

**CROWN  
OF GLORY**  
ELCA LUTHERAN CHURCH



**Christ the King Sunday  
November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020  
Crown of Glory Lutheran Church**

## PRELUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* (Nun Danket Alle Gott, arr. Lloyd Larson)

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2021 Stewardship Campaign:** Today we celebrate the end of this year's Stewardship Campaign, *Sustaining, Building, and Strengthening*, and give thanks for all of the support given to Crown of Glory! Thank you to all who have made financial commitments for 2021. Our ministry continues by the grace of God and your faithful support!
- **Advent 2020 "Lament and Hope":** This year's Advent season will be unlike any we have journeyed through before. Not only will we be living into this time of waiting, but this year we will be embracing the tension between lamenting traditions lost due to COVID-19 and the strong hope that still awaits us at Christmas. Join us for an incredibly unique and special Advent Worship series at 9:30am on Sundays (11.29, 12.6, 12.13, 12.20). Be sure to have a candle ready!
- **New Advent Hymn:** Yes! You read that right! Pastor Laura and Tom Paulson have once again collaborated on another hymn, *How Long, O Lord?* You can read all about this new hymn in your *Crownicle* that will be arriving in the mail soon, and we will also be singing this hymn each Sunday in Advent. Praise God for the blessings of collaboration and music!
- **THANK YOU:** to our Worship Team for leading today's service and to our AV technician for helping to set up and run the livestream and the sound. We also want to thank the CoG congregation for your ongoing financial support and participation in worship during these times. Your support is greatly appreciated!
- To be transparent regarding the stewardship of the church and the life of our congregation, we have printed our YTD Financial Update and our Live-Stream Worship Attendance Update below.

### CoG Worship Attendance for Sunday, November 15:

Live-stream Live views: 72

Next Day Live-stream views: 160

### October Sustaining Fund Updates:

Year-to-Date Mortgage & Cash Payments	\$617,199
Year-to-Date-Revenues	\$582,718
Balance	(-\$34,481)

### CONFESSONAL SONG *Now Thank We All Our God* (ELW 840)

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,

who, from our moth-ers' arms, has blest us on our way  
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per-plexed,  
the one e-ter-nal God, whom earth and heav'n a-dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev-er-more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878  
Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting in the grace and love of God, let us confess our sins.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy One,

C: **we confess that we are not awake for you.  
We are not faithful in using your gifts.  
We forget the least of our siblings.  
We do not see your beautiful image in one another.  
We are infected by sin  
that divides your beloved community.  
Open our hearts to beat for you,  
open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,  
open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

P: Beloved people of God, we are God's children,  
and Jesus opens the door to us.  
Through † Jesus you are forgiven,  
by Jesus you are welcome,  
in Jesus you are called to rejoice!  
Let us live in the promises prepared for us by the One who redeems us.

C: **Amen.**

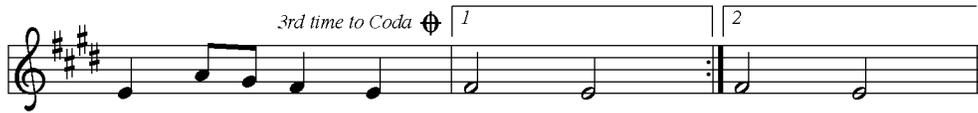
**HYMN OF PRAISE *Praise to You, O God of Mercy* (ELW 208)**



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.

*Coda*



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

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## 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. O God of power and might,

**C:** **your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, 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: Ezekiel 34: 11-15, 23-24

<sup>11</sup>Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing

land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God.

<sup>23</sup>I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Celtic Alleluia* (ELW 174)

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of three staves of music. The first staff contains the melody for the first three phrases of the Alleluia: 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'. Below the notes are the chords: Bmin, A, D, A, A, Emin, A, D, Bmin. The second staff continues the Alleluia and begins the Gospel acclamation: 'Al - le - lu - ia! Now he is li - ving, the Christ Out of the tomb he is'. Below the notes are the chords: E, A, Dmin, C, Dmin, Esus, E. The third staff concludes the acclamation: 'ri - sen and has con - quered death, o - pened heav'n to all who be - lieve.' Below the notes are the chords: A, D, E, A, D, E.

