

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.*



Spirit of Truth, Spirit of Life

Fourth Sunday of Lent

“May Our Truth be Revealed”

March 15, 2026

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

Lord of the Dance (Ronan Hardiman, arr. Larry Moore)
(Ginger Larson)

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 Hayden Eileen Heitz, daughter of Karli and Corey Heitz, with her sponsors, Josephine Morrison and Danielle Heitz.
- 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, Rachel Berg Scherer, AV Technicians, Brian Johnson and John Rekow, to Ginger Larson, Jodi Barnett, Jenni Payne, and the Chancel Choir for their music, and to the Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

CONFSSIONAL SONG

O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate (ELW 722, vs. 1, 2, 4)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses, taking a moment for our own personal reflections.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For disregarding voices from the margin, and for focusing on furthering division instead of finding common ground in love: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, nourishes your hearts with God's love, and gives you life and peace.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior (WOV 614, vs. 1 & 4)

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: Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us.

C: **By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Creator and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 23:1-6

¹ The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

² **The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³ You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Word of God, Come Down on Earth (ELW 510, vs. 1)

HOLY GOSPEL John 9:1-41

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

¹ As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³ Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷ saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸ The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹ Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." ¹⁰ But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹ He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud,

spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." ¹² They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." ¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. ¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." ¹⁸ The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹ and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰ His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, ²¹ but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." ²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵ He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶ They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷ He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰ The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴ They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. ³⁵ Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶ He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." ³⁷ Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." ³⁸ He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind." ⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

"May Our Truth be Revealed" (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (ELW 779, vs. 1, 3, 5)

HOLY BAPTISM

Hayden Eileen Heitz

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Heal Me, Hands of Christ (Michael Perry, Elaine Aune)
(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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (ELW 803, vs. 4)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: O God, maker of heaven and earth,

C: **your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. 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

What Love Is This (Kari Jobe, Lincoln Brewster, and Mia Fieldes)
(Jodi Barnett & Jenni Payne, vocal duet)

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: God of our salvation,

C: **we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING & SPARK DISMISSAL

P: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✠ bless you now and always.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision (ELW 793, vs. 1, 2, 4)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

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

SENDING MUSIC

Be Thou My Vision (Shane Jensen)
(Ginger Larson)

614 - Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior

1. Praise to you, O Christ, our savior, Word of the Father, calling us to life:

5
Son of God who leads us to freedom; glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

9
1. You are the Word who calls us out of darkness; you are the Word who leads us into light;
2. You are the one whom prophets hoped and longed for; you are the one who speaks to us today;
3. You are the Word who calls us to be servants; you are the Word whose only law is love;
4. You are the Word who binds us and unites us; you are the Word who calls us to be one;

13
you are the Word who brings us through the desert; glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
you are the one who leads us to our future;
you are the Word made flesh who lives among us;
you are the Word who teaches us forgiveness;

Announcements

Welcome Pastor Peter Samuelson, Interim Bridge Pastor

We are excited to welcome Pastor Peter Samuelson, Interim Bridge Pastor, to Crown of Glory. Pastor Peter Samuelson will serve for several weeks as we await the arrival of an Interim Pastor for an expected 6-8 months. During this time of Interim we welcome your feedback as we begin to search for a brand new Associate Pastor.

Prayer Vigil for Peace: Tonight from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the Crown of Glory Sanctuary

The Justice & Inclusion Team invites you to join us for a prayer vigil for peace as we gather in faith and unity to pray for peace in our communities, our nation, and around the world. In times of uncertainty and conflict, we turn our hearts to prayer, asking for compassion and healing for all people. The vigil will include quiet reflection, candle lighting, and music. Whether you stay for a few minutes or the entire time, your presence and prayers are welcome. Let us come together as a community to be a light of hope and peace. If inclement weather, the vigil will be held on March 29 at the same time and place.

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.

Wednesday Night Programming

Soup Suppers Served During Lent: Wednesdays - March 25

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!

Wednesday Night Soup Supper:

Main Soup

March 18– Potato Soup

March 25– Chicken Tortilla Soup

April 1– No Supper– Holy Week

Kitchen Helpers

All 6th grade

All 6th grade

Confirmation Usher/Greeter

All 7th grade

All 8th grade

All dinners include a salad and yogurt bar.

Connect and Confirmation Ministry in Recess During Lent

Connect and Confirmation students and their parents are invited to join worship on Wednesdays during lent. There is no Connect or Confirmation Large Group or Small Group during Lent.

Confirmation students are expected to attend worship at least 4 out of 6 weeks during Lent.

Confirmation students are also scheduled to serve at the Soup Suppers and during worship as ushers & greeters.

