



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.*



Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2024

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

Come to the Feast (Bob Hurd)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are celebrating Holy Communion in worship today.
- The Kiddos' Corner is located at the North side of the Sanctuary. Activity Bags are located inside the main entrance. Please utilize these resources as needed throughout our worship service.
- Thank you to our Worship Assistant, Amy Alberg, to our AV technicians, Bennett Eriksrud and Brian Johnson, to Ginger Larson and Servant Song for their music, and to the Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service!

CONFESSIOAL SONG

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High (ELW 857)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, and draws all people together through Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

P: Held in God's mercy, 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: Holy God,

C: **we confess that we are caught in our sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurt grow into hatred. For all these things, known and unknown, forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

P: People of God, here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, washes away our sins, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

I Will Bless You, O God (Psalm 34) (DATH 34, vs. 2 & 3)

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: O God,

C: **with steadfast love you draw us to yourself and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their

husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

LENTEN PSALM

A Lenten Psalm (Pastor Laura Laughlin and Tom Paulson)

We are wan-d'ring, oh yes, we are wan-d'ring oh, yes.
We are wan-d'ring, wan-d'ring, in the de-sert with our God.

HOLY GOSPEL John 12:20-33

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. ²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

“Give Us Jesus” (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

SONG OF THE DAY

O Day of Peace (ELW 711)

STATEMENT OF 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

Hear My Cry, O God (DATH 36)

For the season of Lent, we will be singing a congregational response after each prayer petition.

P: Hear us, O God...

C: Hear my cry, O God;

listen to my prayer.

Listen to my song:

singing praises all along.

PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

Unless a Grain of Wheat (Bob Hurd) (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

Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior (WOV 614, vs. 4)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.

C: Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but give us a hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your 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 wafer and a cup with either wine or grape-juice. Allergen-free elements are available upon request. 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

Steadfast Love (Aaron Moses, Lindy Cofer, and Naomi Raine)
(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: Let us pray. Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now send us out to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.

BLESSING & SPARK DISMISSAL

P: May God our Creator, ✝ Son, and Spirit bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and give you peace. Amen.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

The Power of the Cross (Stuart Townend and Keith Getty)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share your bread.

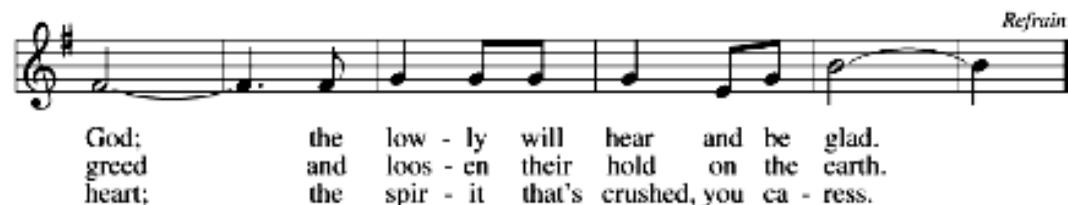
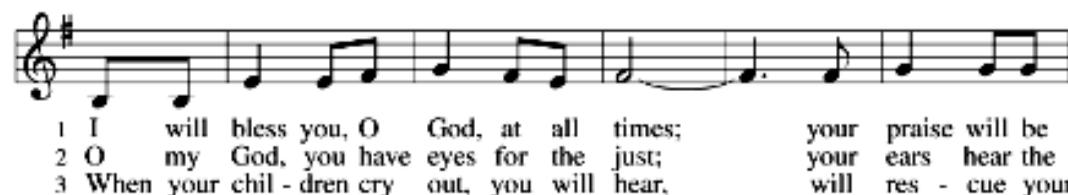
C: **Thanks be to God. We will.**

SENDING MUSIC

The Power of the Cross (reprise)

I Will Bless You, O God

Psalm 34



Text: Ray Makeover
Music: PSALM 34, Ray Makeover

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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;

The Power Of The Cross

Words and Music by
Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

VERSE

$\text{♩} = 68$ F/A G/B C G7/D C/E F C/E

1. Oh to see the dawn of the dark - est day. Christ on the road to
2. Oh to see the pain writ - ten on Your face, bear - ing the awe - some
3. Now the day - light flees. now the ground be - neath quakes as its Mak - er

4 Dm7 Fmaj7 Gsus G F/A G/B C G7/D C/E

Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en then
weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought, ev - 'ry e - vil deed
bows His head. Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life.

CHORUS

7 F C/E Fmaj7 Gsus G/F C/E F G/B C C/E F G/B

nailed to a cross of wood. 1, This the pow'r of the cross. Christ be - came sin for
crown - ing Your blood - stained brow.
"Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.

C C/E F D/F# G G/F C/E F Gsus G F/A G/B C Fmaj7 Dm7 Gsus G

us. Took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand for - giv - en at the cross.

Announcements

Holy Saturday Taizé Worship...What is It?

You may have seen advertisements for our new Holy Week service this year...an outdoor Taizé service on the patio on March 30! Taizé is the style of Christian worship practiced by the ecumenical Taizé community in France, characterized by repetitive singing of simple songs, interspersed with readings, prayers, and periods of silence. This service will be short, meditative, and peaceful, a perfect interlude between Good Friday and Easter Sunday. We will gather on the patio at 5:00 p.m. surrounded by candles, campfires, and celebrate a baptism while also joining in simple prayer and song together. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Laura (pastorlaura@crownofglory.org).

