

# 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.*



## Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 8, 2026

9:00 a.m.

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Now Thank We All Our God*  
(Johann Cruger, arr. Amanda Tero and Pamela M. Robertson)  
(Ginger Larson)

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Crown of Glory is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.
- We will be celebrating Holy Communion in worship today.
- 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 Assistants, DeeAnn Pettyjohn and Becky Varone, AV Technicians, Matt Scherer and Robin Bielefeldt, to Ginger Larson and David Laughlin for their music, and to the Hospitality volunteers and the Scouts for their help with today's service.

## CONFESSIONAL SONG

*All Are Welcome* (ELW 641, vs. 1, 3, 4, 5)

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Mighty God, lover of justice,

C: **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

P: Hear this good news: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ☩ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

C: **Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines* (ACS 1087, vs. 1, 2, 1)

## 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: God of Beauty,

C: **you gather your beloved children into your care, each one a unique image of you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, the ways of mercy, justice, and joy, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE READING** Isaiah 58:1-9a

<sup>1</sup>Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. <sup>2</sup>Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. <sup>3</sup>“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup>You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. <sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? <sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? <sup>8</sup>Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. <sup>9a</sup>Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.”

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia* (DATH 15)

## **HOLY GOSPEL** Matthew 5:13-20

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. <sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. <sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

## **MESSAGE**

“Letting Our Light Shine” (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*This Little Light of Mine* (ELW 677)

## **LITANY OF CELEBRATION AND COMMITMENT**

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

P: Let us join together in proclaiming our faith:

C: **We believe in you, O God, who spoke all life into being, author of heaven and earth, architect of time, quilter of the cosmos. You shape our bodies from the dust of the ground, and by your breath we are given life.**

**We believe in you, O God, who became incarnate in Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh, truly divine and truly human. You lived among us to reveal your justice, died among us to break the bonds of sin and death, and were raised among us to bring abundant life.**

**We believe in you, O God, who transforms us by the Holy Spirit, draws us into community, moves us to action, and inspires us to hope against hope. You breathe new life into a fallen world and equip us to proclaim the good news of resurrecting love. All thanks and praise to you, O God, our beginning and our end. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: Spirit, intercede for us,

C: **Send wholeness to our church.**

## PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

## OFFERING

*Plowshare Prayer*

(Spencer LaJoye, arr. Ginger Larson, adapted from arr. by Nate Terry)  
(Ginger Larson, vocal and 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

*Praise to You, O God of Mercy* (WOV 790, vs. 1)

## OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. O God,

C: **from nothing you created not only us as your beloved children but everything we would need to have an abundant life. As we bring our varied gifts to you, strengthen us as we celebrate the diversity you have blessed us with. Fill us with what we need and help us to recognize that there is more than enough for all as we work to bring your love to the ends of the earth. 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

*Jupiter* (Gustav Holst, arr. James Smith)

*Simple Gifts* (arr. Lloyd Conley)

(Ginger Larson, piano; David Laughlin, trombone)

### 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: Let us pray. Jesus our friend and savior,

C: **your life, death, and resurrection changed our world. May this meal of bread and wine bless us and sustain us in the building of a blessed community which welcomes all people, that sees all people, and that works for justice for all people. Amen.**

### BLESSING

P: As we leave this space may God's face shine upon us, God's love sustain us, and God's peace inspire us and grant us peace. May God – Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer - fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may live in hope of a blessed community where humanity's diversity is celebrated.

C: **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

*The Lord Now Sends Us Forth* (ELW 538)

### DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

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

### SENDING MUSIC

*The Lord Now Sends Us Forth* (arr. David Christensen)

(Ginger Larson)

# Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
2 World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
World with - out end, . . . . . 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

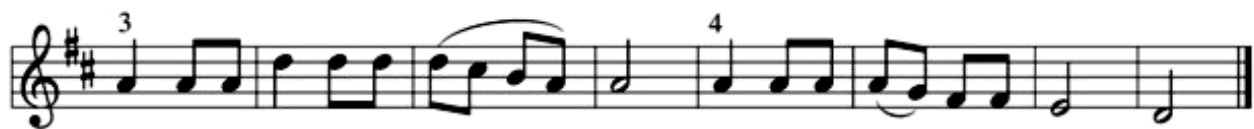
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Music: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

