

# Prayers & The Lord's Prayer

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.

# The Sacrament

M: Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.

**C: Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever. Amen**

**SING:** Glorify Thy Name

*Our church follows the historic and widespread Christian practice of closed Communion. We ask that only members of Crown of Life or another congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) partake of the sacrament. We follow this practice because the Bible teaches it and because we love you. Please speak with the Pastor if you have any questions.*

# Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

# DISTRIBUTION

**Thanksgiving Song:** Give Thanks

# Prayer

# The Blessing

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: AMEN**

**CLOSING HYMN:** Father, Let Me Dedicate  
(75 Red Hymnal)



**CROWN OF LIFE** LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Family Christmas



SUNDAY JANUARY 3RD

**Sunday Worship:**  
**11:00**

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# Welcome to Worship!

Welcome to worship! We're excited that you can join us and pray that you are spiritually enriched during your time with us.

**Children** are encouraged to worship with us, but if they need some quiet time there is a "quiet room" at the entry of church.

**Restrooms** are in the fellowship hall next door. If you are in need of assistance, please speak with an **usher**

## Our Mission Statement

"At Crown of Life Lutheran Church our mission is to proclaim forgiveness of sins and eternal life for all through Jesus Christ while providing a fellowship where people of differing backgrounds can serve the Lord as family."

## A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE

**\*Opening Hymn:** Where Shepherds Lately Knelt  
(54 Red Hymnal)

**Minister Says:** We begin our worship in praise the same way we were baptized - In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation says: AMEN**

### We Prepare Our Hearts

**M:** As believers in Christ we are called to repent of our sins and forgive one another. In the book of James we are told, "Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for one another so that you may be healed." As one body in Christ, we unite our hearts in prayer.

**C:** Lord, I pray to you because I am suffering. I have cut myself off from you and others by the sin in my life. I need your forgiveness so that I may find healing for my wounded life and for the wounds I have caused others. Today in the name of Jesus I pray, forgive me and by the power of your Holy Spirit renew my heart. **AMEN**

**SING:** Change My Heart, Oh God

**M:** We take comfort and find confidence in the words of Jesus, "He has sent me to announce forgiveness to the prisoners of sin and to restore sight to the blind, to give mercy to those whose lives are shattered by sin, to announce the favor of the Lord." God gave his only Son, Jesus, to die for our sins and rise from death to give us eternal life. We are forgiven. We live in the favor of the Lord.

**SING:** Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

### We Pray Together

**M:** Almighty God, you are eager to grant your goodness

**C: And joyful in sharing your grace.**

**M:** You invite us into your presence

**C: to worship you with all our hearts.**

**M:** Breathe your Holy Spirit on us,

**C: so that our tongues are eager to shout your praise!**

**M:** Breathe your Holy Spirit on us,

**C: so that our mouths are ready to proclaim the good news of your Son.**

**M:** Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: AMEN**

## The Word

**FIRST LESSON:** Micah 5:2-5a

**SING:** Shine Jesus Shine

**SECOND LESSON:** Luke 2:25-40

**SERMON HYMN:** O Light of Gentile Nations  
(78 Red Hymnal)

**SERMON:** Ephesians 3:2-12  
**Theme:** Mystery Revealed

## \*We Respond To God's Word

### The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen