

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.



"Plant and Wait"

First Sunday of Advent November 30, 2025 9:00 a.m.

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 Assistant, Sherri Taylor, to our AV Technicians, Brian Johnson and Robin Bielefeldt, to Lexi Morrow and Servant Song for their music, and to our Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

CONFESSIONAL SONG Great Are You, Lord (Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan, and David Leonard)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another, taking a moment for our own personal reflections.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: Long-expected God,
- C: we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient with waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.
- P: God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. 4 You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.
- C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

All Earth is Hopeful (ELW 266, 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: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.

C: By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Creator and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 2:1-5

¹ The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house

shall be established as the highest of the mountains

and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say,

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

to the house of the God of Jacob,

that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations

and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into plowshares

and their spears into pruning hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation;

neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob,

come, let us walk

in the light of the Lord!

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Wait for the Lord (ELW 262)

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 24:36-44

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶"About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

"Plant and Wait" (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Give Thanks (Henry Smith)

STATEMENT OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)

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

One Voice (Ruth Moody)

(Amy Alberg, Kate Peterson, Lexi Morrow)

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

We Are Waiting for Jesus (ACS 905, vs. 1)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Nourishing God,

C: you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, nourish our hearts, that we may rejoice and be signs of your kingdom come in a world longing for hope. 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

Heart of Worship (Matt Redmen)

(Lexi Morrow, Kate Peterson, Amy Alberg, and Grace Becker)

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: God our host,

C: at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and love our neighbor in the name of Jesus. Amen.

BLESSING

P: May God who comes among us, Creator, + Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Freedom is Coming (ACS 903)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Keep awake.

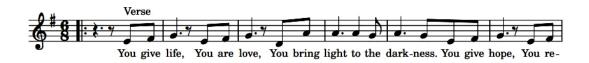
C: Thanks be to God. We will!

SENDING MUSIC

Freedom is Coming (reprise)

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Great Are You, Lord





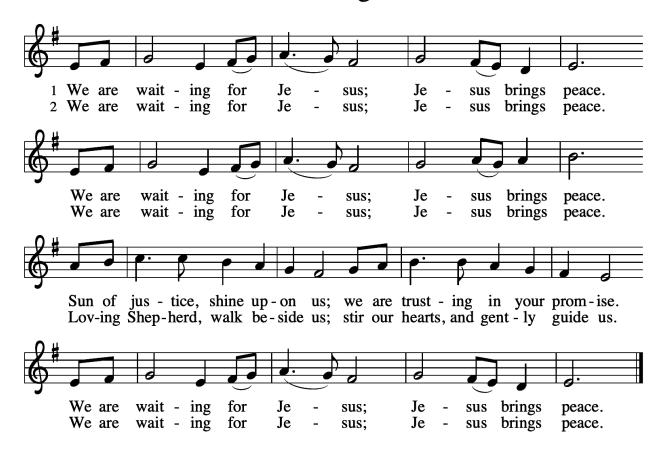








We Are Waiting for Jesus



Text: John Helgen, b. 1957

Music: JESUS BRINGS PEACE, John Helgen

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Freedom Is Coming



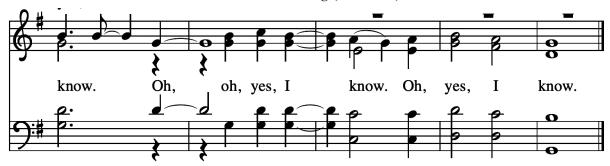
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2 Oh, Jesus. Jesus is coming. Oh, yes, I know.

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Music: FREEDOM IS COMING, South African; transc. Freedom Is Coming

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<u>Announcements</u>

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 8:55 a.m. on Sunday to get signed up.

Crown of Glory Online Swag Store: Order through December 1

The store can be accessed at https://crownofglory3.itemorder.com/. This is a great opportunity to show our pride and enthusiasm for Crown of Glory and our mission as we are out in the community. Orders can be placed through December 1. Fifteen percent of the sales will be committed to the Fall Social fundraising total. Please contact Sherri Eriksrud, SEriksrud@bachmans.com, with any questions.

