

CROWN OF GLORY

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation



ELCA



*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.*



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 2025

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

My Lord, What a Morning (arr. P.F. Tillen)
(Ginger Larson)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Crown of Glory is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.
- We will be celebrating Holy Communion in 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, Grant Taylor, to our AV Technicians, John Rekow and Scott Saulsbury, to Ginger Larson for her music, and to our Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

CONFSSIONAL SONG

How Firm a Foundation (ELW 796, vs. 1-3)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of God the Creator, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin, taking a moment for our own personal reflection.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: **you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us and show us the path of life. Amen.**

P: You belong to Jesus Christ and you are God's children through faith. By the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven, and you are a new creation.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Brighter than the Sun (DATH 64, vs. 1 & 3)

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 God, judge eternal,

C: **you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 23:23-29

²³ Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? ²⁴ Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. ²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed, I have dreamed!” ²⁶ How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷ They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (ELW 172)

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 12:49-56

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

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

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹ “I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” ⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

“A Baptism of Fire” (Pastor Laura Laughlin)

HYMN OF THE DAY

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me (ACS 1084)

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: **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

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

OFFERING

God of Grace and God of Glory (John Hughes, arr. Hal Leonard)
(Ginger Larson)

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

We Come to the Hungry Feast (DATH 84, vs. 1)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Creator God,
C: **in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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 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

Abide With Me (William H. Monk, arr. Phillip Keveren)
(Ginger Larson)

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: Mothering God,

C: **you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.**

BLESSING

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (ELW 815)

DISMISSAL

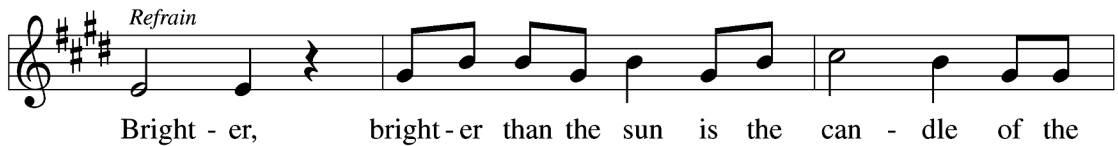
P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

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

SENDING MUSIC

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (Kathleen Thomerson, arr. Ian Good)
(Ginger Larson)

Brighter than the Sun



- 1 Gon - na light my can - dle from the ho - ly flame of the
- 2 Gon - na meet God's chil - dren at the foun - tain of life, where the
- 3 Gon - na gath - er round and gon - na wel - come in ev - 'ry



one that's bright - er than ... my own name. Gon - na
word and the wa - ter and the Lord . . . Je - sus Christ make a
child to be and ev - 'ry one who's ev - er been. Gon - na



wash my bod - y in the ho - ly sea, in the
new cre - a - tion out of ev - 'ry one: Ho - ly
breathe to - geth - er with this spark of life: Ho - ly



wat - er of life that's . . . big - ger than me. Oh,—
Spir - it of love, let the wa - ters run. Oh,—
Spir - it of God, make our flame burn bright. Oh,—

Text: Ray Makeever
Music: BRIGHTER THAN THE SUN, Ray Makeever

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God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

O Christ, Surround Me



- 1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
- 2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
- 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,
- 4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
- 5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

Text: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, b. 1967

Music: GREEN TYLER, Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

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We Come to the Hungry Feast



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever

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Announcements

Highlights from the ELCA Churchwide Assembly (July 28-August 2, 2025)



A new Presiding Bishop was elected! Bishop Yehiel Curry was elected on the fifth ballot and is the first Black Presiding Bishop of the ELCA. An immediate answer came to mind for Curry when asked what he believes should be among the ELCA's top priorities. "I think there's this unique opportunity around lay-equipping and lay education," he said. Read more about Bishop-elect Curry here:

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/2025/07/casting-a-vision-for-the-church/>



