



CROWN OF GLORY

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation



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*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.*



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

Now We Join in Celebration (Karl Osterland)
(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, Amy Alberg, to our AV Technician, Tony Sie, to Tabitha Hanson and the Chancel Chimers for their music, and to our Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

CONFESSIONAL SONG

Precious Lord, Take My Hand (ELW 773)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another, taking a moment for our own personal reflections.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful and loving God,

C: **we are your stiff-necked people. We ignore the needy. We grumble about the grace you extend to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners: you, me, everyone. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

We Are Marching in the Light (ELW 866, vs. 1, 2, 4)

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, tireless guardian of your people,

C: **you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all in this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 32:22-31

²² The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hallelujah (ELW 171)

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 18:1-8

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

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

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

"Persistence Pays" (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Give Me Jesus (ELW 770, vs. 1-3)

STATEMENT OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: God of grace,

C: **receive our prayer.**

PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Beautiful Savior (arr. Bill D. Dugger)
(Chancel Chimers)

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

One Bread, One Body (ELW 496)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Lord of the harvest,

C: **we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Words (Dennis Wallisch)

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (William M. Runyan, arr. Cathy Moglebust)
(Chancel Chimers)

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: O God,

C: **through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.**

BLESSING

P: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

If You But Trust in God to Guide You (ELW 769, vs. 1, 3, 4)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING MUSIC

Sing and Rejoice Gladly (Lani Smith)
(Tabitha Hanson)

Luther Seminary Compelling Preaching Survey

We are excited to announce our participation in a groundbreaking, nationwide project in collaboration with Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. This initiative aims to enhance how we understand and experience sermons in our rapidly evolving world.

In today's post-pandemic era, the landscape of faith and communication has shifted dramatically. We're asking the crucial question: What truly makes a sermon compelling and impactful in the 21st century?

This is where your voice becomes invaluable. We're reaching out to you, our congregation, to help shape the future of preaching. What resonates with you in a sermon? What transformative power do you seek in these messages? Your insights are at the heart of this innovative research.

Participating is simple yet powerful:

1. Each week, listen attentively to the sermon at Crown of Glory.
2. Scan the QR code for a quick survey:



3. Share your honest thoughts and experiences.
4. Sign up for the follow-up survey.

Rest assured, this isn't about critiquing individual preachers. Your responses will be completely anonymous and will only be used by the research team to gain a broader understanding of sermon impact across diverse church settings.

By taking part, you're not just offering feedback – you're helping to shape the future of how God's word is shared and received in our changing world. This is an opportunity to deepen your own engagement with scripture while contributing to a larger spiritual conversation.

We urge you to seize this unique chance to make your voice heard. Your participation could spark a transformation in how we connect with and are moved by sermons for generations to come.

Join us in this exciting journey of discovery and spiritual growth. Together, let's explore the profound ways in which God's word can touch and change lives in our modern world.

Announcements

Join us for Reformation Worship on October 26!

Put on your Reformation red and join us for worship on Sunday, October 26 at 9:00 a.m. (in person and livestream). We will live into the Lutheran expression of our faith while hearing the Word of God and joining in brilliant music together. We look forward to the musical contributions of the following musicians and ensembles:

Crown Brass
Chancel Choir
Melissa Whiting, percussion
Ginger Larson, piano

Quilt Sale: October 26

The Faithful Knotters are hosting a quilt sale at Crown of Glory Sunday, October 26 after worship and the Confirmation service. Quilts are available for a minimum donation depending on the size quilt. Donate via cash, check, or Venmo include note: Crown of Glory Quilt Sale. All proceeds will go towards updating the Highway 41 Church Sign.

Affirmation of Baptism: October 26 at 2:00 p.m.

Confirmands– Quinn Campbell, Ava Connolly, Marissa Doerfler, Clara Jochum, Atticus Johnson, Jed Keenan, Archer Larson, Mark Larson, Wyatt Middendorf, Madeline O’Connell, James Payne, Ella Schaefer, Evan Shamla, Maren Skille, Meghan Sower, Molly Washburn, Clara Wright, Gabriella Wacker

Sign Up on the Worship Whiteboard

Located to the left of the Hospitality Station outside the main Sanctuary entrance, this board is available to kids of all ages to volunteer to help in worship with things like passing the Offering plates, serving Communion to the Pastors, lighting candles, etc. All kids are encouraged to arrive by 8:55 a.m. on Sunday to get signed up.

Wednesday Night Dinner Team: Seeking New Members

Our Wednesday Night Dinner is small and mighty. They work hard to plan the meals, purchase food, prepare meals each week and oversee each Wednesday night serving time. We are seeking new members to join this team of amazing leaders. If you would like to volunteer to serve on this team, we welcome your participation! Contact [Pastor Reggie](#) for more details and information.

Crown of Glory is seeking Indoor Plant Caretaker and Kitchen Laundry Volunteer

Indoor Plant Caretaker: Waters plants and tends to upkeep as needed on a weekly basis.

Kitchen Laundry Volunteer: Gathers laundry from the kitchen, washcloths, dishtowels, etc., takes them home to be washed and returns them to the church. Schedule TBD. If you are interested in either of these volunteer tasks or would like more information, please contact Administrative Office Assistant Sara K. (sara@crownofglory.org).

Church Directory:

Church Directory Team Members will be available after Sunday worship to answer questions, update your information, and/or take your photo. A paper copy of the form is also available at the church Office.

Announcements

Men's Fall Retreat

Join us for the Men's Faith Retreat: Good News, Good Brews at Green Lake Lutheran Ministries in Spicer, MN from Friday evening, November 21 – Sunday morning, November 23, 2025! We'll explore the process of making home brew together, bottling, tour a local brewery, and dive into a devotional series led by Pastor Reggie. Come and enjoy the superior fall colors at camp and enjoy fellowship. For more information and registration details email Pastor Reggie.

Registration deadline is October 27, 2025.

Book Discussion: *How We Learn to Be Brave*– October 26

The Justice and Inclusion Team has selected Mariann Budde's *How We Learn to Be Brave* for our fall book discussion. We'll gather on Sunday, October 26, from 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in the Bethany Room. Bishop Budde invites us to reflect on what it means to live with courage, especially in times of uncertainty or challenge. Together we will explore how bravery is nurtured in community and how faith helps us move forward with hope. Everyone is welcome to join the conversation. The book is available through the library, on Kindle and in hardcover wherever you like to purchase your books. Please RSVP to rebecca.varone@gmail.com.

Wednesday Night Dinner

Do you want a night off from making dinner? Join us for a wonderful meal and fellowship on Wednesday nights. Dinner is served almost every Wednesday from 5:15 – 6:15 p.m. The cost is \$6 per youth or \$16 per family (cash or Venmo). Crown of Glory Venmo code is available at the dinner line for payment option. Meals are prepared by the Wednesday Night Dinner Team and served by Confirmation small groups. All dinners include a salad and yogurt bar.

Menu:

October 22: Breakfast Sausage, Biscuits and Gravy with Hash Browns All 6th grade
October 29: Chicken Rice Bowls All 8th grade

Kitchen Helpers:

Connect and Confirmation:

Registration is open: Connect– 6:00-7:00 p.m. crownofglory.org/children

Confirmation– 6:30-8:00 p.m. crownofglory.org/middle-school-youth

Senior High Youth Group Event: TBD November 2

SPARK:

Registration is open for SPARK,- crownofglory.org/sunday-school-registration

Volunteer for SPARK Leader or Helper and Kiddos' Corner– crownofglory.org/children

Calling all Manger Managers

For the last 2 years, the Children's Christmas Narrative has been run by a certain group of "Manger Mamas" - but this is by no means an exclusive club! Are you interested in designing costumes, helping with rehearsals, helping kids learn the Christmas carols, baking festive treats, or anything else??? Rehearsals will take place November 23 and December 7 during regular SPARK time. Final rehearsal Saturday, December 13, from 9:00-10:00 a.m. and the program during worship on Sunday, December 14. Please let [Gretchen](#) know if you are interested in helping!

Music Ministry Rehearsals:

Servant Song: Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

Chancel Chimers: Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir: Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.

