

CROWN *of* LIFE

Crowned with Blessing!

Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration: 1970-2020

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Festival of the Presentation of Our Lord
50th Anniversary Celebration of Crown of Life
Sunday, February 2, 2020



Crown of Life Lutheran Church is affiliated with the
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).



Welcome to Crown of Life! We're glad you are with us today! We pray that the message from God's Word in today's service blesses you with God's grace and guidance through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Today's Service

Today we celebrate two important events—one in the calendar of the Christian Church, and one from the history of Crown of Life Lutheran Church.

February 2 is the fortieth day since Christmas. On the fortieth day of Jesus' life, he was presented in the temple as the firstborn son of the family, in accordance with Old Testament laws and customs. In the Bible's account of this event (Luke 2:22-40), we see how God kept his promise to one faithful believer, a man named Simeon, to whom God promised that he would see the Savior before he died.

This weekend also marks the fiftieth anniversary of the first service held by Crown of Life Lutheran Church—February 1, 1970. Today is the first of three services we will offer throughout 2020 marking this milestone in our church's history.

We extend our thanks to Pastor Michael Helwig, who served as pastor at Crown of Life from 2003 to 2018, for serving us with God's Word as our guest preacher today. We also extend our thanks to the members of the Seminary Chorus and their director, Prof. James Tiefel from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, for proclaiming the gospel in song as our guest choir.

Participation in Holy Communion

Crown of Life practices *member communion*. The Bible teaches us that participating together in Holy Communion is a public statement of unity among its recipients (1 Corinthians 10:17). When the Bible speaks about unity, it describes a complete unity in what we believe and teach (Matthew 28:19-20, Romans 16:17). For this reason, we invite to the Lord's Supper all those who have expressed unity with our church's teachings through membership at Crown of Life or one of our sister churches in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS).

If you are a guest from another Lutheran or Christian church denomination, we don't want to be presumptuous and put you in the position of stating your agreement with our beliefs before you have had a chance to learn more. We would like to work with you to reach a genuine unity in faith so that you can join us for the Lord's Supper in the future. For more information, please speak with our pastor after the service or at another time that is convenient for you. He would be delighted to speak with you and to work with you so that you can join us for Holy Communion in future services.

Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister Pastor Johnold Strey
 Preacher Pastor Michael Helwig
 Organist Jennifer Johnson
 Seminary Chorus Director Professor James Tiefel
 Handbell Choir Director Dawn Schaenzer
 Brass Quartet Matthew Hatzung, Ben Herther, Andrew Krueger, Daniel Wessel
 Timpani Tim Sitzman

Order of Worship

Prelude

Jubilant Celebration
played by the Handbell Choir

Hymn

From All that Dwell Below the Skies
Christian Worship #250
Setting by John Ferguson

Stand.

Dialogue of Praise

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **Amen.**

I rejoiced with those who said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!
Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.
Not one word has failed of all the good promises the Lord has given.

When the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,
to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.
**Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name
under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.**

You are a people holy to the Lord your God.
He has chosen you to be his people, his treasured possession.

**We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession,
that we may declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness
into his wonderful light.**

THE WORD

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, you blessed Simeon and Anna of old to see the infant Jesus, and for fifty years you have blessed this congregation to see your Son through the eyes of faith. Fill our hearts with gratitude for your blessings on this congregation, and continue to bless us with faithfulness to your Word and eagerness to carry out your mission in this place; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated.

Anthem

Jehovah, Let Me Now Adore Thee

*Words by Bartholomäus Crasselius
Setting by T. Hoelty-Nickel*

Jehovah, let me now adore thee,
For where is there a God such, Lord, as thou?
With songs I fain would come before thee;
Oh, let thy Holy Spirit teach me now
To praise thee in his name through whom alone
Our songs can praise thee, through thy blessed Son.

O Father, draw me to my Savior
That thy dear Son may draw me unto thee.
Thy Spirit guide my whole behavior
And rule both sense and reason thus in me
That, Lord, thy peace from me may ne'er depart
But wake sweet melodies within my heart.

Grant that thy Spirit prompt my praises,
Then shall my singing surely please thine ear.
Sweet are the sounds my heart then raises;
My prayer in truth and spirit thou wilt hear.
Then shall thy Spirit lift my heart to thee
To sing thee psalms of praise in high degree.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 7:7-9

The Lord has kept his covenant

⁷ The LORD did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. ⁸ But it was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹ Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments. NIV

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 119:9-16

Setting by Peter Hallock

The chorus sings the refrain. All repeat the refrain and sing it again as indicated.

