



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.*



All Saints Sunday

November 5, 2023

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

Give Thanks (arr. Phillip Keveren) (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, Rachel and August Scherer, Krysta Flaharty, and David Laughlin for their music, and to the Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service!

CONFESSONAL SONG

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

CONFESSION 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: Let us join our hearts and voices together in prayer. Almighty God,

C: **you have knit your people together in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to trust in the joy of your love, 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 Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with

palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia (WOV 613)

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

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

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

"Through the Hills and Valleys" (Pastor Laura Laughlin)

HYMN OF THE DAY

For All Your Saints, O Lord (ELW 427, vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)

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 FOR THE SAINTS

P: We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe.

C: **Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.**

P: We remember the prophets and priests, the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God.

C: **Teachers of the faith, we remember you.**

P: We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, those who have gone before us in our lifetime.

C: **Family of our faith, we remember you.**

P: We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and parents whose lives ended too soon.

C: **Those close in our heart, we remember you.**

P: We lift up to You, O God, the names of those we have lost in this past year from our lives, knowing that they are with Your heart forever: Joe Walto, Tom Ruhberg, Louie Krohnfeldt, Steve Finch, and Judy Jurgens.

We celebrate the lives of those we have named, O God, and lift up many more names in our hearts.

C: **Family of God, we remember you, and we honor you. We know you are with us in the spirit of worship, and you will not be forgotten.**

P: We give thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to join with You beyond this life. We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ, and know that in our grief and celebration, O God, You are with us through it all, and we are not left alone. In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray.

C: **Amen.**

(Liturgy created/adapted by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, rev-o-lution.org.)

PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Amazing Grace (Nancy and Randall Faber)
(August Scherer, piano, and Krysta Flaharty, flute)

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

Sonatine (Nancy Faber) (August Scherer, piano)

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 HYMN

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In (ACS 950, vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)

DISMISSAL

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

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

SENDING MUSIC

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In (reprise)

Announcements

Adult Forum: TODAY at 10:15 a.m.

Join us in the North Sun Hall for a presentation by Donna Minter, hosted by the Justice and Inclusion Team. As a Mennonite, Donna will share how the Mennonites and Anabaptists have been involved with the Doctrine of Discovery. This presentation will serve as a preview for the upcoming documentary showing about the Doctrine of Discovery on November 14. Come and learn more about this important topic, bring your questions, and join the conversation! All are welcome.

Sunlight Yoga in the Sun Hall: November 11 at 9:00 a.m.

Stewardship: Rooted in Faith

November 4 & 5: All Saints Weekend, New Member Orientation

November 11 & 12: Stewardship Temple Talks, New Member Welcome

November 18 & 19: Stewardship Commitment Weekend

November 25 & 26: Stewardship Celebration Weekend, First Weekend of Advent

Faithful Knitters

Knitters and Crocheters! We are called the Faithful Knitters, but we knit and crochet. We have several projects going. Most items are donated to local charities. We enjoy a small devotion during our time. We meet at the Gathering Space next to the kitchen. Join us! We meet every Wednesday evening from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Questions contact Carol Hauck 612-236-5951 or carolhauck@broadband-mn.com.

Chancel Chimers

Consider joining this fun group that loves to laugh and make music. The Chancel Chimers are seeking additional members to join them! Practices are on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the music room. Contact Sarah Morrow at sissybmorrow@gmail.com with any questions.

Music Rehearsals are on Wednesdays

Servant Song: 5:00 p.m., Chancel Chimers: 6:00 p.m., and Chancel Choir: 6:45 p.m. All talent levels are welcome to join!

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:

November 8– BBQ Pork

November 15– Chili Dogs

November 22– No Dinner

Confirmation Kitchen Helpers:

8th grade boys

7th grade girls

No Dinner

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.

Lost and Found

Please take a moment to check the Lost and Found area for any items that might be yours. This area is located in the closet space across from the main offices. Thank you!

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

During November our goal is to collect 200 cans of soup. The cans of soup should be placed in the bin located in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your contributions!

Faithful Knotters

The Faithful Knorter 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.

Women's Advent Tea: December 2 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

This year's tea will include a light brunch and tea treats, a message from Pastor Laura, an entertaining variety show, a raffle and time to visit with fellow guests.

Attendees should bring cash, checks or Venmo for the raffle and a special tea cup to use and be ready to share its story with your table mates.

Registration starts the first weekend of November. You may sign up after worship or email Debbie Trebiatowski at debtreb@protonmail.com or 952-994-7264. **Tickets are \$25.** Payment can be made by cash, check or Venmo to Crown of Glory (please make a note that the payment is for the Advent Tea).

- We are looking for people to decorate and host tables. Bring in your favorite Christmas decor and set a table for 6-8. It's fun to see all of the creative ideas people come up with.
- Donations for the raffle are now being accepted. If you have items to donate, please contact Margaret Signalness at mjsignalness@gmail.com or 612-296-0094.
- Men- you don't have to be left out! We are looking for some help with serving, set-up and clean-up. To volunteer, please stop by the display table before or after worship, or contact Debbie Tribiatowski debtreb@protonmail.com or 952-994-7264.
- There will also be some opportunities for Confirmation youth to get service hours by helping with the set-up on Friday, December 1. More information will be available as the date gets closer.



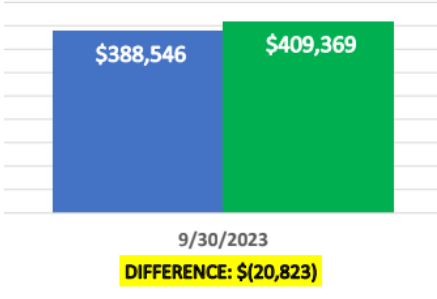
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You won't want to miss this fun annual event!

Financial Update

Sustaining Fund Contributions Report 2023

■ ACTUAL ■ BUDGET



As of 9/30/23, our budgeted total contributions YTD are projected to be \$409,369 based on prior year trends. However, our actual contributions YTD are \$388,546. This is a difference of **\$(20,823)** from our expected budget. Your gifts make a difference!

Fundraisers are not included in the chart. We budgeted \$15,000 in fundraiser revenue in October and raised over \$20,000. The additional funds will help offset some of the contribution shortfall. Thanks to all who helped make the Fall Social 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.

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00-5:00 p.m.

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