



# CROWN OF GLORY

ELCA LUTHERAN CHURCH

*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.*



Day of Pentecost

May 28, 2023

9:00 a.m.

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Spirit of Gentleness (Spirit, arr. Rebecca Rowland-Raybold)*

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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, Rachel Berg Scherer, to our AV technician, Bennett Eriksrud, to Krysta Flaharty for her music, and to the Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service!

## CONFESSIONAL SONG

*God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind (ELW 400, vs. 1, 3, 4)*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose word never fails, and whose promise is sure.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

P: Merciful God,

C: **we confess that we have sinned against you and our communities.  
We have squandered your blessings and hoarded your bounty.  
We have failed to be honest and have lacked the courage to speak.  
Forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

P: God is a cup of cold water when we thirst and offers boundless grace when we fail.

Receive the gift of God's mercy: all of us are freed and forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Glory to God in the Highest (ELW pg. 148)*

## 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 God,

C: **on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people through the power of your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may follow you in all that we say and do.  
Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2: 1-21

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of

each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” <sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>“In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 104

*Send Forth Your Spirit* (Marty Haugen)

**SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT**

Psalm 104, adapt. MH Marty Haugen



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## HOLY GOSPEL John 20: 19-23

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be

with you.”<sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE “A Spirit of Giving” (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Spirit of Gentleness* (ELW 396, vs. 1, 3, 4)

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

P: With the whole church on earth, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles’ Creed:

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, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

## PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

## OFFERING

*The Night You Gave Us, Lord, Has Ended* (arr. Jayne Southwick Cool)  
(Krysta, Flaharty, flute)

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

*God’s Work, Our Hands* (sung to *Earth and All Stars*) (ACS 1000, vs. 1)

God’s work, our hands: working together,  
building the future, repairing the world,  
raising up homes, planting new gardens,  
feeding the hungry and shelt’ring the cold.  
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
sharing the good news of your gospel.

## OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. God of field and forest, sea and sky,

C: **you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and**

**and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through 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**

*Holy Spirit, You are Welcome Here* (Bryan & Katie Torwalt)

#### **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 the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### **BLESSING**

**P:** The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed, bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

**C:** **Amen.**

#### **SENDING HYMN**

*O Spirit All-Embracing* (ACS 944, vs. 1&3)

#### **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Share the harvest.

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

#### **SENDING MUSIC**

*God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind* (Cwm Rhonnda, arr. Paul Manz)

## Announcements

### **Installation of Memorial to Survivors of Sexual Violence: May 22**

We celebrated the installation of the Memorial to Survivors of Sexual Violence at the Crown of Glory entrance on Monday, May 22. The memorial is created by artist Michele Gutlove, commissioned by Bishop Bill Tesch of the Northwest Area MN Synod, Trinity Lutheran Church in Moorhead, and Crown of Glory to create these art pieces as beacons of hope and healing for all survivors of sexual violence. Crown of Glory will be one of three sites in the nation to host these beautiful pieces of art. More information, including pictures of the installation, will be shared in the coming weeks. Thanks be to God!

### **Partner Bible Study: June 4**

Our sixth and final session of Animate: Practices will be on Sunday, June 4 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Sun Hall. Childcare will be provided by Krysta Flaharty, Director of Children's Ministry. Please contact Pastor Laura if you plan to attend or have any questions!

### **VBS 2023: "Operation Restoration"**

This year's VBS theme will be "Operation Restoration: Mending God's World." Kids will learn about the connections between mending actions and Bible stories. VBS is July 31 — August 4 at Crown of Glory. Please visit our website ([crownofglory.org/vbs](http://crownofglory.org/vbs)) for volunteer and participant registration.

### **Church Rummage Sale Team**

We are looking to form a team to organize a Church Rummage Sale fundraiser this summer. Please reach out to Sarah Morrow at 952-270-3158 or [sissybmorrow@gmail.com](mailto:sissybmorrow@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping. A kickoff meeting will be scheduled soon.

### **Welcome Team: Growing Faith, Growing Community!**

There is a new ministry team starting at Crown of Glory! The Welcome Team will focus on outreach, cultivating creative ideas, and partnering with current ministries to help grow the church community. If you have skills in marketing or have ideas to share, and you would like to know more about this team, please contact Pastor Reggie. We are seeking team members of all ages and levels of experience. Come and join in this exciting effort to reshape and recharge our church community!

