



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.*



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 2024

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty and Morning Has Broken
(arr. Paul A. Tate) (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, Amy Alberg, to our AV technicians, John Rekow and Matt Scherer, to Ginger Larson, Tabitha Hanson, Rachel Berg Scherer, and the Chancel Choir for their music, and to the Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service!

CONFSSIONAL SONG

Rise, Shine, You People! (ELW 665)

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: Compassionate God,

C: **you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our wondering, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

“The One with Authority” (Pastor Laura Laughlin)

HYMN OF THE DAY

There is a Balm in Gilead (ELW 614)

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

Sing Out, Earth and Skies (Bret Heim) (Chancel Choir)
(Tabitha Hanson, oboe and Rachel Berg Scherer, percussion)

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

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

Give Thanks (arr. Mark Hayes) (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: 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

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (ELW 886, vs. 1, 3, 5, 6)

DISMISSAL

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING MUSIC

O For a Thousand Tongues (arr. Carl Glazer) (Ginger Larson)

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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

Lutheran Women Gone Wild: February 1

Join them at Muddy Cow in Shakopee (1244 Canterbury Rd) at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 1 for good food and fellowship. Contact Sandi Rue, srue@rues.org, if you will be attending or have questions.

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.

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 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:

January 31– Tator Tot Hotdish

February 7-Brinner (Breakfast for 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.

Confirmation Kitchen Helpers:

6th grade girls

6th grade boys

Join in the Music at Crown of Glory

All Crown of Glory music ensembles delight in the beauty of making music together in a relaxed, fun-filled way. We work hard and we also laugh together. All skill levels are welcome and encouraged to join. Let's make music together!

Rehearsal Schedule:

Garage Band: Flexible (Wednesdays and Sundays)

Servant Song: 5:00-6:00 p.m. (Wednesdays)

Chancel Chimers: 6:00-6:45 p.m. (Wednesdays)

Chancel Choir: 6:45-7:45 p.m. (Wednesdays)

Contacts:

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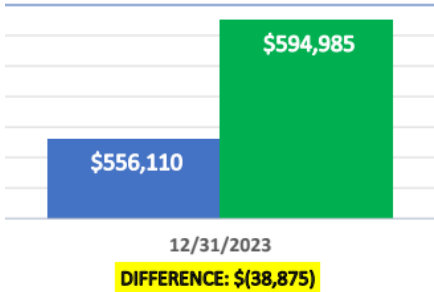
Lori Robinson (Garage Band)

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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



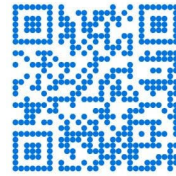
Financial Update

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>

Staff and Leadership

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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.