



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.*



Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 18, 2026
9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

My Lighthouse (Gareth Gilkeson and Chris Llewellyn)
(Servant Song)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Crown of Glory is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.
- We will be celebrating Holy Communion in worship today.
- We are celebrating the baptism of Owen Beck Stepanek, son of Krysta and Jacob Stepanek, with his sponsors Matt Stepanek and Kali Gustafson.
- 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, Amy Alberg, AV Technicians, Matt Scherer and Robin Bielefeldt, to Servant Song for their music, and to the Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

CONFESSONAL SONG

Instrument of Peace (Porters Gate)

CONFESION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, [☩] 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 [☩] 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, our strength and our redeemer,
C: **by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 40:1-11

¹ I waited patiently upon the Lord,
 who stooped to me and heard my cry.
² **The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,
 and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**
³ The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
 many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.
⁴ **Happy are they who trust in the Lord!**
 They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.
⁵ Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you!
 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.
⁶ **Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;
 you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**
⁷ And so I said, "Here I am; I come.
 In the scroll of the book it is written of me:
⁸ **'I love to do your will, O my God;
 your law is deep within me.'**"
⁹ I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;
 I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know.
¹⁰ **I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;**
 I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.
¹¹ You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me;
 may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia (DATH 15)

HOLY GOSPEL John 1:29-42

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

²⁹ [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³² And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They

said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?”³⁹ He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed).⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE “Finally Finding Jesus” (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

HYMN OF THE DAY *By Faith* (Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Townend)

HOLY BAPTISM Owen Beck Stepanek

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 *Crowded Table* (Natalie Hemby, Lori McKenna, and Brandi Carlile)
(Servant Song)

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* (WOW 790, vs. 1, 3)

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

Great Are You, Lord (Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan and David Leonard)
(Servant Song)

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

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

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Blessed Be Your Name (Beth and Matt Redman)

DISMISSAL

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

SENDING MUSIC

Blessed Be Your Name (reprise)

INSTRUMENT OF PEACE

Isaac Wardell, Liz Vice, Jessica Fox,
Orlando Palmer, Paul Zach

Transcribed by
Owen Stroud

REFRAIN

Music notation for the first line of the Refrain. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The chords are G, Am7, G/B, C, G/D, C/D, and G. The lyrics are: Lord, make me an instrument of peace, an instrument of peace.

Music notation for the second line of the Refrain. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The chords are G, D/F# (with a bass note D), Em, C, G/D, C/E, and G. The lyrics are: Lord, make me an instrument of peace, an instrument of peace.

VERSE

Music notation for the first line of the Verse. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The chords are C, Em, G, and D. The lyrics are: Where there is ha - tred, let me sow love. Where there is dark - ness, let me sow light. Where there is sor - row, let me sow hope. Where there is doubt, let me sow faith.

Music notation for the second line of the Verse. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The chords are C, Em, G, and D. The lyrics are: For in the gi - ving, we shall re - ceive, and in the dy - ing, we're gi - ven life. Where there is inju - ry, Your par - don give, Your con - so - la - tion to those in pain.

CODA

Music notation for the Coda. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The chords are C, G, C, Cm, and G. The lyrics are: A - men, a - men.

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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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By Faith

Chorus

4

By faith we see the hand of God
By faith the prophets saw a day
By faith this mount-ain shall be moved
in the light of cre-a-tion's grand de-
when the longed for Mes-si - ah would a-
and the pow'r of the gos-el shall pre-

4

-sign,
-pear
-vail,
in the lives of those who prove his faith - ful - ness,
with the pow'r to btrak the chains of sin and death,
for we know in Christ all things are pos - si - ble

7

Chorus

who walk by faith and not by sight. We will stand as child-ren of the pro-mise; We will
and rise tri-um-phant from the grave.
11 for all who call u - pon His name.

15

fix our eyes on Him, our soul's re - ward. 'Til the race is fin-ished and the work is done,

we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

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:

3rd time to Coda ♩ | 1 | 2 |

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.

to stanza 3

♩ *Coda*

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

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Blessed Be Your Name

Words and Music by Beth and Matt Redman

Verbs

1. Bless - ed be Your name in the land that is plen -
2. Bless - ed be Your name when I'm found in the des -
3. Bless - ed be Your name when the sun's shin - ing down
4. Bless - ed be Your name on the road marked with suf -

- ti - ful, where Your streams of a - bun - dance flow, blessed
- ert place, though I walk through the wil - der - ness, blessed
- on me, when the world's all as it should be blessed
- fer - ing, though there's pain in the of - fer - ing blessed

Pre-Chorus

— be Your name.
— be Your name.
— be Your name.
— be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to

praise. When the dark-ness clos - es in, Lord, still I will say, "Bless-ed be the

Chorus

name of the Lord, blessed be Your name." Blessed be the name of the Lord,

to Verse 3

— blessed be You glo - ri - ous name." You give and take a -

way, You give and take a - way. My heart will choose to say, "Lord, Blessed be Your

34 Back to Chorus after repeat

name." You

Announcements

Building and Offices Closed: January 19 (MLK Day)

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 will be available for pick-up beginning on Sunday, January 18. 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!

Gingerbread Houses

Thank you to all who created gingerbread houses for the Sun Hall tables. There was a lot of fun creativity shown and everyone really enjoyed them. Now it's time for them to be taken home. If you created a gingerbread house please pick it up from the table in the Sun Hall by Today.

Wednesday Night Programming

Wednesday Night Dinner Team: Seeking New Members

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

Wednesday Night Dinner:

<u>Meal</u>	<u>Kitchen Helpers</u>
January 21- Subs	All 7 th grade
January 28- Sloppy Joes	All 6 th grade
February 4- Pasta: Chicken Alfredo w/garlic bread	All 6 th grade

Connect and Confirmation: February 11 Buck Hill Tubing

Adult Ministry and Education

Men's Pub Ministry: January 22 Bottling Party at 6:30 p.m. in the CoG Sun Hall

Please bring a beer to share and pizza will be provided.

Donations, Fundraisers, and Volunteering

Giving Tree Donations "Thanks"

Thank you to all congregation members who donated items listed on paper ornaments on the Giving Tree. These kitchen, cleaning and household supplies were all delivered to Prairie Pointe in Shakopee on January 12. There are 12 families who have already moved into the apartments and Beacon Interfaith Housing staff told us that many more families will be moving in during the next couple months. The Justice & Inclusion Team is grateful for the generosity of each and every one of you!

Bountiful Basket Donations for January:

During January we will be collecting donations of hearty soups, crackers, and healthy kid snacks. These items should be placed in the Bountiful Basket box located in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your generosity!

Children and Youth



July 26 - July 30, 2026

For kids entering 1st grade through entering 6th grade.
More information to come.

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)

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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.