Gingerbread Houses

The adopted gingerbread houses are now on display! Take a look at all of the creativity, inspiration, and wonder.



Chaska Santa 2025 Toy Drive:

Now through December 17

Scan codes to register, donate via Venmo, or get access to Santa's Amazon Wish List. Donation box is located in the Gathering Space.

Announcements

Church Directory Reminder:

Did you miss the initial request for updating information for our church directory? It's not too late, but the deadline (December 1) is tomorrow!

Here's what to do:

Update your family information -

If you prefer to update your own information electronically, email Sara Keim

(<u>sara@crownofglory.org</u>) to ask her to resend the email (with instructions). Note: the link to set up your password will only remain active for 48 hours after you receive the email for safety reasons. If you prefer not to update your information online on your own, stop by the church office to pick up a hard copy form (and return it there once completed).

Provide a photo -

Email a digital family photo to <u>COGPhotoDirectory@gmail.com</u>. Please ensure all family members are easily identifiable and the file size is no larger than 2MB and 5"x7" or smaller in size. In your email, include all members of your family (in order as they appear in the photo, from left to right). If you have questions, please contact Allison Larson (<u>LarsonAlli15@gmail.com</u>) or Sara Keim (<u>sara@crownofglory.org</u>).

Poinsettia Sale

Poinsettias are available for purchase in memory or honor of loved ones and will be used to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas Eve worship. Your dedication will be included in the worship bulletin. To order, fill out an order envelope and return it, with payment, to the church office. Both items must arrive no later than Wednesday, December 3. Order envelopes are available in the Gathering Space and at the main office desk. If you have any questions, contact Sara K.in the church office.

2025 CoG Giving Tree

Look for the 2025 Giving Tree with Christmas ornaments labeled with donation items to help welcome eighteen new families into Prairie Pointe. We will receive these donations until December 17. Please place these purchased items in the donation box in the Sun Hall or under the tree. The tree will also include donation envelopes benefiting The Faithful Knotters, The Kitchen Essentials Ministry, and Bountiful Basket Food Shelf. Any gifts given in those envelopes will be split three ways for these ministries. We will receive these gifts through December 28. You may place the gift envelopes for the ministries in the drop box in the Church Office. Crown of Glory Ministries and the families at Prairie Pointe thank you so much for your kindness and generosity.

If you have any questions, please contact any member of the ministry teams.

Tracy Cunningham- Kitchen Essentials Ministry- tacunningham 3040@gmail.com

Corky Jochum- Faithful Knotters- cejochum@gmail.com

Becky Varone- Justice & Inclusion Team- rebecca.varone@gmail.com

Sara Keim- Bountiful Basket- sara@crownofglory.org

Thank you from the Crown of Glory Justice & Inclusion Team

Troop 174 Scouts to Host: "Breakfast with Santa!"

Kick off the holiday season with a pancake breakfast and a chance for photos with Santa Claus!

When: Saturday, December 13 | 8:00–11:00 a.m.

Where: Sun Hall at Crown of Glory Lutheran Church

Cost: \$10 for ages 12+, \$6 for ages 4-11 and 3 and under are free. Gluten-free options available. All proceeds benefit Troop 174 Scouts as they prepare for their 2026 high adventures at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico and the National Jamboree in Washington D.C. and the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. Enjoy a bake sale, face painting, and a morning of holiday cheer.

Announcements

Lefse and Bake Sale

On Sunday, December 21, 2025, Crown of Glory will host our Lefse and Bake Sale! You can pre-order your lefse by contacting the church office or by signing up following worship service. Pay ahead of time, the cost is only \$24/dozen. Fresh lefse will also be for sale by the slice for \$2 following the Christmas Cantata Sunday service. Lefse bake Sale proceeds will support our senior high youth ministry!

Lefse Baker Volunteers

We are seeking volunteers to help make lefse; there is no experience needed! The lefse baking will take place on Saturday, December 20 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Join this festive

The leftse baking will take place on Saturday, December 20 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Join this festive baking experience by signing up at the Leftse Table in the gathering area, contacting the church office, or by emailing Pastor Reggie.

