

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.*



Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 25, 2026
9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
(Kathleen Thomerson, arr. Kevin Frecker)
(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 Assistant, Sherri Taylor, AV Technicians, John Rekow and Tony Sie, to Ginger Larson and the Chancel Choir for their music, and to the Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

CONFESSIONAL SONG

Thy Strong Word (ELW 511, vs. 1, 3, 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: Lord God,

C: **your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 9:1-4

¹ There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the Lord] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. ³ You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴ For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia (DATH 15)

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 4:12-23

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

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

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles” ¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³ Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

“When the Kingdom is Near” (Pastor Laura Laughlin)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Will You Come and Follow Me (ELW 798, vs. 1, 2, 5)

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: Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Just a Closer Walk with Thee (arr. Mark Hayes)
(Chancel Choir; Amy Alberg, soloist)

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: God of majesty,

C: **no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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

Spirit, Open My Heart (Alfred V. Fedak)
(Chancel Choir)

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: Radiant God,

C: **we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING & SPARK DISMISSAL

P: May the triune God, who has put a new song in your heart and tuned your heart for praise
✙ bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore (ELW 817, vs. 1, 3, 4)

DISMISSAL

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

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

SENDING MUSIC

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore (reprise)

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

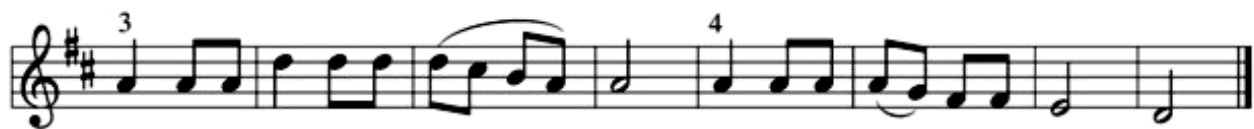
Music: GLORY TO GOD (VASILE), Paul M. Vasile

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

Music: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: © 1983 Ray Makeever, admin. Augsburg Fortress

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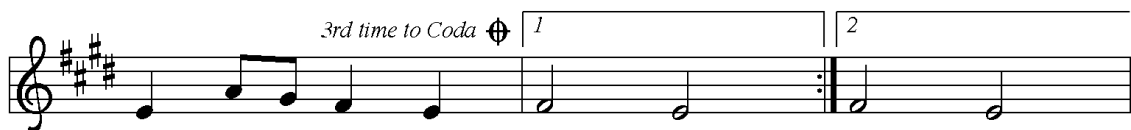
Praise to You, O God of Mercy



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

CoG 2025 Year-to-Date Finance Report

Total contributions for 2025 were \$572,080, a difference of \$12,080 ahead of our YTD budget goal. Thank you for your generous gifts & for supporting Crown of Glory in 2025! We look forward to the new year with you!

RIC Sunday: February 8

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

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

Unable to make it in person? Register for an Annual Meeting Google Meets Link by contacting Pastor Reggie.

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.

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.

November Swag Order Delivery

Orders of Crown of Glory Swag are available for pick-up. Sherri Eriksrud will be available after the church service for pick-up in the Sun Hall. She will continue to distribute the following weeks as well. For any questions, feel free to reach out to Sherri directly at seriksrud@bachmans.com. Thank you!

Wednesday Night Programming

Wednesday Night Dinner Team: Seeking New Members

Contact pastorreggie@crownofglory.org for more details and information.

Wednesday Night Dinner:

Meal

January 28– Sloppy Joes

February 4– Pasta: Chicken Alfredo w/garlic bread

Kitchen Helpers

All 6th grade

All 6th grade

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: January 29 Bottling Party at 6:30 p.m. in the CoG Sun Hall

Please bring a beer to share and pizza will be provided.

J & I Team Meeting: February 2 from 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Adult Ministry and Education

Lutheran Women Gone Wild: February 5 at Crooked Pint Ale House, Chaska, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Contact Sandi Rue.

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

Donations, Fundraisers, and Volunteering

Bountiful Basket Donations for January:

During January we will be collecting donations of hearty soups, crackers, and healthy kid snacks. These items should be placed in the Bountiful Basket box located in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your generosity!

Giving Tree Donations "Thanks"

Thank you to all congregation members who donated items listed on paper ornaments on the Giving Tree. These kitchen, cleaning and household supplies were all delivered to Prairie Pointe in Shakopee on January 12. There are 12 families who have already moved into the apartments and Beacon Interfaith Housing staff told us that many more families will be moving in during the next couple months. The Justice & Inclusion Team is grateful for the generosity of each and every one of you!

A Thank You to Crown of Glory

Thank you so much for your continued support of the Crown of Glory Kitchen Ministry, a gap ministry of Love INC. The financial donations made in December will ensure that we can continue to assist families in our community with basic kitchen essentials such as toasters, coffee makers, silverware sets, pots, pans, and other kitchen items. In 2025, we served over 70 families and individuals. This is an almost 25% increase from the previous year. If you have any questions about the Kitchen Essentials Ministry please contact Tracy (952-239-9344), Jodi (952-567-4397) or Sue (612-735-2616).



July 27 - July 30, 2026

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

Financial Update:

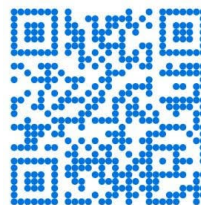
Financial Reports

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:



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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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Piano Accompanist Ginger Larson	Organist Tabitha Hanson	Chancel Chimers Director Sarah Morrow
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.



**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