The organ introduction precedes each refrain.

Hap-py are they who walk in the law of the Lord.

The chorus sings the words of the psalm.

How shall a young man cleanse his way?

By keeping to your words.

With my whole heart I seek you;

let me not stray from your commandments. *Refrain*

I treasure your promise in my heart,

that I may not sin against you.

Blessed are you, O Lord;

instruct me in your statutes. *Refrain*

continued...



Hap-py are they who walk in the law of the Lord.

With my lips will I recite
all the judgments of your mouth.
I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees
than in all manner of riches. *Refrain*

I will meditate on your commandments
and give attention to your ways.
My delight is in your statutes;
I will not forget your word. *Refrain*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son.
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and will be forever. Amen. *Refrain*

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 1:18-22
God has kept his promises in Christ

¹⁸ But as surely as God is faithful, our message to you is not “Yes” and “No.” ¹⁹ For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me and Silas and Timothy—was not “Yes” and “No,” but in him it has always been “Yes.” ²⁰ For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God. ²¹ Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, ²² set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. NIV

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Refrain: Chorus, then congregation

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

Verse: Chorus

Jesus is the Light of the world. In him we have the light of life.

Final refrain: Congregation

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

Jesus is presented in the temple

²² When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.”

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s

Messiah. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

²⁹ “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel.”

³³ The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸ Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him. NIV

After the Gospel:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Anthem

Sing unto God New Songs Upraising

Psalm 96

Jan Pieters Sweelinck

Sing unto God new songs upraising; sing thou, O world, his glory praising.
Sing thou and bless his holy Name and from day to say tell his fame,
Upon his great salvation gazing.

Hymn of the Day

Our Father's God in Years Long Gone

Christian Worship #535

Setting by Carl Schalk

Sermon

Luke 2:29-32

Holding Christ—A Legacy of Our Past

1. Holding Christ in his temple
2. Holding out Christ to others

Stand.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated.

Prayer of the Church

The presiding minister speaks the prayer.

Offering

The offerings of the members of Crown of Life Lutheran Church are gathered. You may also give an offering (either one-time or ongoing) by scanning this QR code with your smartphone. As the offerings are gathered, please sign the red Friendship Register (kept near the center aisle in each pew) and then pass it to the others in your pew to sign.



Anthem

The Church's One Foundation

*Words by Samuel J. Stone
Arranged by Arnold O. Lehmann*

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the Word.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

The Church shall never perish. Her dear Lord, to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end.
Though there be those that hate her and strive to see her fail,
Against both foe and traitor she ever shall prevail.

Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

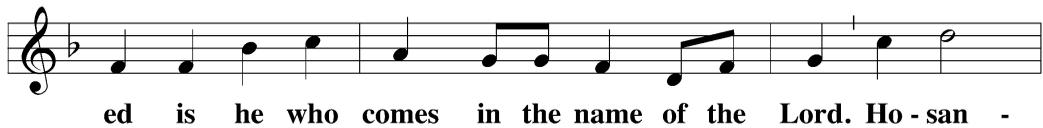
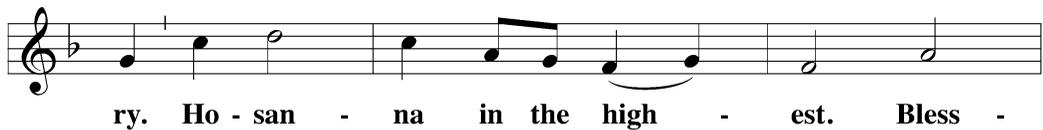
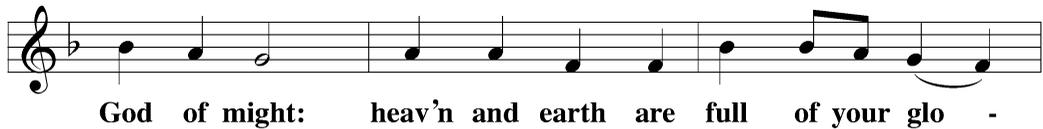
Stand.

