



**CROWN  
OF GLORY**  
ELCA LUTHERAN CHURCH



Sixth Sunday After Easter

May 22, 2022

9:00 a.m.

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Is He Worthy?* (Andrew Peterson and Ben Shive)

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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, Rachel Berg Scherer, to our AV technicians, John Rekow and Scott Saulsbury, to Elias Barnett, Jodi Barnett, the Chancel Choir, and Servant Song for their music, and to the Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service!

## CONFESSIONAL SONG

*As It Is in Heaven* (Matt Maher and Ed Cash)

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

*Silence kept for reflection.*

P: We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne through every living thing.

C: **You rescued Noah and his family from the flood and opened wide the sea for the Israelites.**

P: Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever.

C: **In Jesus Christ, you nourish us, call us forth, and send us out.**

P: In lush and barren places, you are with us. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more.

C: **Quench our thirst, cleanse our hearts, wipe away every tear.**

P: To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

*Shout To The North* (Martin Smith)

## 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. Bountiful God,

C: **you gather your people together and promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word and empower us with your Spirit, that we may love as you love 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 Revelation 21:10, 22-27; 22:1-5

<sup>10</sup>And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. <sup>22</sup>I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup>Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. <sup>1</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Seek Ye First* (vs. 1 & 3) (Karen Lafferty)

## HOLY GOSPEL John 14:23-29

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. <sup>25</sup>“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE "Peace Be With You!" (Pastor Laura Laughlin)

## SONG OF THE DAY

*Holy Spirit* (Katie & Bryan Torwalt)

## CONTEMPORARY STATEMENT OF FAITH

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

C: **We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,**

**who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,**

**who works in us and other by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.  
We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**P:** God, in your mercy,  
**C:** **hear our prayer.**

### **PEACE**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C:** **And also with you.**

### **OFFERING**

*Love Has Broken Down the Wall* (Mark Miller)  
(Chancel Choir; Elias Barnett and Jodi Barnett, soloists)

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**

*We Are an Offering* (ELW 692)

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**P:** Let us pray. Living God,  
**C:** **you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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**

### **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

*Hallelujah* (Leonard Cohen) (Servant Song)

## 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. We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

C: **Amen.**

## BLESSING

P: Creator God, the Author of life,  
Jesus Christ, the living Cornerstone,  
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,  
bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*Justice and Mercy* (Matt Redman)

## DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

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

## SENDING MUSIC

*Justice and Mercy* (reprise)

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## Tom Paulson's Music Notes

*Love has broken down the wall; Let us join our hearts as one. Love has broken down the wall.  
We're accepted as we are. Through love's power all is reconciled. We're accepted as we are.*

This is the core of the Easter message, and indeed, the whole of scripture. And it is the core of who we are called to be as followers in the way of Jesus. We are called to be people who love as Jesus loves, who do as Jesus does. We read about this repeatedly in scripture. The best example I can give you is from Matthew 22:37-39, "He [Jesus] said to him [a Pharisee], 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" It also seems to be a lesson humankind, each one of us, has to relearn time and time again. May this offering for Sunday, May 22, and our worship together, be our next lesson in loving as Jesus loves!

Mark your calendar for the Pentecost Festival on Sunday, June 5 at 9:30 a.m., with special music from Chancel Choir, Chancel Chimers, and the Crown Brass Ensemble.

## Announcements

### **Crown of Glory Church League Softball**

It's that time of year again to sign up for softball. The league is coed and plays every Monday from June to mid-August. Players should be 14 or older. Practices will be held on May 21 and June 4 from 10:00-12:00 p.m. at Lion's Park #1. If you would like to play some or all the games, please contact Grant Taylor at 952-210-7678 or email ([grantataylor@hotmail.com](mailto:grantataylor@hotmail.com)).

### **Together Again Potluck Today**

Who: Everyone!

What: Together Again Potluck

Where: Our Lovely Sun Hall

When: Sunday, May 22 at 10:15 a.m.

Why: Crown of Glory's doors are open, and we are back together. Let's celebrate!

### **Refugee Support Information Session: June 1**

What makes a person a refugee? How many refugees live in our community? Our State? The U.S.? The World? How long does a person live in a refugee camp? Please join the CoG Justice and Inclusion Team on Wednesday, June 1 at 6:30 p.m. in welcoming Maddy Kertzmann from Arrive Ministries as she presents information on forming a Good Neighbor Team.

Maddy Kertzmann is one of the Good Neighbor Coordinators at Arrive Ministries. She is passionate about encouraging, equipping, and empowering local church teams to welcome our city's refugee and immigrant families. She is currently coordinating 22 Good Neighbor Teams and is excited to share more about how Crown of Glory could partner with Arrive Ministries to welcome a family over the next year.

### **Indigenous Spaces Tour: June 4**

This is an open event for all ages (CoG membership not required)! We will meet at the Crown of Glory parking lot on Saturday, June 4 at 10:00 a.m. to carpool to the Treaty Site History Center in St. Peter, or you are free to just meet us there at 11:00 a.m. We will have lunch at NolaBelle in Mankato and then visit Reconciliation Park at 2:00 p.m. Watch this space for more details.

### **Rev. Karl Fredrick Nyline and Signie Linnea Nyline Memorial Service: June 18**

The Crown of Glory community mourns the recent passing of Rev. Karl and Signie Nyline. Rev. Nyline served as pastor at Crown of Glory from 1972–1998.

A memorial service to celebrate both Rev. Karl and Signie will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Shakopee on Saturday, June 18 at 10:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Rev. Karl's honor may be made to Christmas in May (Chaska Rotary) or Loaves & Fishes MN. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Signie's honor may be made to Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research.

### **Kitchen Essentials Ministry**

Crown of Glory and Love INC have helped provide kitchen items to 15 families this year. Items include dishes, pots, pans, baking sheets, measuring cups, glasses, coffee makers, tea kettles, toasters, juice pitchers, silverware, and microwaves. We need 6 new or used countertop microwaves. They should be clean and in working condition and include the glass plate. If you have one to donate, please contact Tracy Cunningham at 952-239-9344.

We would also appreciate donations of \$5 or \$10 gift cards to Dollar Tree or Target. Gift cards can be labeled for the kitchen ministry and donated to the CoG office. Other kitchen items can be placed on the table behind the CoG kitchen area. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

### **Register Now for VBS on the Farm**

When: August 1-5

\* Pre-K: 9:00-12:00 p.m.

\* Kindergarten - Elementary: 9:00-3:00 p.m.

Where: Prairie Oaks Institute in Belle Plaine

Cost: \$50 Bus Fee per Child

Registration: Due by June 17. Please visit our website ([crownofglory.org/vbs](http://crownofglory.org/vbs)).

## Worship Attendance

### **Saturday, May 14**

5:00 p.m.: 28

### **Sunday, May 15**

9:00 a.m.: 80

9:00 a.m.: 34 Livestream Views

Next Day: 71 Total Views

## Financial Update

### April Giving Update

Expenses	\$60,622
Rental Income	\$7,575
Giving Through 4/30/2022	\$41,692
Total Revenue	\$49,267

### Sustaining Fund Summary: 4/30/2022

YTD Mortgage & Cash Payments	\$250,988
YTD Revenue	\$214,232
Balance	<b>(-\$36,756)</b>

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**Office Hours:** Monday-Thursday 9:00-5:00 p.m.

**Summer Worship Schedule:** Saturday 5:00 p.m. & Sunday 9:30 a.m. (Starting Memorial Day Weekend)