



*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.*



Rally Weekend

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 2022

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

We Are Marching in the Light of God (Siyahamba, arr. John Boehnke)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are celebrating the Holy Baptism of Emmett Thomas Schrack, son of Katie and Matthew Schrack, with Gillian Streinz, Angie Streinz, and Michael Streinz as sponsors.
- We are celebrating Holy Communion in worship today.
- 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, Grant Taylor, to our AV technicians, John Rekow and Matt Scherer, to Kate Peterson and the Chancel Choir for their music, and to the Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service!

CONFESSIONAL SONG

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table (Thomas Troeger/Beech Spring)

1 Look who gathers at Christ's table!
Hear the stories that they bring.
Some are weeping; some are laughing;
some have songs they want to sing.
Others ask why they're invited,
burdened by the wrong they've done.
Christ insists they all are welcome.
There is room for ev'ryone.

3 Their sad stories are repeated
in a thousand different ways,
but they share one thing in common:
they all end in thanks and praise
for the host who has invited
north and south and east and west
to converge around this table,
where all life is fed and blest.

2 Clouds of light surround the table;
ancient followers appear,
saints confessing how they wrestled
with their guilt, their doubt and fear.
Peter tells of his denying
Christ was ever in his sight;
Paul relates his fruitless efforts
to obliterate the light.

4 Bring your joy and bring your sadness,
and prepare to be surprised
by the host whose hands are wounded,
who will open wide your eyes
when he blesses bread and breaks it—
truth and manna from above!—
and then passes wine that wakens
in your heart the taste of love.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who is eager to forgive and loves us beyond our days.

C: **Amen.**

P: Dear friends, let us confess our sins, acknowledging our failure to love this world as Jesus does, as we take a moment for our own personal reflections.

Silence kept for reflection.

P: God of mercy and forgiveness,

C: **we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction and show us the path that leads to life through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

P: Beloved of God: our sins are forgiven and we are made whole. God leads us to a new life in Christ, who journeys with us in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

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. Merciful and compassionate God,
C: **when your children go astray, you lead them back to yourself. Preserve all people in your loving care, that we may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 32:7-14

⁷The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” ⁹The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.” ¹¹But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” ¹⁴And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Lord to Whom Shall We Go? (ELW p. 124)

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 15:1-10

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

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

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable: ⁴“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’” ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’” ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

MESSAGE "A Love that Risks It All" (Pastor Laura Laughlin)

HYMN OF THE DAY

One Family (Pastor Laura Laughlin and Thomas Paulson)

Refrain

God, hear our cry! We hear your call,
to love and welcome one and all.
Move our hearts to beat as one
family of your Son.

Verse 2

This world groans with pain and grief,
anger, sadness, spite, and strife.
God, who are we to share your love,
with peace and grace from above? (Refrain)

Verse 1

We've turned the page and it's not clear
what future lies before us here.
But we believe that through it all,
Your presence is unwavering still. (Refrain)

Verse 3

Step by step we look to You,
hearts wide open, faith renewed.
Your presence moves and guides us through,
Creator, Son, and Spirit, too! (Refrain)

HOLY BAPTISM Emmett Thomas Schrack

STATEMENT OF FAITH

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

Light Dawns on a Weary World
(*Temple of Peace*, arr. Bradley Ellingboe) (Chancel Choir)

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 *God's Work, Our Hands (Earth and All Stars)* (Wayne Wold and David Johnson)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Gracious God,

C: **in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Transform these gifts into a banquet of blessing, and inspire us to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. 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 wafer and a cup with either wine or grape-juice. Allergen-free elements are available upon request. 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 *For Everyone Born, a Place at the Table* (Shirley Erana Murray and Brian Mann)
(Kate Peterson, soloist)

COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

P: Let us pray. God of abundance, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace for the journey, that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

P: God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the Holy Trinity, one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

We are Marching in the Light of God (ELW 866)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

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

SENDING MUSIC

A Mighty Fortress is Our God (*Ein fest Burg*, arr. David Cherwien)

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Tom Paulson's Music Notes

WELCOME HOME!

There is a certain feeling of homecoming on this second weekend of September each year as kids go back to school, those of us working return to a more routine schedule than the summer, and church schedules become more regular. This feels especially apropos to me in 2022, as the pandemic feels more under control than ever.