THE SACRAMENT

The minister says:

Our Lord Jesus has given us a Holy Supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of our 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. Let us celebrate and receive this Sacrament in Christ's name and according to his command. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Holy, Holy, Holy



Lord's Prayer

Taught by our Lord and trusting his promises, we pray:

**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.

Words of Institution

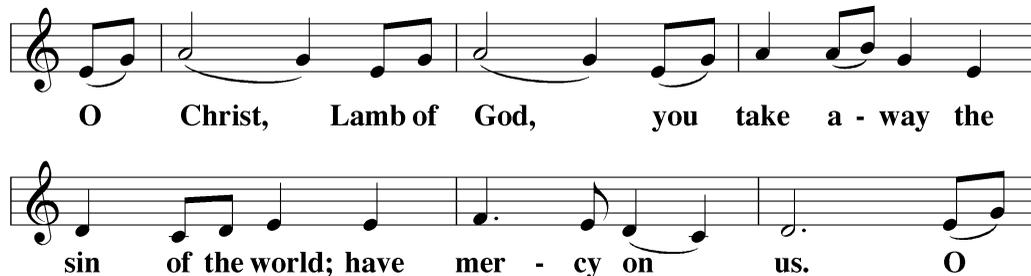
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ✠ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O

Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O
 Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us your peace. A -
 men. A - men.

Distribution

Guests are kindly asked to read our statement about Holy Communion on page two of this service booklet. Come forward to receive the sacrament at the direction of the ushers. Return to your seats via the side aisles. The following two hymns will be sung during the distribution of Holy Communion.

Hymns

In His Temple Now Behold Him
Christian Worship #77

O God, Our Help in Ages Past
Christian Worship #441

The following anthem will be sung near the end of the distribution. This is the “signature anthem” of the Seminary Chorus, sung regularly at the end of its concerts and services.

Anthem

Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

Words by Paul Gerhardt

Tune by Kurt J. Eggert

Arranged by Carl F. Schalk

Lord, when your glory I shall see and taste your kingdom's pleasure,
Your blood my royal robe shall be, my joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before your throne, your righteousness shall be my crown;
With these I need not hide me. And there, in garments richly wrought,
As your own bride I shall be brought to stand in joy beside you.

After the distribution, stand at the minister's direction.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

His mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn

Song of Simeon

Christian Worship: Supplement

Setting by Charles Schramm, Jr.



1 O Lord, now let your serv - ant De - part in peace,
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to



as - sured: For I have seen your prom - ised In -
the Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For -



car - nate, sav - ing Word— A Light that will en - light - en
ev - er three in one; For as in the be - gin - ning,



All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant, crown - ing
Is now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

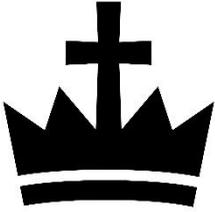


glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Be seated after the hymn.

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Crown of Life Lutheran Church is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2020. We will mark this milestone in three special services throughout the year.

Sunday, February 2 – 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Crowned with Blessing—in our past history

Today's service coincides with the first service held by Crown of Life congregation on February 1, 1970. We welcome Pastor Michael Helwig as our guest preacher, who served our congregation from 2003 to 2018, and now teaches religion at Lakeside Lutheran High School in Lake Mills, Wisconsin. We are also honored to have with us the Seminary Chorus and their director, Prof. James Tiefel, for this service.

Sunday, May 31 – 4:00 p.m.

Crowned with Blessing—in our present partnerships

May 31, 2020 is Pentecost Day. We will celebrate the “anniversary” of the Christian Church in our regular morning worship, and then celebrate our congregation’s anniversary in a special afternoon service at 4:00 p.m. Our second anniversary service focuses on the blessings of the fellowship we enjoy in our national church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). Our guest preacher will be Pastor Donn Dobberstein, Director of Discipleship for WELS. Pastor Dobberstein was our church’s consultant in the WELS Self-Assessment and Adjustment program in 2018. The Lutheran Chorale of Milwaukee will also sing in the service. A meal and program will follow the service.

Sunday, November 29 – 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Crowned with Blessing—in our future ministry

Our final 50th anniversary service will encourage us to look ahead to the next phase of our history with a mission mindset. This service coincides with three events from Crown of Life’s history that all occurred on December 1: the first exploratory meeting (1969), the adoption of the church’s constitution (1970), and the dedication of the first church sanctuary (1975). Our guest preacher will be Pastor Greg Sitzman, a “son” of Crown of Life congregation who serves Emmanuel Redeemer Lutheran Church in Yale, Michigan. The music in the service will be accompanied by Branches Band.