Garage Band: TBD

Announcements

New Member Potluck and Orientation: November 2

Are you newcomer to Crown of Glory? Have you been worshiping with us online or in person? Would you like to make Crown of Glory your church home? We are delighted to have you attend gatherings, ministries, and worship services. We are even more excited that you would like to make Crown of Glory your church home! Throughout the year, we provide several opportunities for guests and visitors to join Crown of Glory as members. If you or someone you know is seeking to make Crown of Glory your home congregation, then contact one of our Pastors or visit our website (crownofglory.org/join-us) to get signed up for our New Member Potluck, Orientation and Welcome events this coming fall.

New Member Orientation & Potluck

Sunday, November 2

What: Family Style Potluck

When: 11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Where: Sun Hall

For Who?: New Member Families and Host Families
(Meal Provided)

What: New Member Families Orientation with CoG Staff

When: 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Where: Sun Hall

For Who?: All New Member Families

New Member Welcome During Worship: November 9

Lutheran Women Gone Wild: November 6

Join this group of women for good food and fellowship at O'Brien's Public House, Shakopee, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Contact Sandi Rue at sandirue@gmail.com with any questions and to RSVP.

Women's Bible Study: November 8 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sun Hall

Led by CoG member, Sherri Taylor, this group of curious and delightful women meet once a month on Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. throughout the program year to study a book of the Bible together. This year, they will be journeying through First and Second Corinthians.

Crown of Glory's Monthly Pledge to the Bountiful Basket Food Shelf

During October we will be collecting donations of canned mixed vegetables, Ramen noodles, and Easy Mac & Cheese. We will also continue collecting Thanksgiving foods: stuffing, instant potatoes, cranberries, green beans, mushroom soup, gravy. These items should be placed in the bin located in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your generosity!

Rental Options at Crown of Glory

Interested in renting a room at Crown of Glory? We may have what you are looking for! Birthdays, weddings, banquets, gatherings, meetings, etc. We also rent some items offsite. Check out the information display board in the Gathering Space, CoG website, or talk to Administrative Office Assistant, Sara K. (M-Th 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.)

Announcements

Dear Amazing Crown of Glory Volunteers,

As the year winds down, I wanted to take a moment to share my deepest, most sincere **gratitude** for your incredible work and dedication. Whether you were out at the Twins games, helping at the Carver County Fair, organizing the church Garage Sale, planning to help with the upcoming Fall Social or helping with the many other essential tasks behind the scenes—you are the engine that keeps our church running and shining brightly! Every hour you volunteered made a significant impact and the church is in a better financial and spiritual place because of you.

To celebrate your phenomenal contributions, we'd love for you and your family to join us for a fun, casual thank-you gathering! It's a chance to relax, connect, and celebrate all the wonderful things we accomplished together this year.

Volunteer Appreciation BBQ & Potluck

- **Date:** Sunday, November 2
- **Time:** 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Crown of Glory Sun Hall
- **Who's Invited:** All volunteers (including those who helped with the Garage Sale, Twins, Carver County Fair, upcoming Fall Social or other important ministries) and their immediate families.
- **What to Expect:** We are hosting a **BBQ tailgate and potluck!** The church will provide **burgers, brats, buns, water, and lemonade.** To make the meal complete, we ask attendees to please bring a **side dish or dessert** to share, as well as your own preferred beverages.
- **Theme:** We encourage you to wear your **favorite sports team's apparel** and/or your volunteer Twins hat, if you have one.

To help us get a headcount for the food we are providing, please use the following form to **RSVP by Wednesday, October 29**, if possible > <https://forms.gle/fSvLYjB1BXxVVb4D6>

Thank you again for your heart of service. We truly hope you can join us!

Mikel Jones

2025 Crown of Glory Council President

Financial Update:

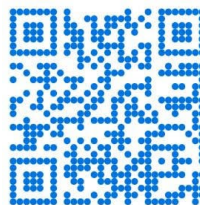
Financial Reports

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, Chad LaGow, 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

Staff

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Servant Song Leader Grace Becker		

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Worship Schedule (Program Year): Saturday 5:00 p.m. & Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Summer Worship Schedule: Sunday 9:00 a.m.