



# 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.*



## Baptism of Our Lord

January 11, 2026  
9:00 a.m.

## GATHERING MUSIC

*All Who Are Thirsty* (ACS 981) (Chancel Choir & Percussion)

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Crown of Glory is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.
- We will be celebrating Holy Communion and the 2025 Baptism Milestone in worship today.
- 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, Darlene Carlson, AV Technicians, Brian Johnson and Tony Sie, to Ginger Larson, the Chancel Choir, and percussionists for their music, and to the Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

## CONFSSIONAL SONG

*Shall We Gather at the River* (ELW 423, vs. 1, 3, 4)

## CONFESSION 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: O God our Creator,

C: **at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the**

**Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your children, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Isaiah 42:1-9

<sup>1</sup> Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

<sup>2</sup> **He will not cry out or lift up his voice  
or make it heard in the street;**

<sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

<sup>4</sup> **He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth,  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.**

<sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the Lord,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup> **I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,**

<sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup> **I am the Lord; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.**

<sup>9</sup> See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia* (DATH 15)

**HOLY GOSPEL** Matthew 3:13-17

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

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

<sup>13</sup> Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from the heavens

said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### MESSAGE

“Baptismal Promises” (Pastor Laura Laughlin)

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*Wade in the Water* (ELW 459, vs. 1, 3, 4)

### BAPTISM MILESTONE

#### 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.**

### 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

*Take Me to the Water* (African American Spiritual,  
arr. Horace Clarence Boyer and Pastor Laura Laughlin)  
(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)

### 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

### 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

*Come to the Water of Life* (Ray Makeever) (Chancel Choir)

### 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

*Send Me, Lord (Thuma mina)* (ELW 809)

### DISMISSAL

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

### SENDING MUSIC

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* (Frederick Cook Atkinson,  
arr. Phillip Keveren) (Ginger Larson)

# All Who Are Thirsty

Leader All

All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters. All who are hun - gry,

come here and eat. All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters.

There's e - nough for all.

All who are thirst - y,

Text: Brian Wentzel, b. 1979

Music: ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY, Brian Wentzel

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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

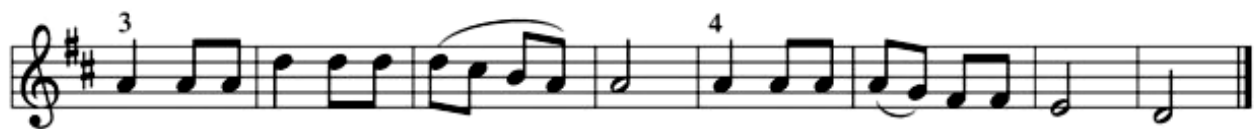
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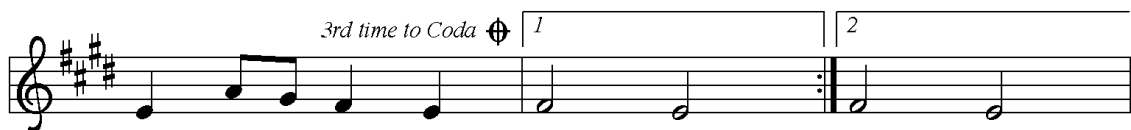
# Praise to You, O God of Mercy



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.



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



## Announcements

### **Baptism Milestone**

We celebrate with the families of Olivia Enze, Josie Oddo, Fletcher Stiles, Hattie Ellingboe, Theodore Patterson, Milo Monahan, Lincoln Williams, and James Cramer on their Baptism Milestone.

**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](mailto: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 January 18.

## Wednesday Night Programming

### **Wednesday Night Dinner Team: Seeking New Members**

Contact [pastorreggie@crownofglory.org](mailto:pastorreggie@crownofglory.org) for more details and information.

### **Wednesday Night Dinner:**

#### Meal

January 14– Scalloped Potatoes and Ham

January 21– Pizza

January 28– Sloppy Joes

#### Kitchen Helpers

All 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Volunteers

All 7<sup>th</sup> grade

**Connect and Confirmation:** January 21 Buck Hill Tubing

## Children and Youth

**Senior High Youth Ministry Group Event:** January 11 sledding at Jonathan Elementary 3:00-5:00 p.m.

## Adult Ministry and Education

**Sunday Conversations:** January 11 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Sun Hall

**Book Discussion:** Thursday, January 15, 2026, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Sun Hall.

Author will join to discuss book, *Being Ellen: A Second Chance at Life* by Ellen Krug.

**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

### **Lefse/Bake Sale Update**

The Senior High Lefse/Bake sale in December was a wonderful success and raised around \$800 for the Senior High Youth mission trip in the summer of 2026. Our thanks to everyone who volunteered to make Lefse dough, bake goodies, and helped on the weekend of the baking and sale. It wouldn't have been possible without their help and support.

### **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!

## **Financial Update:**

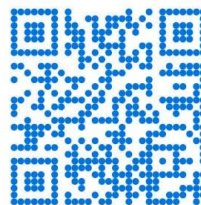
### **Financial Reports**

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:** [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://thrivent.com/thriventchoice)

**Phone:** 1-800-847-4836

**Contact:** Pastor Reggie (952)-448-3230 ext. 3

[pastorreggie@crownofglory.org](mailto:pastorreggie@crownofglory.org)

**Scan the Code:**



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<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)

## Staff

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<b>Servant Song Leader</b> Grace Becker		

**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.