

CROWN OF GLORY

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation



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*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

Third Sunday of Lent

“Abundant Grace”

March 8, 2026

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

Bind Us Together and Open Our Eyes, Lord (arr. Sharon Elery Rogers)
(Chancel Chimers)

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 Joy Valentine Fasching, daughter of Katelyn and Daniel Fasching, with her sponsors, Dale Fasching and Abby Rosenberg.
- We welcome Pastor Peter Samuelson, our Interim Bridge Pastor.
- 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, Sherri Taylor, AV Technicians, Brian Johnson and Scott Saulsbury, to Tabitha Hanson, Melissa Whiting, Sara Doerfler, and the Chancel Chimers for their music, and to the Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

CONFSSIONAL SONG

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty (ELW 777, 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, 2, 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: Merciful God, the fountain of living water,

C: **you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 5:1-11

¹ Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹ But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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 4:5-42

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

⁵ [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will

give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”¹⁵ The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.”¹⁷ The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband,’¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!”¹⁹ The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet.”²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.”²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.”²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.”²³ But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.”²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”²⁵ The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.”²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?”²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,²⁹ “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?”³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.”³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.”³³ So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?”³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.”³⁵ Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.”³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.”³⁷ For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.”⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word.⁴² They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

“Abundant Grace” (Pastor Peter Samuelson)

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (ELW 332)

HOLY BAPTISM

Joy Valentine Fasching

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

Children of the Heavenly Father (arr. Lloyd Larson)
(Chancel Chimers, Sara Doerfler, piano)

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

Hallelujah (Leonard Cohen, arr. Mareike Davis)
(Melissa Whiting and Sara Doerfler, 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

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (ELW 335, vs. 1, 3, 4)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

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

SENDING MUSIC

Wondrous Love (Southern Harmony) (American folk hymn)
(Tabitha Hanson)

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614 - Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior

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

5
Son of God who leads us to free-dom: glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ!

9
1. You are the Word who calls us out of dark-ness; you are the Word who leads us in-to light;
2. You are the one whom proph-ets hoped and longed for; you are the one who speaks to us to-day;
3. You are the Word who calls us to be ser-vants; you are the Word whose on-ly law is love;
4. You are the Word who binds us and u-nites us; you are the Word who calls us to be one;

13
you are the Word who brings us through the des-ert; glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ!
you are the one who leads us to our fu-ture;
you are the Word made flesh who lives a-mong us;
you are the Word who teach-es us for-give-ness;

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: March 15 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.

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 11– Creamy Tomato Basil Soup

March 18– Potato Soup

March 25– Chicken Tortilla Soup

Kitchen Helpers

All 7th grade

All 6th grade

All 6th grade

Confirmation Usher/Greeter

All 6th grade

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

Women's Bible Study: March 14 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sun Hall.

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. 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 delivering them weekly. Look for the box in the Gathering Space if you would like to donate.

Dish soap (20-30 oz bottles)
Paper Towels
Disinfectant wipes
Hand soap
Laundry detergent (40-60 oz bottles)

All purpose cleaner
Kitchen sponges
Body wash
Diapers (size 5, 7 and newborn)

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.

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/>.



VBS at Crown of Glory

More information to come at the end March.

Contact Gretchen with any questions.

July 27 - July 30, 2026

VBS welcomes kids who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade.

Financial Update:

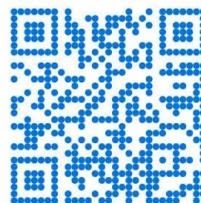
Financial Reports

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

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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.