



# 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.*



## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 2025

9:00 a.m.

## GATHERING

Gather outside at the Peace Pole

### LITANY OF PEACE

P: O God our Creator, we are your people in a world that is thirsty for your peace.

C: **You offer reconciliation and lasting hope to all who cry out to you.**

P: O God our provider, amid the brokenness and the uncertainties of this world, our cup is nearly empty.

C: **You call us your children, together as one community of faith. Claimed and unclaimed, accepted and rejected, together and alone, we cry out to you for your peace.**

P: O God our redeemer, you shelter us in our time of need, you cover us in your light, and you deliver us with your love.

C: **Come near to us now, O God. May your spirit be alive in our song. May your presence be known at our table. May this world be filled with your peace.**

P: As we gather here today, we give thanks for this great reminder of peace. This Peace Pole was installed and dedicated in 2018 by our very first "Peace Team". There are 8 known languages on this pole, with same exact phrase in each language. The pole reads: "May Peace Prevail on Earth". Today we re-dedicate this pole, as we do every year, as a symbol of our hope and one powerful expression of peace. Today, September 21, is the International Day of Peace, where people from all over the world offer one minute of silence, thinking, praying and living out the peace that God wants for us all.

### PROCESSIONAL SONG

*I've Got Peace Like a River (TFF 258)*

### 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 Assistants, Steve Mangen and Becky Varone, to our AV Technicians, Matt Scherer and Tony Sie, to Ginger Larson, Grace Becker, John Varone, and the Chancel Choir for their music, and to our Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

### 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.**

### 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: God among us,

C: **we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 113

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord;  
praise the name of the Lord.

<sup>2</sup> **Let the name of the Lord be blessed,  
from this time forth forevermore.**

<sup>3</sup> From the rising of the sun to its going down  
let the name of the Lord be praised.

<sup>4</sup> **The Lord is high above all nations;  
God's glory above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup> Who is like the Lord our God,  
who sits enthroned on high,

<sup>6</sup> **but stoops to behold  
the heavens and the earth?**

<sup>7</sup> The Lord takes up the weak out of the dust  
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

<sup>8</sup> **enthroning them with the rulers,  
with the rulers of the people.**

<sup>9</sup> The Lord makes the woman of a childless house  
to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Hallelujah (ELW 171)*

## **HOLY GOSPEL Luke 16:1-13**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

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

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup> So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ <sup>3</sup> Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup> I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ <sup>5</sup> So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup> He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ <sup>7</sup> Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ <sup>8</sup> And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup> And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. <sup>10</sup> “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup> If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup> No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

**P:** The Gospel of our Lord.

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

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

### **MESSAGE**

“God Has a Different Way of Seeing” (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy* (ELW 587)

### **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

*Let Us Pray for Peace* (Thomas Keesecker)  
(Chancel Choir)

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

*I Choose Love* (Mark A. Miller) (Chancel Choir)

## 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**

*Rise Up, O Saints of God!* (ELW 669)

### **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **SENDING MUSIC**

*Rise Up, O Saint of God* (William H. Walter, arr. Ian Good)  
(Ginger Larson)

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# I've Got Peace like a River

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G C G G7 C

1 I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a  
 2 I've got joy like a foun - tain, I've got joy like a  
 3 I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an

Am7 D7 G 1 A7 F#m A7

riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er in - a my  
 foun - tain, I've got joy like a foun - tain in - a my  
 o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean in - a my

2 Dsus4 D7 A7 D7 G

soul. I've got riv - er in - a my soul.  
 soul. I've got foun - tain in - a my soul.  
 soul. I've got o - cean in - a my soul.

