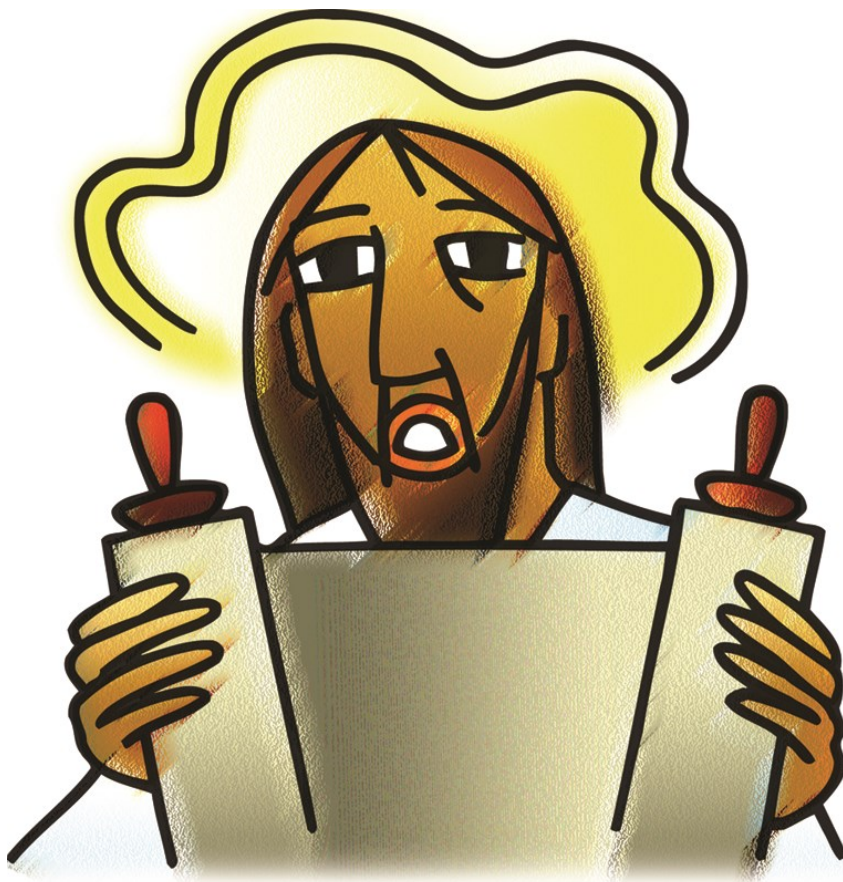




**CROWN  
OF GLORY**  
ELCA LUTHERAN CHURCH



Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 23, 2022

9:00 a.m.

## GATHERING MUSIC

Ginger Larson, piano

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We will be celebrating Holy Communion today.
- Communal singing during worship services will be paused through January 30.
- All are invited to place their offering in an offering plate during worship.
- 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, John Rekow and Scott Saulsbury, to Ginger Larson and David Delforge for their music, and to the Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's services!

## CONFESSIONAL SONG

*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise (ELW 310, vs. 1, 2 & 4)*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
who creates us,  
redeems us,  
and calls us by name.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another, as we take a moment for our own personal reflections.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children.  
We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected.  
We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves.  
We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome.  
Have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may follow your Son and reflect your love for all creation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Rejoice in this good news: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. We are descendants of the Most High, inheritors of eternal life, and set free to live as forgiven children of God.

C: **Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Shine, Jesus, Shine (ELW 671, vs. 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: Let us pray. Blessed Lord God,

C: **you have inspired the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear, read, and learn from them. Comforted by your promises, may we embrace and hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. <sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. <sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup>But strive for the greater gifts.

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 Luke 4:14-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

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

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. <sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: <sup>18</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” <sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down.

The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

**MESSAGE** “Hearing Faith” (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Open Your Ears, O Faithful People* (ELW 519)

**STATEMENT OF FAITH**

P: With the whole church on earth, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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.**

**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**

*Like Him We Rise* (Tom Trenney) (Pastor Laura Laughlin, 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!

**OFFERTORY**

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* (ELW 659, vs. 1)

**OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe.

C: **You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. 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: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:  
C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### INVITATION

Due to increased COVID-19 case numbers, we will be celebrating Communion with pre-packaged Communion kits that include grape juice and a wafer. The kits will be blessed during worship and placed at the Sanctuary exits. We invite you to take a kit with you as you leave worship today and partake in your car or at your home. Allergen-free elements are available upon request.

### COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

- P: As you go on your way today, may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.  
P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### BLESSING

- P: May God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, bless your going out and your coming in, now and forever.  
C: **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* (ELW 843)

### DISMISSAL

- P: Go with Christ into a weary world and share the good news!  
C: **Thanks be to God. We will!**

### SENDING MUSIC

Ginger Larson, piano

## Tom Paulson's Music Notes

Given the high transmission rate of Omicron in Carver County and our area, we have decided to pause rehearsals and singing for worship through Sunday, January 30 for several reasons:

1. Singing, of course, is an excellent way to transmit the virus.
2. Chancel Chimers gather in a relatively small, poorly ventilated room.
3. Experts are now strongly recommending tight-fitting N95 masks at any indoor gathering.
4. Several schools in our area have moved or will soon move to distance learning.
5. We have an incredible number of people either ill or staying away to avoid Omicron.

In lieu of congregational singing, music will be led by one to two masked vocalists, positioned on opposite ends of the risers.

Given my love of music, and the joy I take in leading music, this breaks my heart. I note that Omicron seems to have crested in some areas of the country. I also read that Omicron, because it is less lethal, much more transmissible, and now the dominant variant, is possibly the threshold to Covid becoming a manageable virus like the flu. I hope to regather to rehearse on either Wednesday, February 5 or 12. We'll look at the numbers and the situation as those dates approach.

This pandemic has thrown us more than our fair share of curves. It does nothing to make me feel better that we are not alone in our sorrow and frustration. However, we are called to be people of hope, and God is good all the time! I will not let this small concession to the virus cause me any more anxiety. This short pause denies the virus chances to spread.

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## Opportunities to Serve

### **SPARK Volunteers**

We could use some SPARK volunteers in February! If you haven't yet had the chance to volunteer (even if you don't have SPARK kiddos!), consider signing up to hang out with SPARK kiddos on Sundays! I can say from personal experience, it is the best time!

If you are able to help with SPARK, please email Krysta Flaharty([krysta@crownofglory.org](mailto:krysta@crownofglory.org)) or visit our website ([crownofglory.org/children](http://crownofglory.org/children)) to sign up on Signup Genius.

### **Hospitality Volunteers Needed**

Hospitality teams are looking for volunteers. If you can help, please contact Grant Taylor (952-210-7678) for the 9:00 a.m. service. For the 5:00 p.m. service on Saturdays, please contact Mary Leopold (952-500-3341).

## Announcements

### **Worship Survey Response and Worship Change**

In response to the changes we have experienced, the Crown of Glory staff and Council have come to the difficult decision to temporarily suspend the Sunday 10:45 a.m. worship service. This suspension is not permanent but will continue until a new adjustment is required to continue to support our congregation's needs. Beginning January 23, 2022, we will move to one service (in person and livestream) at 9:00 a.m. with an education time (SPARK Sunday School and Adult Forum) to follow. As we move and adjust to this new change, we will be holding our congregation in hope and prayer, trusting that God is with us and guiding us forward.

To read the complete statement, please refer to the enewsletter that was sent on Thursday, January 13. If you would like the statement emailed to you, please contact Kellie Bokusky.

### **SPARK Sunday School Update**

As a reminder, SPARK is on pause due to the resurgence of COVID-19. This pause will remain through January 30 at which time we will re-evaluate if it is safe to return in person.

A brief, prerecorded virtual SPARK lesson will be available by Saturday at 7:00 p.m. on Crown of Glory's YouTube page. The virtual lesson will be in addition to SPARK coloring sheets, activity sheets, and the family page sent to registered SPARK kiddos.

### **Adult Forum**

Join us this Sunday, January 23, at 10:05 a.m. in the Sun Hall for an Adult Forum featuring CoG member, Carol Hauck, who will be presenting on her recent trip to Pakistan. All are welcome!

### **Nominating Committee Seeks Candidates for Church Council**

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates to serve as Church Council members starting in March. There are three Church Council positions that will be vacant. Council membership is an elected position and members serve a three-year term. Please send nominations to Deb Mangen (deb.mangen6469@gmail.com) by Wednesday, January 26.

## Worship Attendance

### **Saturday, January 15**

5:00 p.m.: 15

### **Sunday, January 16**

9:00 a.m.: 26

43 (Livestream Views)

104 (Next Day Views)

10:45 a.m.: 14

## Financial Update

### December Giving Update

Expenses	\$71,259
Rental Income	\$7,361
Giving Through 12/31/21	\$112,664
Total Revenue	\$120,025

### Unaudited Sustaining Fund Summary: 12/31/2021

YTD Mortgage & Cash Payments	\$721,534
YTD Revenue	\$691,571
Balance	(-\$29,963*)

\*Does not include the Draw 2 PPP Loan that was forgiven in September, 2021.

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President: Grant Taylor

Vice President: Rachel Berg Scherer

Secretary: Steve Clay

Members: Julie Brown, Mary Leopold,  
Jodi Sie, Steve Tinker, Rebecca Varone,  
Andy Wright, Pastor Reggie Klindworth, and  
Pastor Laura Laughlin

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

**Worship Schedule:** Saturday 5:00 p.m. & Sunday 9:00 a.m.