

CROWN OF GLORY

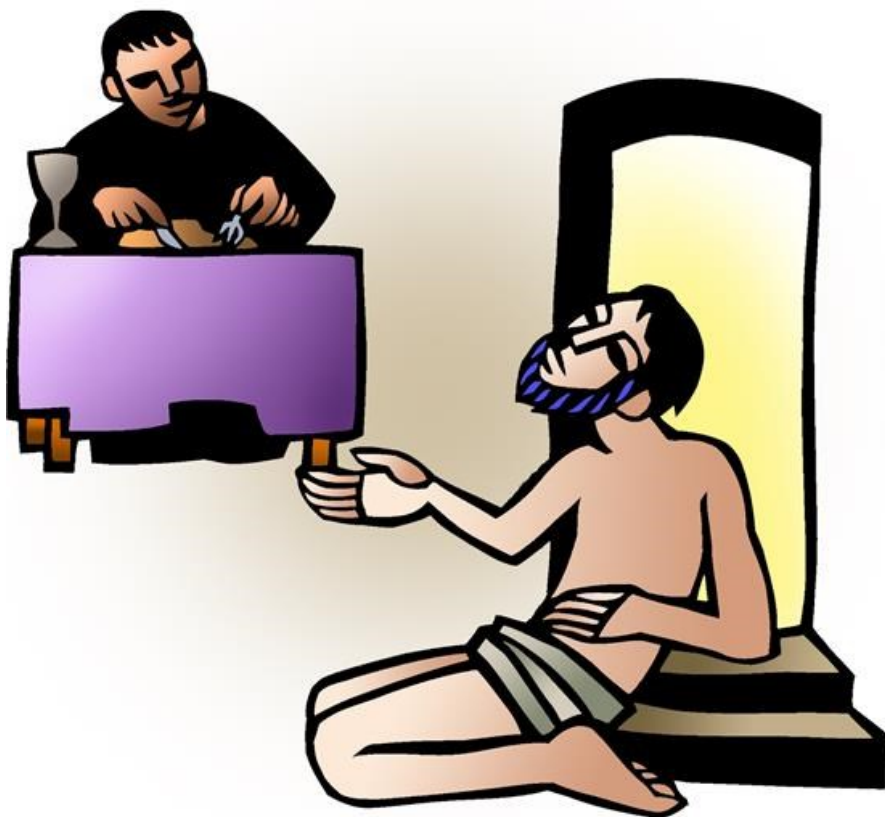
A Reconciling in Christ Congregation



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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.*



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

Sing and Rejoice Greatly (Lani Smith)
(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, Sarah Morrow, to our AV Technicians, Brian Johnson and John Rekow, to Tabitha Hanson and the Chancel Chimers for their music, and to our Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

CONFESSIONAL SONG

God of Grace and God of Glory (ELW 705, vs. 1-3)

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 God, rich in mercy,

C: **you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. ¹¹But as for you, [people] of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hallelujah (ELW 171)

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 16:19-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

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

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

“Jesus is Singing...Are We Listening?” (Pastor Laura Laughlin)

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Church of Christ, in Every Age (ELW 729, vs. 1, 2, 5)

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

With Joyful Heart (Susan E. Geschke)
(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

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

Let All Things Now Living (arr. Michael Mazzatenta)
(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

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (ELW 712, vs. 1, 2, 4)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING MUSIC

Arise to Life (Edward Broughton)
(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

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 4:55 p.m. on Saturday and 8:55 a.m. on Sunday to get signed up.

Wednesday Night Dinner Team: Seeking New Members

Our Wednesday Night Dinner is made up of Connect and Confirmation parents! 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 are a parent of Connect or Confirmation students and would like to volunteer to serve on this team, we welcome your participation! Contact [Pastor Reggie](#) for more details and information.

Bishop's Theological Conference: September 28-30

Pastor Reggie and Pastor Laura will be out of the office September 29 & 30 attending the conference. Please contact Rich Latterner, 612-710-9084, for any Pastoral Care Emergency.

Crown of Glory Justice & Inclusion Team: Meeting September 30 at 6:30 p.m.