2024 Holy Saturday Walk

Due to scheduling conflicts, this year's Holy Saturday Nature Walk has been canceled. We hope to bring this meaningful experience back in 2025!

Wednesday Night Worship During Lent: Wednesdays through March 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Last Sunday for Cinnamon Rolls Fundraiser

Today is the last Sunday 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 and National Youth Gathering.

Crown of Glory College Kids Virtual Meetings with Pastor Reggie

Do you have a kiddo in college? Would they like to make a connection with other college students from Crown of Glory? Pastor Reggie leads a College Kids Zoom Gathering every other Sunday evening from 7:00-8:00 p.m. All are welcome to join. To get signed up email Pastor Reggie (pastorreggie@crownofglory.org) for the zoom link each month! Next Zoom Meeting is March 17.

Adult Forum: March 17

Join us today at 10:15 a.m. in the North Sun Hall for a presentation by Katie Schaumann from Southern Valley Alliance, a domestic abuse advocacy center. Katie will share about all the services and programs that Southern Valley Alliance provides for the greater community. Come and learn about this important community resource! All are welcome.

Study for Partners: March 17 at 5:30 p.m. at Crown of Glory in the Sun Hall

Crown of Glory Spring Cleaning: March 21

Join along with the Décor Team for a “power hour” spring cleaning of the main church spaces (Sanctuary, Sun Hall, Gathering Space, etc.) on Thursday, March 21 at 5:30 p.m. Individuals are invited to bring their own “cleaning care kit”- bucket, rags, paper towels, window cleaner, spray cleaner, magic eraser, etc. Please contact Julie Youngman, jyoungman31@gmail.com, if you are interested in helping.

Men’s Pub Ministry: March 21

Join this group at Boathouse Brothers Brewing Co. (16211 Main Ave SE, Prior Lake, MN 55372) from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 21 for good brew and fellowship.

Sign-up to Attend Book Discussion and Potluck with Ellie Krug: April 7 at 5:00 p.m.

(Book Available for Purchase at the church office)

The Justice & Inclusion Team is sponsoring a discussion of the book *Getting to Ellen: A Memoir about Love, Honesty and Gender Change* by Ellie Krug. Ellie Krug will join us for a potluck and book discussion on Sunday, April 7. The potluck will be held in the Sun Hall from 5:00-6:00 p.m. and the book discussion will follow from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Please sign-up, on the sheet located in the Gathering Space, if you would like to attend.

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

During March our goal is to collect 100 personal care items. The personal care items should be placed in the bin located in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your contributions!

Share Your Crown of Glory Moments

All are invited to take pictures of fun moments and life at Crown of Glory and share them on the Crown of Glory Facebook page and/or email them to crownofglorychaska@gmail.com.

Wednesday Night Dinner

Come join in a meal prepared for you on a busy weeknight with your favorite community. The dinner will be served in correlation with the Confirmation and Connect schedules starting at 5:15-6:15 p.m. If you have any food allergies or dietary restrictions and plan on attending, please let the kitchen team know at least a week in advance (email Jenni Payne at jennipayne929@gmail.com). There is a suggested donation of \$5/person, or \$15/family, either way we want you to come and have a night to relax. We welcome meal requests and suggestions!

Upcoming Menu:

March 20– Polish Hunter's Stew

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

You can also find the menu on our main page online at crownofglory.org.

Confirmation Kitchen Helpers:

6th grade boys

Soup Suppers Served During Lent

Soup Suppers are served on Wednesdays during Lent. We are seeking up to three volunteers to bring a favorite soup to share. A signup sheet is located in the Gathering Space. 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!



Holy Week Worship Schedule

***In Person & Livestream**

Palm Sunday Weekend Worship

Saturday, March 23
5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 24
9:00 a.m.*

Maundy Thursday Worship

First Communion Celebration
Thursday, March 28
6:30 p.m.*

Good Friday Worship

Friday, March 29
6:30 p.m.*

Holy Saturday Taize Worship

Saturday, March 30
5:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Worship

Sunday, March 31
8:30 a.m.*
&
10:30 a.m.



**Sustaining Fund
Contributions Report
2/29/2024 YTD**

■ ACTUAL ■ BUDGET

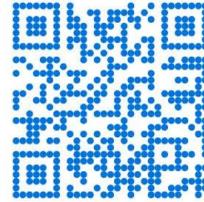


DIFFERENCE: \$2,998

Financial Update

Our 2024 monthly budget goal for contributions through January is \$46,500. Total contributions through February were \$95,998. A difference of \$2,998 over our YTD budget goal of \$93,000. Thank you for your generous gifts and continued support!

To give via Venmo, scan the QR code. Include the amount you would like to contribute and the fund you are giving to.



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>

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Please Note: No food or drink is allowed in the Sanctuary,
with the exception of water and Holy Communion.

Phone: 952-448-3230

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

Worship Schedule: Saturday 5:00 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m., (during Lent) Wednesday 6:30 p.m.