# **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.

### **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:**

September 24: Taco in a Bag

October 1: Lasagna and Garlic Bread

#### **Kitchen Helpers:**

7<sup>th</sup> grade

7<sup>th</sup> grade

### **Connect and Confirmation- Food Drive Night: September 24**

Registration is open: Connect– 6:00-7:00 p.m. [crownofglory.org/children](https://crownofglory.org/children)

Confirmation– 6:30-8:00 p.m. [crownofglory.org/middle-school-youth](https://crownofglory.org/middle-school-youth)

### **Make a Difference Food Drive 2025: Now through September 24**

The Connect 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade and Confirmation 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade youth will be collecting non-perishable food items through Wednesday, September 24 until 5:00 p.m. The food collected will be donated to the local Bountiful Basket Food Shelf in Chaska. We are inviting everyone at Crown of Glory to join in this year's food drive. Please consider gifting one or more of the following food items: canned soups, vegetables and fruits, tuna fish, pasta, rice, cereal, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, and instant potatoes. Please no fresh produce or frozen foods. You can find the food collection bags to use in the Gathering Space. Please take a bag and return with your collected non-perishables to the designated area in the Gathering Space. Thank you for supporting this year's Make a Difference Food Drive!

### **SPARK**

Registration is open for SPARK,- [crownofglory.org/sunday-school-registration](https://crownofglory.org/sunday-school-registration)

Volunteer for SPARK Leader or Helper and Kiddos' Corner– [crownofglory.org/children](https://crownofglory.org/children)

### **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

### **Women's Bible Study: September 20 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sun Hall**

## Announcements

**First Communion Class:** September 21 from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Register at [crownofglory.org/milestones](https://crownofglory.org/milestones)

**Senior High School Mission Trip Meeting:** September 23 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**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 Pastor Reggie at 952-448-3230 ext. 3 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

- Helping to plan a service for the International Day of Peace

- 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](mailto:rebecca.varone@gmail.com).

### **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 - 5<sup>th</sup> 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/](https://luthercrest.org/programmed-retreats/). (Scroll down to find Fall MEA Day Camp.) Feel free to reach out to Gretchen at [gretchen@crownofglory.org](mailto:gretchen@crownofglory.org) with any questions.

### **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.

### **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!

### **Crown of Glory Fall Crownicle 2025 is Available**

The Fall Crownicle features an article from Council Member, Deb Mangen, on page 3. There are a few printed copies available for reading at the church and it is available to view online on the Crown of Glory website.

## Announcements

### **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](mailto:gretchen@crownofglory.org). Proceeds from the machine will benefit our youth programs.

### **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.

# Join Us



## Worship Service Schedule

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

(In Person)

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

(In Person & Livestream)

**SPARK Sunday School 9:55-10:35 a.m.**



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# CARNEGIE HALL

CROWN OF GLORY  
CARNEGIE VOCALISTS

DR. JENNAYA ROBISON,  
DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL  
LUTHERAN CHOIR

**FREE TO ALL!**

**09.25.2025**

**SUPERVISED  
ACTIVITIES FOR  
KIDS!**

**7:00 PM**

**REFRESHMENTS  
SERVED!**

CROWN OF GLORY SUN HALL

Please RSVP [Here](#) or at the Church Office

## An Evening at Carnegie Hall

Join us for a festive evening with the Crown of Glory vocalists who sang at Carnegie Hall in June 2025! This one-time only event will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Crown of Glory Sun Hall on Thursday, September 25. Come for a viewing of the concert, to hear the vocalists share about their experience, to meet their Director, Dr. Jennaya Robison, and enjoy some fellowship and refreshments. Supervised kiddo activities will be provided by Director of SPARK Ministries, Gretchen Mitcham!

RSVP at <https://forms.gle/5jM4YT1Yss7ipPf8A> or at the Church Office.

Contact Pastor Laura for any additional information.

## **Financial Update:**

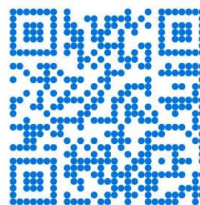
### **Financial Reports**

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](https://thrivent.com/thriventchoice)

**Phone:** 1-800-847-4836

**Contact:** Pastor Reggie (952)-448-3230 ext. 3

[pastorreggie@crownofglory.org](mailto:pastorreggie@crownofglory.org)

**Scan the Code:**



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### **Charitable Giving Information**

Investment groups have great information on tax savings that help you give more to charitable causes and could save you money overall. Win/win! Check out this link for ideas (disclaimer, we do not give tax advice, simply serving up ideas for your review with your tax advisor).

<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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<b>Servant Song Leader</b> 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.