The Justice & Inclusion Team is *"called by grace to foster community, work for equality, ally with our neighbors, and educate ourselves and others to challenge the forces that seek to exclude, harm, or discriminate against any child of God."*

We are currently focusing on several goals, including:

- Hosting book discussions on social justice issues

- Supporting Beacon Interfaith's new housing project, Prairie Point in Shakopee

- Engaging with Native American and immigration issues

Our team typically meets once or twice a month on Tuesday evenings, and we warmly welcome new members! If you're interested in joining us, please contact Becky Varone, Team Leader, at rebecca.varone@gmail.com.

Lutheran Women Gone Wild: October 2

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

First Communion Celebration: October 4 & 5

Women's Bible Study: October 11 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sun Hall

Senior High Youth Group Offsite Event: October 12

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.

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.

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

During September we will be collecting donations of Thanksgiving Food: stuffing, instant potatoes, gravy, cranberries, cream of mushroom soup, and green beans. 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.)

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 1: Lasagna and Garlic Bread All 7th grade

October 8: Sub Sandwiches All 6th grade

October 15: MEA No Meal– Fall Break

Kitchen Helpers:

Connect and Confirmation: Family Night– October 8, No Class– October 15

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

SPARK: No Class– October 19

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

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

Announcements

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

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.

You're Invited!

**Worship with
Blessing
- of the -
ANIMALS**



Saturday, October 11

Crown of Glory Sun Hall

5:00 p.m.

**Hope you and your pet
friends can make it!**

Announcements

Get Ready: Church Directory Update is Coming Soon!

It's almost time for our online church directory update to begin! The first step is ensuring your information is up to date and represents what you would like other Crown of Glory members to know about your family, such as names, addresses, email addresses, phone numbers, and a digital family photo.

Step 1 – Review/Update Information

To begin this process, on approximately October 15, all active members who have an email address listed with Crown of Glory will receive an email from our directory platform, Icon Systems.

- The email subject line will read: “Your IconCMO Log-in Information from Crown of Glory Lutheran Church.”
- You will be given a generated Username, and a link will be provided in the email for you to create and set up your password. Please note, you cannot change your generated Username.
- Once you complete the password set up you can enter the Icon Systems Member Portal to review and update your personal data.
- The link provided in the email is only active for 48 hours for security purposes. If you aren't able to respond before the email expires, please email Sara Keim (sara@crownofglory.org) to ask her to resend the email.
- Only one person needs to respond per household, so please coordinate with your family members who will do that.

Special notes about email addresses:

If you don't believe the church has an email address for you, please notify Sara Keim prior to October 13 (sara@crownofglory.org) to provide that information.

The church's email system has email host limitations and cannot send communications to the following providers:

o Centurylink.net	o Chaska.net	o Earthlink.net	o Embarqmail.com
o Mchsi.com	o Peoplepc.com		

If this applies to you, please provide an alternate email address to Sara Keim.

****If you prefer not to update your information online on your own, you can stop by the church office to pick up a paper copy form. If you prefer to have a form emailed to you, please send an email to Allison Larson (LarsonAlli15@gmail.com) to request it. Once you have completed the paper form you can return it to the church office.****

Step 2 – Supply Family Photo

You can provide a digital family photo of your own by emailing COGPhotoDirectory@gmail.com. Please ensure all family members are easily identifiable and the file size is no larger than 2MB and 5"x7" or smaller in size. In your email, include all members of your family (in order as they appear in the photo, from left to right).

If you prefer to have a new photo taken, Sally Nelson will be available to do that (at no cost) at the church beginning at 10:15 a.m. on the following dates:

* Sunday, October 19	* Sunday, October 26	* Sunday, November 2
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Though this is a large project, our goal is to complete all directory updates before the end of the year. With your help, the online directory – available to members on demand – will be useful to all members. If you have questions, please contact Allison Larson (LarsonAlli15@gmail.com) or

Kristi Kirch (kabkirsch@gmail.com)

Financial Update:

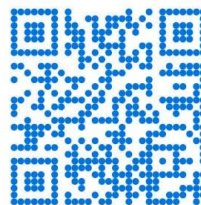
Financial Reports

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

Staff

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Piano Accompanist Ginger Larson	Organist Tabitha Hanson	Chancel Chimers Director Sarah Morrow
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.