



**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

February 2, 2025  
9:00 a.m.

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Jesus Lead On* (Brent Helming) (Servant Song)

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We will be celebrating Holy Communion in 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.
- New to Crown of Glory? Welcome! Join us after worship in the Sun Hall for fellowship, coffee, tea, and treats. See a Hospitality volunteer or one of the Pastors with questions.
- Thank you to our Worship Assistant, Amy Alberg, to our AV Technicians, Matt Scherer and Tony Sie, to Servant Song for their music, and to our Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

## CONFESSIONAL SONG

*Show Us Christ* (Doug Plank)

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
our creator,  
our protector,  
our wellspring of life.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin, taking a moment for our personal reflections.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

C: **forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.  
We ignore the needs of our neighbors;  
we resist your call to oppose injustice;  
we give in to scarcity and fear;  
we assume the worst about one another.  
Cleanse us from our faults and show us your lovingkindness.  
Restore our hearts so that our lives reflect Christ's love. Amen.**

P: Hear these words of assurance:  
In ☩ Christ, you are forgiven.  
In the Spirit, you are made free.  
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,  
live anew as beloved children of God.

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: Almighty and ever-living God,

C: **increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love, that we may obtain what you promise and love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup>It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup>Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup>For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup>but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup>And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia* (WOV 610)

## HOLY GOSPEL Luke 4:21-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

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

<sup>21</sup>Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” <sup>22</sup>All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” <sup>23</sup>He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” <sup>24</sup>And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. <sup>25</sup>But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup>yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup>There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” <sup>28</sup>When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup>They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

## MESSAGE

“Leaving Trouble Behind” (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*A New Commandment* (Aniceto Nazareth and Andrew Moore)

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

**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:** God of grace,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

## PEACE

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

**C:** **And also with you.**

## OFFERING

*Love Never Fails You* (Brandon Heath) (Servant Song)

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

*That We May Be Filled* (W&P 134)

## OFFERING PRAYER

**P:** God of grace,

**C:** **your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. 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 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

*For the One* (Bethel Music) (Servant Song)

## 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: Nourishing God,

C: **at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.**

## BLESSING & SPARK DISMISSAL

P: The Spirit of the triune God  
✚ bless you with joy,  
anoint you with compassion,  
and send you in love.

C: **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*Shine Jesus Shine* (Graham Kendrick)

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.

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

## SENDING MUSIC

*Shine Jesus Shine* (reprise)

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# Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me



1 Glo - ry to God,  
2 World with - out end,

whose good - ness shines on me,  
. . . with - out end. A - men.



and to the Son,  
World with - out end,

whose grace has par - doned me,  
. . . with - out end. A - men.



and to the Spir - it,  
World with - out end, . . .

whose love has set me free.  
. . . 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

Music: GLORY TO GOD (VASILE), Paul M. Vasile

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# Alleluia

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

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

The musical score for 'Alleluia' is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and homophonic, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are repeated twice across two staves.

Music: South African; arr. Gobingca Mxadana  
Arr. © Gobingca Mxadana

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# That We May Be Filled

Not as we ought but as we are a - ble, we

of - fer our thanks as we come to your ta - ble. Through

Word and Spir - it bless us; through bread and wine re - fresh us that

we may be filled, that we may be filled with love.

The musical score for 'That We May Be Filled' is written for a single part in B-flat major (two flats). The melody is simple and homophonic, consisting of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are spread across four staves.

Text: Handt Hanson and Paul Murakami  
Music: THAT WE MAY BE FILLED, Handt Hanson and Paul Murakami

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## Announcements

### **Seeking Lay Leaders at Synod Assembly**

Crown of Glory is seeking up to four adult lay leaders and one youth leader to attend this year's Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly on Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3. If you would like to serve as a voting member and represent our congregation, please contact [Pastor Reggie](#).

### **Sign Up on the Worship Whiteboard**

Located to the left of the Hospitality Station outside the main Sanctuary entrance, this board is available to kids of all ages to volunteer to help in worship with things like passing the Offering plates, serving Communion to the Pastors, lighting candles, etc. All kids are encouraged to arrive by 4:55 p.m. on Saturday or 8:55 a.m. on Sunday to get signed up.

**Canceled- Sunday Conversations:** February 16 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

### **Next Session March 16, same topic**

Dive into thought-provoking discussion in our adult study group, where we explore a range of biblical themes, social justice issues, and relevant topics. This year, we'll focus on the book *Dialogues: On Race*. Topic of conversation this month: *Whither the Women?*

### **Crown of Glory Swag:** Available now through February 2

We are excited to introduce a Crown of Glory online "swag" store! An assortment of apparel and accessories is available to purchase through February 2. This is a great opportunity to show pride in our congregation and represent the church throughout our community. Fifteen percent of all purchases will be donated to support the Crown of Glory small choral ensemble for their upcoming trip to and performance at Carnegie Hall. Orders will be available for pick-up at Crown of Glory later in February. Please use the link, <https://crownofglory.itemorder.com/>, to access the store and place orders directly on the site. For questions or suggestions, please reach out to Sherri Eriksrud, [SEriksrud@bachmans.com](mailto:SEriksrud@bachmans.com).