It's a good time to remember who we are, whose we are, whom we're called to be, and why we're here. See our new mission statement on the front of the bulletin this weekend or at the bottom of the Thursday Crown Connections. Inspired by these words, the product of hard work, thought and discussion by a team of Crown leaders, Pastor Laura and I have written a new song to inspire us all to be One Family that "love and welcome one and all." We'll sing it as our Hymn of the Day this morning and make it our theme song for worship this fall.

P.S. There's still time to join a choir for the fall. See Tom Paulson, Director of Music.

Announcements

Rally Weekend: September 10 & 11

It's day two of our Rally event! Joins us after worship for a morning of bounce house and gaga ball fun outside, plus BINGO and brunch inside. . Also, walk around the Ministry Fair to learn how to get involved at CoG.

SPARK Registration is Open

SPARK registration is now open! If you have a kiddo between age 3 and 3rd grade, be sure to visit the Ministry Fair to sign them up or go to our website (crownofglory.org/sunday-school-registration).

Women's Bible Study

Join fellow Women of the Word for the first session of the fall on Saturday, September 17 at 9:00 a.m. in person and over Zoom. We will be studying the book of Exodus together, which promises to be a rich exploration of call, leadership, and forgiveness! Visit the Ministry Fair or contact Pastor Laura to get signed up.

Connect & Confirmation Registration is Open

Visit our Ministry Fair for more information and to register!

Adult Forum

The first Adult Forum of the fall will be on Sunday, September 18 after the 9:00 a.m. service at the North end of the Sun Hall. Pastor Laura will be presenting on the current liturgical season, the "Time after Pentecost," also known as the "Ordinary" season. What does this ordinary time mean for us as a community and as people of faith? Grab a cup of coffee and join in the conversation!

Good News, Good Brews Men's Retreat

Join Pastor Reggie at Green Lake Bible Camp as he shares the good news and walks you through the craft brewing process! The retreat starts at 7:00 p.m. on September 24 and goes through 1:00 p.m. on September 26. The registration deadline is September 16. Visit the Ministry Fair to learn more about the Men's Pub Ministry.

Crown of Glory Adopts a Highway

The Creation Care Team is excited to announce that Crown of Glory has adopted a 2-mile section of Hwy 212 between the N Chestnut Street (mile 149) and Big Woods Blvd (mile 147) exits. Twice a year, the team will coordinate a congregational cleanup of both sides of the highway. The first event will be on October 1 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. More details to come. A big thank you to all who helped with this process and congratulations to Crown of Glory for its new role in keeping our community clean!

Kitchen Essentials Ministry

The Kitchen Essentials Ministry has had a busy summer! This year, we have served 33 families in Carver County, including an appreciative family from Ukraine. We need donations of kitchen items, especially coffee pots, toasters, silverware sets, baking pans, and cookie sheets. These items can be new or used. If you enjoy checking out garage sales, maybe you will spot a good deal that you can donate to this ministry. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Cunningham at 952-239-9344 or Jodi Potter at 952-567-4397.

Opportunities to Serve

SPARK and Kiddos' Corner Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to sign up for both the Kiddos' Corner and SPARK on Sundays!

Volunteer opportunities include leading a game, reading a story, helping with a craft, and distributing supplies. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please fill out a SPARK registration form on our website (crownofglory.org/sunday-school-registration) and fill in your availability on Signup Genius via our website (crownofglory.org/children). Please also plan to attend the orientation session on Wednesday, September 14 from 5:00-5:30 p.m. Thank you!

Hospitality Volunteers Needed

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

Individuals and families are welcome, and training can be provided.

Worship Attendance

Saturday, September 3

5:00 p.m.: 21

Sunday, September 4

9:30 a.m.: 56

9:30 a.m.: 20 Livestream Views

Next Day: 60 Total Views

Financial Update

August Giving Update

Monthly Expenses	\$60,162
Monthly Rental Income	\$7,703
Giving Through 8/31/22	\$41,879
Total Revenue	\$49,582

Sustaining Fund Summary: August 31, 2022

YTD Mortgage & Cash Payments	\$496,292
YTD Revenue	\$469,917
Balance	(-\$26,375)

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