A new Secretary of the ELCA was elected! Pastor Lucille "CeCee" Mills was elected on the fifth ballot and is the first Black Secretary of the ELCA. The secretary of the ELCA interprets the governing documents, ensures the integrity of churchwide processes, and supports synods in constitutional matters. "I do believe it's a new season for our church," Mills said in her address to the Assembly following her election. Read more about Secretary Mills here: <https://www.elca.org/news-and-events/lucille-cecee-mills-elected-secretary-of-the-elca>

Announcements

Carver County Fair Volunteer Fundraiser Event

Over 20 members of Crown of Glory served at the Carver County Fair education building this week sorting and helping present youth art work. Our volunteers did an incredible job of organizing and displaying all the entries at this year's fair. Thank you to each of our volunteers for your service!

Not all volunteers are pictured.



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School was a blast! Many volunteers at Crown of Glory made this week a success.

Thank you to one of our members for a very generous donation that allowed us to bring in a team of counselors from Luther Crest to lead our kiddos in worship, games, crafts, and singing! We were able to keep the cost really low for families and offer a great program with delicious food.

Thank you to our amazing kitchen team:

Tami LaGow for planning, buying, preparing, and serving all of our lunches and snacks!

Assisted by sous chefs Deb Kielty and Beth Vriesen

Thank you to Deb and Jim Peterson who used a Thrivent Action Team and a donation to cover all of our food expenses.

Thank you Deb and Steve Mangen for hosting the counselors at their home.

Thank you to the following for providing meals for our counselors:

Pastor Reggie and Micah, Sara Kershner-Cramer, Julie Youngman and Dena Schulz,

Bri and Mikel Jones, Pat Laursen, Yvonne Ramsland, Aimee and Brian Johnson.

Some of those meals were prepared, some were gift cards, the counselors appreciated both.

Thank you to Sally Nelson for coming in and taking pictures.

View the CC weekly e-newsletter for the full article.



Announcements

Building Partners

Crown of Glory welcomes Vida Nueva (New Life) congregation and Iglesia El Siloe congregation. We give thanks for these new partnerships. The following are their schedules:

Vida Nueva:

Monday Musician Rehearsal: 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Tuesday Prayer Service: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Saturday Worship: 6:15-8:30 p.m.

Iglesia El Siloe:

Sunday Worship: 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Monday Bible Study: 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Friday Worship: 7:00-9:00 p.m.

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.

Justice & Inclusion Team Meeting: August 19

The Justice & Inclusion Team will meet on Tuesday, August 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room at Crown of Glory. We'll be planning events for the upcoming church year and would love to have you join us. If you're interested in getting involved, please contact Becky Varone at rebecca.varone@gmail.com or 952-994-5184.

Men's Pub Ministry: August 21

Join this group at Crown of Glory, Chaska, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. for a cookout, good brew and fellowship. Your families are also welcome to join. Please bring your favorite beverage and sign up for a food item to share using the link below.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_khtI3qDBLP141hLRlihfjYfjMz7m_n8/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=106354974533670676645&rtpof=true&sd=true

9th Grade Faith Retreat: August 21-22

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

During August we will be collecting donations of canned chicken, tuna, and salmon. 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.)

Vending Machine

The Vending Machine is open for business! At this time we are selling beverages and snacks - several varieties of chips, cookies, bars, pop, sparkling water, and water. Each costs 75¢ or \$1.00 - bring your quarters! There is a dollar changer attached to the machine. It will take a little patience to get your dollar to go in. If you have questions, comments, or requests regarding the vending machine, please direct them to gretchen@crownofglory.org. Proceeds from the machine will benefit our youth programs.

Financial Update:

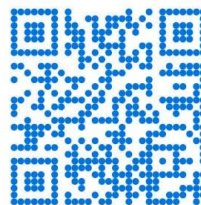
Financial Reports

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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<https://www.fidelitycharitable.org/guidance/charitable-tax-strategies.html>

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

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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.