Confirmation Worship Notes During Lent

All Confirmation students are expected to complete at least twenty worship notes throughout the program year. Lent Worship notes are located at the entrance to the Sanctuary. Completed worship notes can be placed in the basket at the Worship Note table! Completed Lent worship notes are worth “double credit” for the most complete worship notes! Confirmation students can take advantage of this and catch-up during Lent! Confirmation worship notes are also available on your smart phone or mobile device during worship and for those livestreaming the weekend Lent worship services. Complete your worship note and submit it electronically when you are finished! Visit our website for more details at <http://www.crownofglory.org/worship-notes/>

Adult Ministry and Education

Men's Pub Ministry: March 19

Join this group from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at BaldMan Brewing, Eagan, for good brew and fellowship.

Donations, Fundraisers, and Volunteering

Rummage Sale

As you may start to do Spring Cleaning, keep in mind we will be seeking donations for the Rummage Sale later this Spring. More information to come.

Fundraising at Target Field

Volunteers from Crown of Glory will be doing concessions again this year at Target Field during the upcoming Minnesota Twins season. We are looking for additional volunteers to join us in this fundraising venture that will help support Crown of Glory. Youth (16 or 17 yrs old) are eligible to volunteer along with their parent/guardian. For more information contact Pastor Reggie, Mikel Jones, Deb Peterson, Kate Peterson, or Grant Taylor.

Mission Trip 2026 Senior High Ministry Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser During Lent!

Crown of Glory senior high youth will be heading to a mission trip in the summer of 2026 for an amazing opportunity to serve on a mission trip! Starting on Sunday, February 22, and each weekend during Lent our senior high youth will be serving fresh Cinnamon rolls and OJ following Sunday morning worship service. Cinnamon rolls are a suggested \$2 donation. All proceeds will support the Senior High Mission Trip.

Bountiful Basket Donations:

During March we will be collecting donations of coffee, spices, flour, sugar, and baking mixes. These items should be placed in the Bountiful Basket box located in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your generosity!

Collection for Latino Voices

Some of you have asked what we can do to help our immigrant friends and neighbors during this difficult time in their lives. Many of them are afraid to leave their homes. Children are not going to school and parents are not going to work.

Latino Voices of Minnesota is a grassroots nonprofit dedicated to uplifting our Latino community in Chaska and beyond. They are collecting and delivering hygiene products and cleaning products to immigrant families. Bountiful Baskets Food Shelf has volunteers who also deliver food. Additionally, here is a link to donate to a fund that helps pay rent for local families:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-carver-county-neighbors>

The Justice & Inclusion Team will be collecting the following items for Latino Voices and will be

Dish soap (20-30 oz bottles)	All purpose cleaner
Paper Towels	Kitchen sponges
Disinfectant wipes	Body wash
Hand soap	Diapers (size 5, 7 and newborn)
Laundry detergent (40-60 oz bottles)	

Donations, Fundraisers, and Volunteering Continued

Easter Flowers Order Forms: Now through March 18

Flower Choices:

Easter Lily: \$12

Yellow or Purple Mums: \$13

Pink or Orange Tulips: \$11

Blue Hydrangea: \$27

Payment can be made by cash, check (made payable to Crown of Glory), or Venmo (Crown of Glory: Easter Flowers).

Flowers may be picked up after Easter worship services.

Easter Flower Sale:

Easter flowers are available for purchase until Wednesday, March 18. They are a symbol in memory or honor of loved ones and will be used to decorate the Sanctuary for Easter worship services. Your dedication will be included in the worship bulletin.

Fill out a form and submit payment online at <https://forms.gleVRire7rDRJu7gtr6> or fill out a paper copy, located in the Gathering Space or Church Main Office and submit in the drop box.

Children and Youth

Spring First Communion Class: March 22 at 11:00 a.m.

Contact Pastor Reggie for more information or sign up for the class on our website.

Easter Egg Hunt: April 5

Calling all kiddos to join us for an Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday. The hunt will take place at 9:45 a.m., between the services. You may bring your own Easter basket, or bags will be provided. We strongly prefer to hold the event outside, but if the weather makes that impossible, it will take place inside.

VBS at Crown of Glory: July 27-30

More information to come at the end March. Contact Gretchen with any questions.

Summer Camp Wapo Opportunities

Are you thinking about sending your child to Bible Camp this summer? Lake Wapogasset (aka Wapo) has options for just about every age. Camp Offerings: 1-day option for kids in K-2, "Seeds" weekends for kids in grades 1-3, "Youth Camps" for kids in grades 4-9, "Roots" camps for grades 8-12. Feel free to reach out to Gretchen if you have any questions, or check out more information on their website, <https://lakewapo.org/>.

Financial Update:

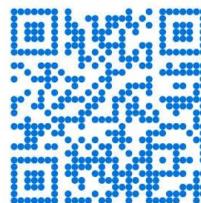
Financial Reports

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

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), and Bob Chinnock

Staff

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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.