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### HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25: 31-46

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>31</sup>“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ <sup>41</sup>Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

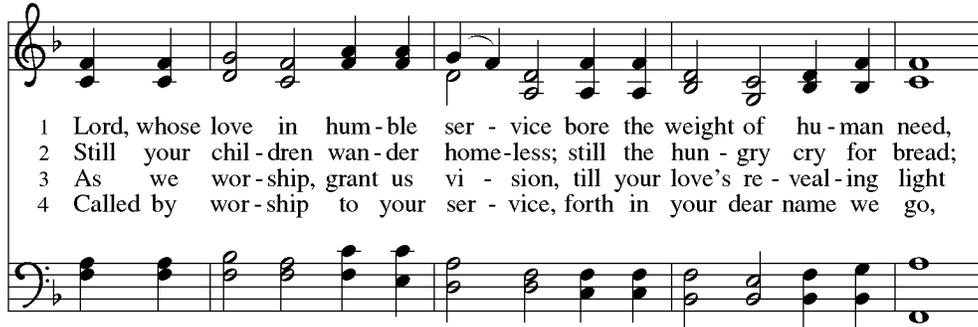
P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

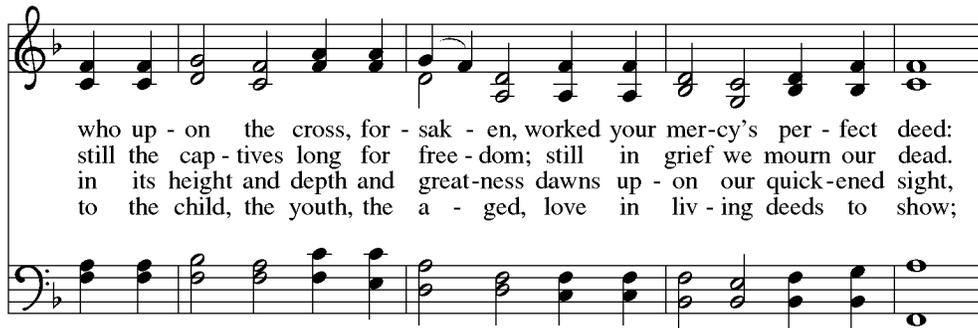
**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "I Just Want to Be a Sheep" (Pastor Laura Laughlin)**

**SERMON "Rhythm of the King" (Pastor Laura Laughlin)**

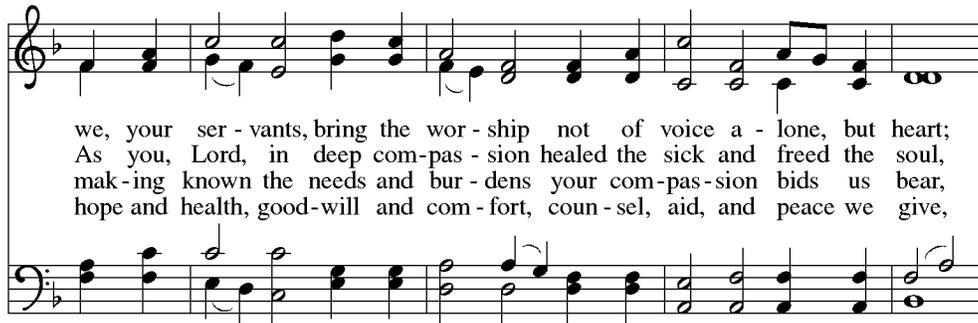
**HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* (ELW 712)**