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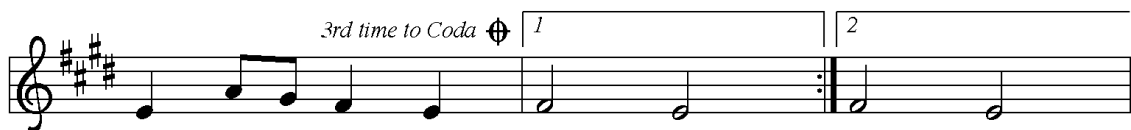
# Praise to You, O God of Mercy



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -  
 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -  
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:  
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:  
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
 thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
 thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

## Announcements

### **Honoring Pastor Laura's Ministry**

Help thank Pastor Laura for her six years of ministry at Crown of Glory! Join us for a celebration after worship on Sunday, February 15. If you would like to contribute to a gift from the congregation, please send funds via Venmo or write a check with "Pastor Laura Gift" in the comment. Additionally, please share any photos of Pastor Laura for a slideshow. Send photos to Matt Scherer, [mscherer@gmail.com](mailto:mscherer@gmail.com).

### **Crown of Glory Directory**

Directories are available for purchase of \$10.00. You can purchase a copy after Sunday worship from a Directory Team member or Monday -Thursday at the main church office desk.

### **Lost and Found**

Please take some time over the next few weeks to check the lost and found, located in the church coat closet area. Any unclaimed items left at the end of the month will be donated. Thank you.

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

### **RIC Sunday:** Today

Join us for fellowship to celebrate our 1-year anniversary of becoming a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

**Chili Cook-Off:** Today following the Annual Meeting.

**Pastor Laura's Farewell Celebration:** February 15 from 10:00-11:00 a.m.

**Pastor Laura's Last Day in the Office:** February 17

### **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 1 and Saturday, May 2, 2026. If you would like to serve as a voting delegate and represent our congregation, please contact Pastor Reggie.

## Wednesday Night Programming

### **Soup Suppers Served During Lent:** February 18-March 25

Soup Suppers are served on Wednesdays during Lent. 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 Dinner Team:** Seeking New Members

Contact [pastorreggie@crownofglory.org](mailto:pastorreggie@crownofglory.org) for more details and information.

### **Wednesday Night Dinner:**

Meal  
February 11– Pizza

Kitchen Helpers  
Volunteers

**Connect and Confirmation:** February 11 Buck Hill Tubing.



## Children and Youth

**Senior High Youth Ministry Group Event:** February 8 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

## Adult Ministry and Education

**Men's Pub Ministry:** February 19

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

**Women's Bible Study:** February 21 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sun Hall.

## Donations, Fundraisers, and Volunteering

### **Bountiful Basket Donations:**

During February we will be collecting donations of ready-to-eat meals (examples, Mac and Cheese, Hamburger Helper) and canned vegetables. These items should be placed in the Bountiful Basket box located in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your generosity!



 **Annual Meeting**  
**February 8, 2026**  
**10:15 a.m. in the**  
**Crown of Glory Sanctuary**

 **Attend In Person**   
**or**  
**Register with Pastor Reggie for a Google Meets Link**



**July 27 - July 30, 2026**

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

## **Financial Update:**

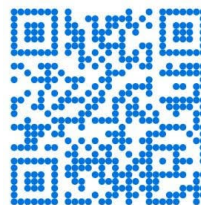
### **Financial Reports**

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](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:**



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### **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), Bob Chinnock, Pastor Laura Laughlin (Pastor of Worship and Music)

## Staff

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<b>Piano Accompanist</b> Ginger Larson	<b>Organist</b> Tabitha Hanson	<b>Chancel Chimers Director</b> Sarah Morrow
<b>Servant Song Leader</b> Grace Becker		

**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.

