

# CROWN OF GLORY

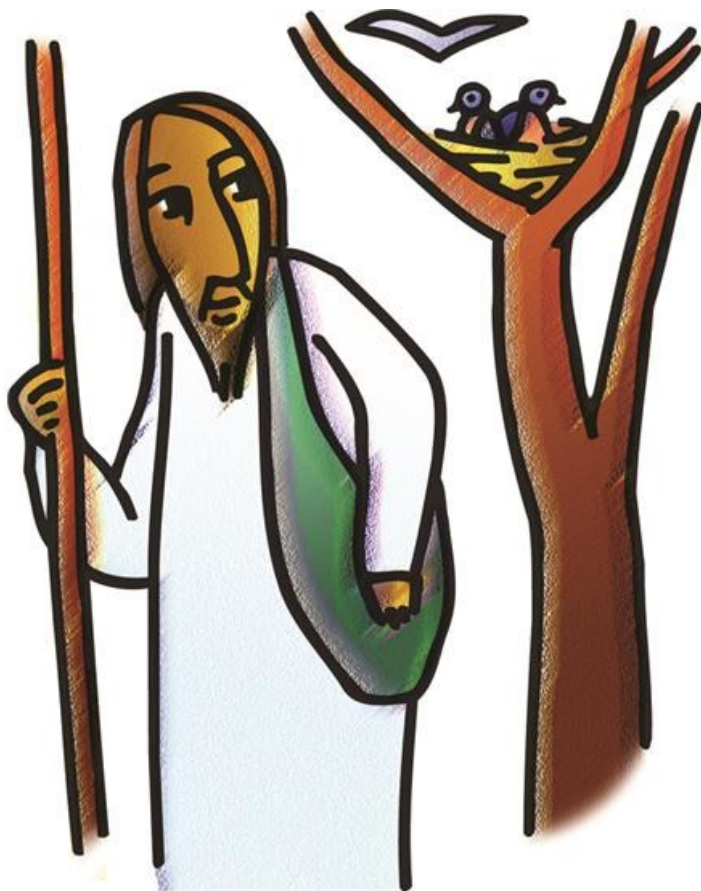
A Reconciling in Christ Congregation



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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.*



## Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 29, 2025

9:00 a.m.

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Celtic Fantasy on Azmon (O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing)*  
(Carl G. Glaser, arr. Michael Ware)  
(Ginger Larson)

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Crown of Glory is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.
- We will be celebrating Holy Communion in worship today.
- We are celebrating the baptism of Theodore Patterson, son of Monika and Tyler Patterson, with his sponsors, Brian and Jessica Troy.
- 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, Rachel Berg Scherer, to our AV Technicians, Brian Johnson and John Rekow, to Ginger Larson for her music, and to our Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

## CONFESSIONAL SONG

*Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from the Death* (ELW 452, vs. 1-4)

## 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

*Kyrie Eleison* (ELW p. 184, 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: Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts,

C: **you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE READING** Galatians 5:1, 13-25

<sup>1</sup> For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. <sup>13</sup> For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. <sup>14</sup> For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>15</sup> If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. <sup>16</sup> Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup> By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

**P:** Word of God, Word of Life.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia* (ELW p. 188)

## **HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 9:51-62

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

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

<sup>51</sup> When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; <sup>53</sup> but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” <sup>55</sup> But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup> Then they went on to another village. <sup>57</sup> As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” <sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” <sup>59</sup> To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” <sup>60</sup> But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” <sup>61</sup> Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” <sup>62</sup> Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

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

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

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

### **MESSAGE**

“Ready or Not” (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Spirit, Open My Heart* (ACS 1043)

### **HOLY BAPTISM**

Theodore Patterson

### **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

*Will You Coe and Follow* (arr. P.F. Tillen)  
(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 Are an Offering* (ELW 692)

## 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

*I Love to Tell the Story* (William Fischer, arr. James Koerts)  
(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

*Here I Am, Lord* (ELW 574)

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

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

## SENDING MUSIC

*Here I Am, Lord* (Daniel L. Schutte, arr. Jaime R. Alegre)  
(Ginger Larson)

# Spirit, Open My Heart

## Refrain



Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of



liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.



- 1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
- 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
- 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and  
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and  
friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

## Refrain



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.  
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.  
day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953

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## Where in the World is Pastor Laura?

Pastor Laura, along with CoG vocalists, arrived back in Minnesota on Wednesday, June 25 from New York. Although their singing at Carnegie Hall was not livestreamed, we do know a recording will be available and shared with the congregation at some point.

This past week marked two months that Pastor Laura has been on Sabbatical. 😲

Check back again next week to see where Pastor Laura might be. 😊

Wishing everyone a safe and joyful holiday!



