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“Good and Trustworthy” (Pastor Laura Laughlin)

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us* (ELW 707, vs. 1-3)

## DEDICATION OF STAINED GLASS WINDOW

P: Siblings in Christ, we are gathered to ask God's blessing as we dedicate this stained glass window to the glory of God.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: We give you thanks, O God, creator of the universe, for your abundant gifts. By your holy wisdom all things have been made to reflect your glory, for the sustenance of life, and for the use and delight of your living creatures.

Send your blessing upon us and upon this new stained glass window, depicting your promise of grace found in the waters of baptism, which we set apart today to your praise and honor.

Give us joy in all your works, and grant that Crown of Glory may always be a place where your will is done and your name is glorified; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### STATEMENT OF FAITH

P: With the whole church on earth, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**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: 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

*Bring Forth the Kingdom* (Marty Haugen, arr. Susan Naus & Lee Dengler)  
(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

*We Are an Offering* (ELW 692)

### OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of all goodness,

**C: generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared in your love. As we gather these gifts from your abundance, may we feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. 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

*A Place at the Table* (arr. Paul A. Tate) (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: Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for all people, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. Amen.

## BLESSING AND SPARK DISMISSAL

P: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

C: **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

*I'll Fly Away* (Albert E. Brumley)

## DISMISSAL

P: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## SENDING MUSIC

*I'll Fly Away* (reprise)

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## Announcements

### Adult Forum: TODAY

Join us TODAY, at 10:15 a.m. in the North Sun Hall for a presentation by Pastor Reggie and Ashley Pederson (Crown of Glory Finance Manager) on "Giving Outside the Box." Come and learn about unique and creative ways to financially support Crown of Glory through stock gifts, matching gifts, Thrivent dollars and more! Bring your questions and join the conversation. All are welcome.

**No Wednesday Night Programming, Dinner, or Music Rehearsals:** November 22

**Crown of Glory Office Closed Thursday, November 23. Happy Thanksgiving!**

**Women's Advent Tea:** See flyer or stop by their table in the Gathering Space for more information.

## Stewardship: Rooted in Faith

November 25 & 26: Stewardship Celebration Weekend, First Weekend of Advent  
Commitment cards may be dropped off at the main office or submitted online at [crownofglory.org/2024-pledge](https://crownofglory.org/2024-pledge).

**Candlelight Yoga in the Sun Hall:** November 30 from 7:00-9:30 p.m.

**Crown of Glory's Monthly Pledge to the Bountiful Basket Food Shelf: November – cans of soup**

## Children's Christmas Narrative Information and Sign-up



This will be a short Nativity play with Christmas songs performed by the SPARK Sunday school children. After the performance all families are invited to gather in the Sun Hall to enjoy fellowship and birthday cake for Jesus!

Scan the QR Code for more information. Sign-up by Thursday, November 23.

## 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 Wednesday, December 6. Order envelopes are available at the main office desk. If you have any questions, contact Sara in the church office.

## Faithful Knotters

The Faithful Knotters are seeking the following items to use:

Lightly used colored sheets, blankets for fillers, cotton fabrics-non stretchy, yarn, and pillow cases. For Newborn kits (new or gently used items) for the Global Health Ministries they are seeking, bath towels (regular sized and not too plush), wash cloths (not microfiber), short sleeved onesies (0-3 or newborn), newborn hats, baby receiving blankets, cloth diapers and diaper pins, and white sheets (all or part cotton only, for bandages in rolls). These items can be placed in the grey bin located in the Gathering Space.

## 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](mailto: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:

November 22– No Dinner

November 29– Walking Tacos

December 6– Roasted Garlic White

Chicken Lasagna Soup

December 13– Christmas Cheer Appetizers 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys

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](https://crownofglory.org).

### Confirmation Kitchen Helpers:

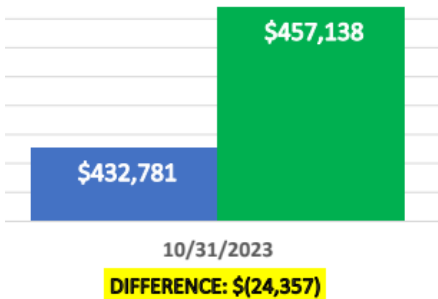
No Dinner

7<sup>th</sup> grade boys

6<sup>th</sup> grade girls

## Sustaining Fund Contributions Report 2023

■ ACTUAL ■ BUDGET

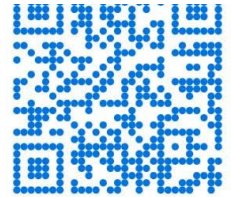


## Financial Update

As of 10/31/23, our budgeted total contributions YTD are projected to be \$457,138 based on prior year trends. However, our actual contributions YTD are \$432,781. This is a difference of \$(24,357) from our expected budget. Your gifts make a difference!

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 will help 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>

## Staff and Leadership

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### Church Council

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Rebecca Varone, Pastor Reggie Klindworth,  
and Pastor Laura Laughlin

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 9:00-5:00 p.m.

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