



**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.*



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 4, 2024

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

Gather Us In (arr. Jeanne Cotter) (Ginger Larson)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are celebrating Holy Communion 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, Sarah Morrow, to our AV technicians, Bennett Eriksrud and John Rekow, to Ginger Larson and the Chancel Chimers for their music, and to the Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service!

CONFESSIONAL SONG

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (ELW 843)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

C: **Amen.**

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

(Silence is kept for reflection)

P: God, our rock and refuge,

C: **we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have not loved one another and we have sinned against you. We have not recognized you in our neighbors. Amid our brokenness, remember your covenant and renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters, speaking to all: the time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. You are God's beloved and by the authority of God's love made known in † Jesus Christ, all your sins are forgiven.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines (ACS 1087)

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: Everlasting God,
you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us vessels of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 40:21-31

²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

²²**It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;**
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;

²³**who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.**

²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
**when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.**

²⁵To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

²⁶**Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?**

He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
**because he is great in strength,
mighty in power, not one is missing.**

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God”?

²⁸**Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.**

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹**He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.**

³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

³¹**but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.**

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia (DATH 15)

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

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HOLY GOSPEL Mark 1:29-39

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

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

²⁹As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

“What Jesus Came to Do” (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Precious Lord, Take My Hand (ELW 773)

STATEMENT OF 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: God of grace,

C: **receive our prayer.**

PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

This Little Light of Mine (arr. William E Moats) (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!

OFFERTORY

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

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, Holy One,

C: **for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. 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 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

Joy and Elation (Cynthia Cobrinski) (Chancel Chimers)

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. Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING AND SPARK DISMISSAL

P: Creator God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, +
bless you and remain with you always.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me (ELW 860)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

Seeking Lay Leaders at Synod Conference Assembly

Crown of Glory is seeking up to four adult lay leaders and one youth leader to attend this year's Minneapolis Area Synod Conference Assembly on Saturday, February 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. If you would like to serve as a voting member and represent our congregation, please contact Pastor Reggie.

Share Your Crown of Glory Moments

All are invited to take pictures of fun moments and life at Crown of Glory and share them on the Crown of Glory Facebook page and/or email them to crownofglorychaska@gmail.com.

Stewardship: Rooted in Faith

2023 commitment amount was \$396,315.00. The goal for 2024 commitment amount is \$397,000.00.

Sustaining Fund

# of Commitments	93
Total Amount	\$354,184.00

Special Appeal

# of Commitments	29
Total Amount	\$15,668.00

Adult Forum: February 4

Join us on Sunday, February 4, at 10:15 a.m. in the North Sun Hall for a presentation by Steve Lear from the Jewish Community Relations Council. This presentation is the second of a three-part series on Religions and Denominations and will focus on the religion of Judaism. Come and learn about a religion different from your own to expand your knowledge base and build connections! All are welcome.

Crown of Glory College Kids Virtual Meetings with Pastor Reggie

Do you have a kiddo in college? Would they like to make a connection with other college students from Crown of Glory? Pastor Reggie leads a College Kids Zoom Gathering every other Sunday evening from 7:00-8:00 p.m. All are welcome to join. To get signed up email Pastor Reggie (pastorreggie@crownofglory.org) for the zoom link each month! Next Zoom Meeting is Sunday, February 4.

Candlelight Yoga: February 8

Join us for candlelight yoga, Thursday, February 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sun Hall. Stay and enjoy tea and fellowship afterwards.

Women's Bible Study: February 10 at 9:00 a.m.

Scout Sunday: February 11 at 9:00 a.m. worship

We will celebrate all youth involved in Scouting as the Scouts serve as our Hospitality Team during worship.

Annual Meeting: February 11 at 10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Copies of the Annual Report will be available at the Church Office.

Chili Tailgate Party: February 11

Please join us for a Chili Tailgate Party after the annual meeting on Sunday, February 11. Please consider bringing something to share, sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space.

Spring First Communion Class: February 11 at 1:30 p.m.

Contact Pastor Reggie for more information. To sign up for the class, go to crownofglory.org Ministry tab and click on Milestones.

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

During January our goal is to collect 200 boxed meals. The boxed meals should be placed in the bin located in the Gathering Space. Last month 68 pounds of food was collected. Thank you for your contributions!

Faithful Knotters

The Faithful Knotters are seeking donations. The list of items can be found in the grey bin 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). 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:

February 7-Brinner (Breakfast for Dinner)

February 14- Italian Wedding Soup

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.

Confirmation Kitchen Helpers:

6th grade boys

8th grade girls

Soup Suppers Served During Lent

Soup Suppers are served on Wednesdays February 14 through March 20 from 5:15–6:15 p.m. Enjoy a bowl of soup and a salad before worship begins. We are seeking up to three volunteers per week to bring a favorite soup to share. A signup sheet is located in the Gathering Space or email Pastor Reggie your choice of soup and the Wednesday you are able to donate. Please bring enough soup to feed at least 20-30 people. Soups should be dropped off on Wednesdays by 4:00 p.m. in the church kitchen. Thank you!

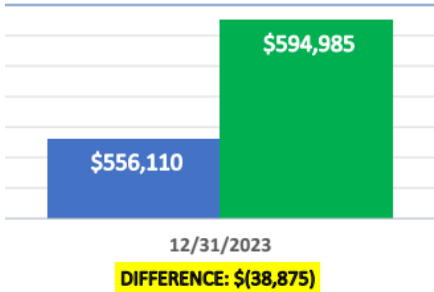
Ash Wednesday Worship Service: February 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night Worship During Lent: February 14 through March 20 at 6:30 p.m.

We join together as a community in praying for all those affected by the wars in Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine.

Sustaining Fund Contributions Report 2023

■ ACTUAL ■ BUDGET



Financial Update

Our 2023 annual budget goal for contributions was \$594,985, based on prior year giving trends. Actual 2023 contributions totaled \$556,110. A difference of \$(38,875) from our expected budget. Although we did not reach our goal, your generous gifts have made a difference. Thank you for supporting Crown of Glory!
We look forward to 2024!

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 have helped to 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>

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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 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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