## Announcements

### **Summer Worship Schedule**

Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

### **New Building Partners**

Crown of Glory welcomes Vida Nueva (New Life) congregation and Iglesia El Siloe congregation. We are looking forward to 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.

**Building and Office Closed:** July 3 in observance of Independence Day.

### **Lutheran Women Gone Wild: July 10**

Join this group of women for good food and fellowship at Mallards Restaurant, Shakopee, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Contact Sandi Rue, [srue@rues.org](mailto:srue@rues.org), with any questions and to RSVP.

### **VBS Registration Open Until July 14**

Register online on Crown of Glory's website, [crownofglory.org](http://crownofglory.org), hover over the word Ministry, and click on VBS Registration. Contact Gretchen Mitcham, [gretchen@crownofglory.org](mailto:gretchen@crownofglory.org), with any questions.

### **2025 Hackamore Brewing– Bike & Brew Tickets: Event is August 16**

To learn more go to the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2025-hackamore-brewing-bike-brew-tickets-132591057722>

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

During June we will be collecting donations of snacks, cereal, and crackers. These items should be placed in the bin located in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your generosity!

## Announcements

### **Seeking Families to Host Foreign Exchange Students!**

The Education Travel & Culture (ETC) Program is searching for host families in the Chaska and Chanhassen areas willing to host a foreign exchange student for either the fall semester or the entire 2025/26 school year. Chanhassen High School has open exchange student spaces, and we have the option to set up a carpool for students living in Chaska. We also have the ability to place students at Eden Prairie High School, Minnetonka High School, and New Prague High School. We have quite a few young students that attend church, at a minimum, occasionally at home and desire to or are willing to attend church with their host families. These students come from countries such as: Germany, Italy, Spain, France, South Korea, Vietnam, and Brazil. Reach out to Megan Bielefeldt for more information on becoming a host family! Cell: 309-657-1900. Email: [mbielefeldt@edutrav.org](mailto:mbielefeldt@edutrav.org)

Below are the bios of two students searching for host families. You can view their full bio in the June 29 Crown Connections weekly e-newsletter.

Eloi - 15 year old boy from France. Very active in his catholic church which he says is important to him. Active in community service and activities to help support those around him. In Scouts as it gives him many opportunities to be involved in charitable activities. Interested in baseball. Enjoys swimming and volleyball and playing video games (like most teenaged boys). Family oriented. Enjoys cooking. Happy, positive, optimistic, and outgoing is how he is described.

Laura - 17 year old from Italy. She spends a lot of time at various church activities. Also, very involved in Scouts and regularly participates in charitable activities with both her church and scouts. Loves children and works at a church camp for kids during the summer. She is fitness minded and enjoys going to the gym. She also enjoys reading, especially romance novels. She is described as sensitive and empathetic, funny, witty, respectful and kind. She is a semester student.

### **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.

### **Summer Crownicle is now available!**

The Summer Crownicle features an article from Council President, Mikel Jones, on page 4. 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.

### **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 or talk to Administrative Office Assistant Sara (M-Th 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.)



## Crown of Glory Softball League Schedule

If you would like to play some or all the games, please contact Grant Taylor at 952-210-7678 or email at [grantataylor@hotmail.com](mailto:grantataylor@hotmail.com).

Date	Time	Lot	Team
30-June	7:30 p.m.	3	Zion
7-July	7:30 p.m.	3	Christ Victorious
14-July	8:40 p.m.	1	East Union
21-July	7:30 p.m.	1	Alpha
	8:40 p.m.	3	West Union
28-July	7:30 p.m.	1	Family of Christ

## Some Highlights from the Youth Mission Trip– Blue Ridge Mountains, NC:

- Service Days - worked alongside other youth groups
  - \* Salvation Army/Thrift Store - sorting and organizing donation items. Learning about the Salvation Army and what its mission is.
  - \* South Mountain Christian Camp - Cleaning cabins to get them ready for summer campers
  - \* Washburn Community Outreach Center where we distributed food
- We met youth and leaders from other areas of the country, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, and Michigan.
- Group Activities were: nature walk, catching a look at the strawberry moon one night, scavenger hunt in Forest City, a drive to Lake Lure and checking out the natural rock waterslide in Pisgah National Forest.



# Summer Worship Schedule



**Join us**

**Sundays at 9:00 a.m.  
(In Person & Livestream)**

**No Saturday Worship May 24 through August 31**



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**July 25-27, 2025**

## **Financial Update: New Location!**

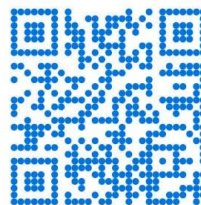
### **Financial Reports**

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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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

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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.