Bake Sale Item Donations

Bake something for the Bake Sale! We are seeking baked goods for the December Bake Sale! All baked goods will be sold to help raise funds for Crown of Glory's senior high youth mission trip. To donate an item for this sale, please sign-up at the Lefse Table or contact the church office; please indicate what baked good you are donating. All baked goods need to be delivered to the church kitchen by Saturday, December 20 by 12:00 p.m. *Please refrain from using nuts.



Christmas Tree Pickup

Let Scouts from Crown of Glory's BSA troop 174 help you dispose of your Christmas tree in an environmentally friendly manner. No need to bag! Just throw your tree on the curb, and scouts will pick it up on Saturday, January 3. A \$10 donation is requested, which supports camps and other important scouting programs. Visit https://bit.ly/troop174trees or follow the QR code to sign up by Sunday, December 21. Thank you for supporting our Scouts!



SCAN ME

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

During November we will be collecting donations of canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned beans, canned meats, rice, and pasta. These items should be placed in the bin located in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your generosity!

Rental Options at Crown of Glory

Interested in renting a room at Crown of Glory? We may have what you are looking for! Birthdays, weddings, banquets, gatherings, meetings, etc. We also rent some items offsite. Check out the information display board in the Gathering Space, CoG website, or talk to Administrative Office Assistant, Sara K. (M-Th 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.)

Wednesday Night Dinner Team: Seeking New Members

Our Wednesday Night Dinner is small and mighty. They work hard to plan the meals, purchase food, prepare meals each week and oversee each Wednesday night serving time. We are seeking new members to join this team of amazing leaders. If you would like to volunteer to serve on this team, we welcome your participation! Contact pastorreggie@crownofglory.org for more details and information.

Announcements

Wednesday Night Dinner

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 \$6 per youth or \$16 per family (cash or Venmo). Crown of Glory Venmo code is available at the dinner line for payment option. Meals are prepared by the Wednesday Night Dinner Team and served by Confirmation small groups. All dinners include a salad and yogurt bar.

Menu:
December 3: No Dinner

December 10: Pizza

December 17: Hearty Appetizers December 24 & 31: No Dinner **Kitchen Helpers:**

Christmas Gift Shopping Night

All 6th grade All 8th grade Winter Break

SPARK: No Class Today

Registration is open for SPARK,- <u>crownofglory.org/sunday-school-registration</u> Volunteer for SPARK Leader or Helper and Kiddos' Corner– crownofglory.org/children

Music Ministry Rehearsals:

Servant Song: Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir: Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.

Chancel Chimers: Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Garage Band: TBD

Connect and Confirmation: December 3 Christmas Gift Shopping Night

Registration is open: Connect—6:00-7:00 p.m. <u>crownofglory.org/children</u> Confirmation—6:30-8:00 p.m. crownofglory.org/middle-school-youth

Senior High Mission Trip Meeting: December 2 at 5:30 p.m.

All senior high school youth in grades $8^{th} - 12^{th}$ is invited to a special meeting for this coming summer's Mission Trip! Join us for a night of exploring and learning more about the Mission Trip 2026 in the church sanctuary.

Lutheran Women Gone Wild: December 4

Join this group of women for good food and fellowship at Cy's Bar and Grill, Chaska, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Contact Sandi Rue at sandirue@gmail.com with any questions and to RSVP.

Women's Bible Study: December 6 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sun Hall

Led by CoG member, Sherri Taylor, this group of curious and delightful women meet once a month on Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. throughout the program year to study a book of the Bible together. This year, they will be journeying through First and Second Corinthians.

Senior High Youth Group Event: December 7 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Join us for building and decorating real gingerbread houses.

Sunday Conversations: December 7 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Sun Hall

Men's Pub Ministry: December 18

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

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.



THRIVENT



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), Bob Chinnock, Pastor Laura Laughlin– Pastor of Worship and Music

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Servant Song Leader 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.