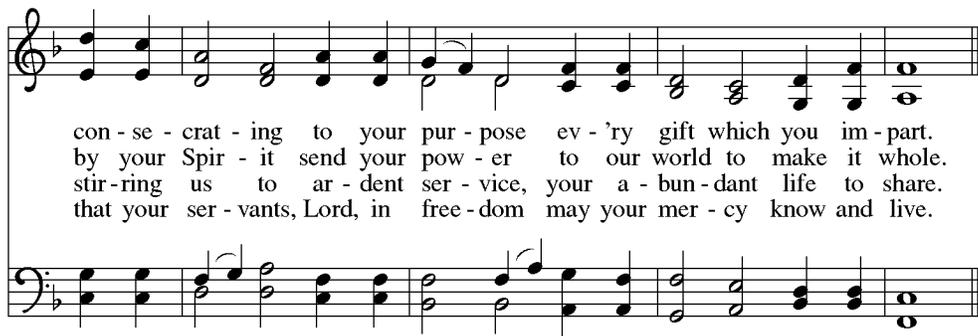
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;  
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light  
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:  
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;  
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,  
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.  
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.  
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.  
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

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**STATEMENT OF FAITH**

**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: The response for the Prayers of the People today will be “Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.”

Longing for Christ’s reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God’s power on the church, the world, and all in need.

P: Sovereign of all, train our ears to hear your cry in the needs of those around us. Bless all social ministries of the church through which we seek to serve others as we ourselves have been served. You cause rain to fall on the just and unjust alike. Direct our use of creation to provide for the needs of all people in ways that are sustainable for the earth.  
Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Bring peace to every place where conflict rages. Grant opportunities for ending divisions among us, usher in your reign of unity and reconciliation, and release us from systems of oppression and prejudice. Restore our capacity to see your image in those whose dignity we have stripped away.  
Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Surround all who are sick, reeling with grief, afraid, angry, and filled with anxiety with your strength and peace. We especially pray for Barb C., Sylvia Q., Terry B., Cameron C., Larry M., Lou V., and Tom G.

We also lift up to you all those around the world who continue to be affected by the outbreak of COVID-19. Surround all who are sick, all who are grieving the death of a loved one, and all who are consumed with the fear of what is yet to come with your healing presence. Come near to us and assure us all that you are here with us and you will not forsake us  
Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

C: **Amen.**

### PEACE

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

C: **And also with you!**

## **OFFERING Seasons (by Chris Davenport, Benjamin Hastings, and Ben Tan)**

Even though we are not all together in one place where you could bring your offering envelope forward or place your gift in the offering plate as it goes by, we want to encourage you to continue to give as you are able. There are a couple of ways that you can do this, even now! If you give by offering envelope, please drop it in the mail, attention to:

Crown of Glory Lutheran Church, 1141 Cardinal Street, Chaska, MN 55318

Or for you tech savvy folks, we do offer a "TEXT TO GIVE" option! You can simply make your offering right now with your phone by texting to our secure account: the number is 833-497-3991.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARDS 2021: Please complete the card and place it in the mail as soon as you are able. Or you can complete your Commitment conveniently online on our website and click on the 2021 Stewardship Icon!

Again, we give thanks and praise for all gifts given toward our on-going mission.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

P: God of grace,

C: **you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to give you praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in joy and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **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.**

## **SENDING HYMN *Soon and Very Soon* (ELW 439)**



1 Soon and ver - y soon  
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
3 No more dy - in' there,  
4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
 no more dy - in' there,  
 soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.  
 no more dy - in' there,  
 soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

*Coda after stanza 4*



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

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## BLESSING

**P:** May the God of all creation,  
 in whose image we are made,  
 who claims us and calls us beloved,  
 who strengthens us for service,  
 give you reason to rejoice and be glad!  
 The blessing of God,  
 Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,  
 be with you today and always.

**C:** Amen.

## DISMISSAL

**P:** Beloved of God,  
 go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE *Shout to the Lord* (Darlene Zschech, arr. John Carter)

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