



**CROWN
OF GLORY**
ELCA LUTHERAN CHURCH



Fifth Sunday After Easter

May 15, 2022

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

Springtime (Chris Renzema and Hank Bentley) (Servant Song)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are celebrating our graduating senior class in worship today!
- 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, Angie Saulsbury, to our AV technicians, John Rekow and Scott Saulsbury, to Kirstyn Saulsbury and Servant Song for their music, and to the Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service!

CONFESSIOAL SONG

In Christ Alone (Keith Getty and Stuart Townend)

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. O Lord God,
pour your perfect gift of love into our hearts. Made alive by your Spirit, may we know your goodness and peace, through your Son, 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 21:1-6

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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 13:31-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE "How Do I Know You?" (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

SONG OF THE DAY *Come and See* (Matt Redman, Matt Maher, Chris Tomlin, and Jason Ingram)

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.**

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Still Rolling Stones (Lauren Daigle) (Servant Song)

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 (Dwight Lilies)

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

Reckless Love (Caleb Culver, Cory Asbury, and Ran Jackson)
(Kirstyn Saulsbury, soloist)

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

Because He Lives (Amen) (Chris Tomlin, Daniel Carson, Ed Cash,
Gloria Gaither, Jason Ingram, Matt Maher, and William J. Gaither)

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

Because He Lives (reprise)

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Graduating Class of 2022

Nick Beireis	Lukas Husfeldt
Trevor Collins	Paige Jenkins
Devin Curtis	Rylie Jorgensen
Sophie Demuth	Jonathan Kordonowy
Jordyn Ehlert	Elizabeth Nordvold
Nick Ekstrum	Wil Olson
Max Eriksrud	Jacob Ryan
Max Firman	Kirstyn Saulsbury
Joseph Hammerschmidt	Samantha Schmidt
Maddie Hauck	Julia Wacker
Cooper Hogan	

Tom Paulson's Music Notes

Rise up! Rise up!...
The darkness should have known.
You're still rolling stones.
(Lauren Daigle)

Our fellow Christians in the United Church of Christ have a slogan: "God is still speaking!" It is a perfect Easter message. God is not locked in a grave or contained by human literalism or other limitations. God is still active and engaged in the world, breaking down barriers, opening doors, rolling away stones, building longer tables, and teaching us new ways of loving and living.

Our offering song on Sunday seeks to make this abundantly clear. *Still Rolling Stones* by Lauren Daigle is a high-energy reminder of the meaning of Easter for us and of the hope that must have sprung to life for the disciples when they saw the risen Jesus. Think! Where is God still rolling stones in our world today? The COVID-19 pandemic? Racial barriers? Gender issues? Our own understanding of who and what God is? Thanks be to God!

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).

Together Again Potluck: May 22

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!

Please sign up to bring a main dish, salad, or side dish via the sheet in the gathering space or by emailing Grant Taylor (grantataylor@hotmail.com). Dessert and drinks will be provided! Please bring items on the morning of May 22. Refrigerator space is available for cold items. Please bring hot items in a crockpot.

Refugee Support Information Session: June 1

All are welcome to attend this informative presentation by Kelsey Manfred from Arrive Ministries. We will gather in the Sun Hall at 6:30 p.m. and listen as Kelsey presents on how our congregation can form a "Good Neighbor Team" to provide practical support and build friendships with a refugee family. Kelsey will discuss several ways that we can get involved in supporting refugees. This meeting will help determine whether we have enough congregational interest to proceed.

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 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).

Worship Attendance

Saturday, May 7

5:00 p.m.: 20

Sunday, May 8

9:00 a.m.: 103

9:00 a.m.: 43 Livestream Views

Next Day: 63 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	(-\$36,756)

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Worship Schedule: Saturday 5:00 p.m. & Sunday 9:00 a.m.