### **Lutheran Women Gone Wild:** February 6

Join this group of women for good food and fellowship at Crooked Pint, Chaska, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Contact Sandi Rue, [srue@rues.org](mailto:srue@rues.org), with any questions and to RSVP.

### **Annual Meeting:** February 9 at 10:15 a.m. in the Crown of Glory Sanctuary

Unable to make it in person? Register for an Annual Meeting Zoom Link <https://form.123formbuilder.com/5048555/zoom-registration-annual-congregational-meeting-february-9-2025>

### **Super Bowl Chili Tailgate Party:** February 9

Join us Sunday, February 9 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Super Bowl Chili Tailgate Party!! Chili will be served right after the Annual Meeting in the Sun Hall. Please sign up to bring something to share, signup sheets are located on the tables in the gathering space outside the sanctuary.

### **Men's Pub Ministry:** February 20

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

### **Save the Dates:** VBS at Crown of Glory July 28-31 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

More information to come.



## Announcements

### **Wednesday Night Dinners:**

Do you want a night off from making dinner? Join us for a wonderful meal and fellowship on Wednesday nights. Dinner is served almost every Wednesday from 5:15-6:15 p.m. The cost is \$5 per youth or \$15 per family. Meals are prepared by the Wednesday Night Dinner Team and served by Confirmation small groups.

#### Upcoming Menu:

February 5 - Sloppy Joes

February 12 - Potato Bar

February 19 - Taco Bar

#### Confirmation Kitchen Helpers:

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls

All meals are served with a salad bar, yogurt and granola bar, and fruit.

### **Crown of Glory's Monthly Pledge to the Bountiful Basket Food Shelf**

February donations to be determined

### **Fare for All:** February 27 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the CoG Sanctuary

Fare for All is a pop-up grocery store and a great way to save money on quality, nutritious food. Fare For All buys fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, and frozen meat in bulk to save you up to 40% off grocery store prices. Fare For All is community supported and open to everyone. Fare For All accepts cash, credit, debit, and EBT cards.

February will be the debut of Fare For All's Hot Buy Extravaganza! In addition to our Mega Meat and Produce Pack, there will be 4-5 hot buys. Based on customer feedback for more choice at sales, there will be a pilot for a variety of Hot Buys for individual purchase instead of the Mini Meat pack.

February's Hot Buys: Yellowfin Tuna (10 oz) - \$2.25, Gouda Cheese (8 oz) - \$5.75, Tailgate Brats (16 oz) - \$3.75, Bison Stew Meat (16 oz) - \$11. One more Hot Buy to be determined on the date of the sale.

## **CROWN OF GLORY ANNUAL MEETING & SUPER BOWL CHILI TAILGATE PARTY**

**Sunday, February 9**



**10:15  
Annual meeting  
Sanctuary**

**Immediately followed by...  
Chili tailgate party  
Sun Hall**

**SIGN UP TO BRING CHILI OR  
OTHER FOOD TO SHARE**

## Financial Update

### December **Sustaining Fund Contributions Report** 12/31/2024 YTD

■ ACTUAL ■ BUDGET



**DIFFERENCE: \$(47,993)**

Our 2024 YTD budget goal for contributions was \$584,598. Total contributions for 2024 were \$536,605, a difference of \$(47,993) behind our YTD budget goal. Thank you for your 2024 gifts!

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:**



**Direct your dollars by March 31, 2025.**

## **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>

## **Stewardship: Steppingstones of Faith**

	Pledges	Amount	2024 to 2025 Comparison
New COG Pledger	9	\$29,460	\$29,460
Returning 2025 Pledger, No pledge in 2024 but pledged in prior years	9	\$25,800	\$25,800
Increased	38	\$190,570	\$23,360
Decreased	6	\$7,100	-\$4,180
Same as 2024	44	\$150,736	
<b>Total</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>\$403,666</b>	<b>\$74,440</b>

## Church Council



*Back row, from left to right:*

Pastor Laura Laughlin, Sherri Eriksrud, Kristi Kirsch, Mikel Jones (Secretary), Eric Larson,  
Pastor Reggie Klindworth, Bob Chinnock

*Front row, from left to right:*

Deb Mangen, Sarah Morrow (Vice President), Kate Peterson (President), Deb Peterson

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

**Worship Schedule (Program Year):** Saturday 5:00 p.m. & Sunday 9:00 a.m.

**Summer Worship Schedule:** Sunday 9:00 a.m.



**Annual Meeting  
February 9, 2025  
10:15 a.m. in the  
Crown of Glory Sanctuary**



**Topics on the Agenda:**

**Election of New 2025 Council Members**

**Reconciling in Christ Video and Discussion**

**2025 Budget**

If you are unable to attend in person, sign-up for a Zoom Meeting Link on the CoG website.



**Come and vote!**

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