



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.*



First Sunday of Christmas

December 28, 2025
9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

In the Bleak Midwinter (arr. Roberta Rowland-Raybold)
(Tabitha Hanson)

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 Robin Bielefeldt, to Tabitha Hanson for her music, and to the Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

CONFESSIONAL CAROL

The Bells of Christmas (ELW 298, vs. 1, 3, 4)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace.
C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin, taking a moment for our own personal confessions.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Reconciling God,
C: **we yearn for your presence to transform our grief, pain, and despair.
We confess that we have not always prepared room in our hearts for your love;
we have not always recognized your presence among us;
we have not always embraced your message of peace.
We are weary with the burden of violence, oppression, and fear.
We confess our failure to make room for those seeking refuge,
our participation in violent systems that harm your innocent ones,
and our reluctance to embody your good news.
Be born in us today
and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation. Amen.**

P: God's grace upon grace flows over you and ☩ Christ's presence redeems the whole creation.
Your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad!

C: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

PRAISE CAROL

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (ELW 288, vs. 1-2)

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 Lord God,

C: **you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 63:7-9

⁷ I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,
because of all that the Lord has done for us
and the great favor to the house of Israel
that he has shown them according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

⁸ For he said, "Surely they are my people,
children who will not act deceitfully,"

and he became their savior

⁹ in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel

but his presence that saved them;

in his love and pity it was he who redeemed them;

he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL CAROL

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (ELW 276, vs. 1)

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 2:13-23

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

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

¹³ Now after [the magi] had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." ¹⁶ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. ¹⁷ Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: ¹⁸ "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more." ¹⁹ When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰ "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." ²¹ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³ There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazarene."

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

“So, What Happens After?” (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

CAROL OF THE DAY

What Child Is This (ELW 296)

A CONTEMPORARY STATEMENT OF FAITH

P: With the whole church on earth, let us confess our faith:

C: **We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Come Now, O Prince of Peace (arr. Roberta Rowland-Raybold)
(Tabitha Hanson)

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 CAROL

In the Bleak Midwinter (ELW 294, vs. 3)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of glory,

C: **great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior. 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

My Heart Again Rejoices (arr. Roberta Rowland-Raybold)
(Tabitha Hanson)

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: Incarnate God,

C: **you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder the mystery of your presence in our hearts. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Jesus Christ born in us. Amen.**

BLESSING

P: The triune God, glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter, ✠ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Cold December Flies Away (ELW 299)

DISMISSAL

P: Glory to God in the highest!

C: **And peace to God's people on earth!**

P: Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.

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

SENDING MUSIC

Midnight Stars Make Bright the Skies (arr. Roberta Rowland-Raybold)
(Tabitha Hanson)

Announcements

Building and Offices Closed: January 1 (New Year's Day)

Year-end Giving

2025 is almost over but it is not too late to offer a gift that impacts our future ministries and helps us reach our goal. Visit our [website](#) to make a year-end gift, mail your gift, or drop your gift off at the church. **Gifts for 2025 must be received or postmarked by Wednesday, December 31, 2025.**

Thank you for your consideration of a year-end gift and for your continued support of Crown of Glory and its ministries.

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.

Wednesday Night Programming

Wednesday Night Dinner Team: Seeking New Members

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

Wednesday Night Dinner: No Dinner December 31 (Winter Break)

Music Ministry Rehearsals: No Rehearsals December 31

Connect and Confirmation: No Classes December 31

Children and Youth

SPARK: No SPARK December 28

Senior High Youth Ministry Group Event: January 11 sledding at Jonathan Elementary 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Adult Ministry and Education

J & I Team Meeting: January 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Lutheran Women Gone Wild: January 8 at Turtle's Bar and Grill, Shakopee from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Women's Bible Study: January 10 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sun Hall

Sunday Conversations: January 11 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Sun Hall

Book Discussion: Thursday, January 15, 2026, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Sun Hall.

Author will join to discuss book, *Being Ellen: A Second Chance at Life* by Ellen Krug.

Men's Pub Ministry: January 22 Bottling Party at 6:30 p.m. in the CoG Sun Hall

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

Donations, Fundraisers, and Volunteering

Bountiful Basket Donations for December: toilet paper, laundry detergent, dish soap, and shampoo.

Giving Tree Donations: Ends December 28-Giving Envelopes Ends January 5-Prairie Pointe

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

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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.