



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.*



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025
9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

Glory to His Name (Marc Jordan)
(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, Angie Saulsbury, to our AV Technicians, John Rekow and Scott Saulsbury, to Tabitha Hanson for her music, and to our Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

CONFSSIONAL SONG

Gather Us In (ELW 532, vs. 1, 3, 4)

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,

C: **you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

¹ Let mutual love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶ So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" ⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (ELW 172)

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 14:1, 7-14

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

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

¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." ¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

"A Snapshot of the Kingdom" (Pastor Laura Laughlin)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Build a Longer Table (ACS 1062)

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: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

Take My Life and Let It Be (Henry A. Caesar Malan)
(Tabitha Hanson)

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

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (ELW 779)

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 Love to Tell the Story (ELW 661)

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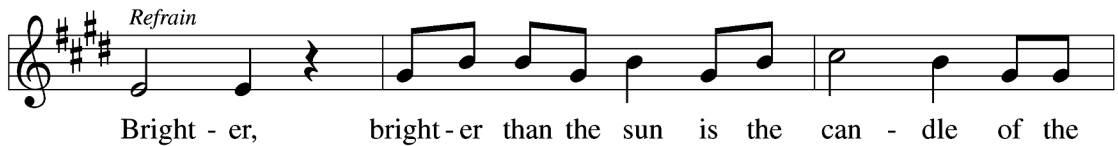
P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

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

SENDING MUSIC

Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice (arr. David Cherwein)
(Tabitha Hanson)

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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Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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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.

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Announcements

Crown of Glory Church Directory

It's been 11 years since Crown of Glory published a member photo directory. If you still have one, the people you recognize may look a bit younger! A small team of members is working to recreate an online version of the directory using our church database system (Icon). This will allow us to maintain the security and make it simpler to update information in the future. As part of this process, you'll be able to review and update your family's information or complete a hard copy form. Also, we'll use digital photos supplied by each family group (e.g., a professional photo or a favorite photo from a recent family event) or you can have a new photo taken by a church volunteer. More information will be provided as dates are finalized. Directories will not be available to the general public, but will be available for members online. If you prefer a printed copy, some will be available at a future date at a nominal cost. More information will be available in early October!



SPARK Registration is OPEN

SPARK is for children ages 3 - 3rd Grade
who are toilet-trained and ready to participate in group activities.

SPARK takes place on Sunday mornings from 9:55-10:35 a.m.

Register at

www.crownofglory.org/sunday-school-registration



Volunteer Opportunities:

SPARK Leaders and Helpers Kiddos' Corner

Sign up at:

www.crownofglory.org/children

Announcements

Office and Building Closed: September 1 in observance of Labor Day

Ministry Fair Set-up beginning September 3 at noon

Ministry Fair with representatives: September 7

SPARK Leader and Helper Training: September 3 at 5:30 p.m.

Registration is open for SPARK, SPARK Leaders and Helpers, and Kiddos' Corner.

Connect Orientation: September 3 at 6:00 p.m. **Confirmation Orientation:** September 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Connect and Confirmation registration to open soon!

Music Ministry Rehearsals:

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

Chancel Chimers: September 3 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Garage Band: TBD

Rally Sunday: September 7

Kick off the new season with us at Rally Sunday as we welcome everyone back from summer—friends, neighbors, and the whole family! We'll gather for joyful worship, enjoy a delicious **brunch with egg bakes served by the council**, and celebrate with **live music from Brian Johnson**. After brunch, stick around for **BINGO**, a **bouncy house**, and **yard games** that are fun for all ages. Come reconnect, bring someone along, and help us launch a year of faith, fellowship, and fun together!

2025 RALLY SUNDAY

**COME FOR WORSHIP AND
STAY FOR FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!**

**BRUNCH, MUSIC, BINGO,
BOUNCY HOUSE AND GAMES**



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH
9AM - 12PM**



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Join Us



Beginning September 6 & 7

Worship Service Schedule

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

(In Person)

Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

(In Person & Livestream)

Beginning September 14: SPARK Sunday School 9:55-10:35 a.m.

Blessing of the Backpacks During Worship Service

September 6 & 7

**Saturday
at 5:00 p.m.**



**Sunday
at 9:00 a.m.**

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.

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.

Fantasy Football

The league is open to players of all levels of experience. The draft party will be at Crown of Glory on September 2 at 7:00 p.m. Need one more team. If you would like to join in the fun, contact Grant Taylor by phone (952) 210-7678 or via email grantataylor@hotmail.com.

Lutheran Women Gone Wild: September 4

Join this group of women for good food and fellowship at Don Ramon Restaurante, Shakopee, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Contact Sandi Rue at srue@rues.org with any questions and to RSVP.

Luther Crest Camp Opportunity

Did your child love VBS Day Camp? Luther Crest is offering a 2-day experience over MEA Break for kids Kindergarten - 5th Grade. The day camp is offered October 16 & 17, from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Luther Crest has lodging options available for the families to stay while kids attend camp. For more information, please visit luthercrest.org/programmed-retreats/. (Scroll down to find Fall MEA Day Camp.) Feel free to reach out to Gretchen at gretchen@crownofglory.org with any questions.

Financial Update:

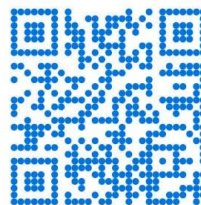
Financial Reports

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.