### **Kitchen Essentials Ministry**

The Kitchen Essentials Ministry accepts all basic kitchen items. The drop-off location is on the marked table behind the CoG kitchen or at Furnishare in Chanhassen. Ongoing needs include toasters, coffee makers, silverware sets, can openers, and tea kettles. Families who qualify through the Love INC office receive boxes of everyday new or gently used items that they need. If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Cunningham at 952-239-9344 or Jodi Potter at 952-567-4397.

### **Ruby's Pantry: June 1**

Ruby's Pantry gathers various food overages, surpluses, and bumper crops into generous food bundles and distributes the food at Pop-Up Pantry locations for a \$25 contribution.

Who: Everyone (No residency or income requirements)

Where: Grace Church (9301 Eden Prairie Road, Eden Prairie)

When: Every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month

Time: 5:00-6:30 p.m.

If you have any questions, please call Loretta at 651-674-0009 or visit [rubyspantry.org](http://rubyspantry.org).

## Tom Paulson's Music Notes

“The spirit is as the spirit does.” (Rev./Rabbi Gail Nord)

“Spirit...blow through the wilderness, stir me from placidness.” (Rev. James Manley)

“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages,  
as the Spirit gave them ability.” (Acts 2:4)

“God of earthquake, God of thunder, shake us loose from lethargy.” (ELW 400)

“How will I know if he really loves me? Just feel it!” (Madonna)

When we think of God in Trinitarian ways – Father, Son, Holy Spirit; Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer – the concept of spirit seems to me to be the most elusive, the least concrete. The quotes above make that plain.

Many of us know how we feel when we've had a holy moment – an especially moving story, a stranger who went out of his way to be kind and helpful, an engaging and beautiful piece of music that left us speechless, a worship service that leaves our hearts “strangely warmed.” Perhaps, then, it is fitting that the Spirit seems to be most present in holy moments, in things that are elusive – the holy story, kindness, poetry, art, music, and nature. All these are elusive; things that need to be experienced and felt, things that are subjective instead of objective. How, then, do you measure the Holy Spirit?

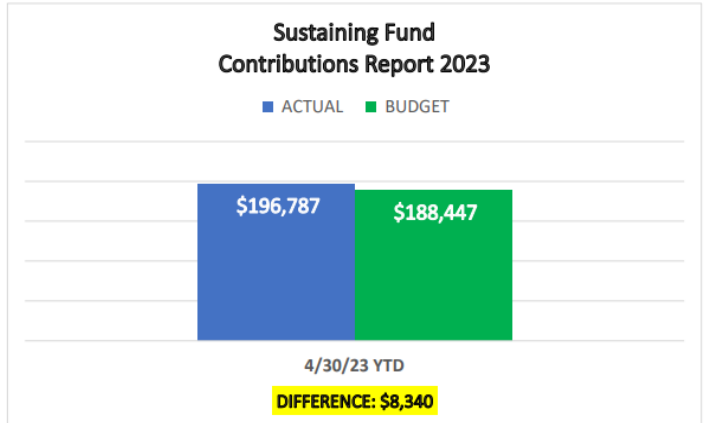
In worship this Pentecost week, listen for the presence of the Spirit - in the readings, in the preacher's stories, in the music we sing and play, etc. I suspect we can invite the presence of the Spirit; we can prepare a place for the Spirit to enter, we can feel the presence of the Spirit, all the while remembering that the Spirit is as the Spirit does. We may have to “just feel it.”



## Financial Update



To give via Venmo, scan the QR code. Include the amount you would like to contribute and the fund you are giving to.



As of 4/30/23, our budget projected total contributions YTD to be \$188,447 based on prior year trends. However, our actual contributions YTD are \$196,787. A difference of \$8,340 from our expected budget. Your gifts make a difference!

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Rebecca Varone, Pastor Reggie Klindworth,  
and Pastor Laura Laughlin

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Please Note: No food or drink is allowed in the Sanctuary,  
with the exception of water and Holy Communion.

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**Phone:** 952-448-3230  
**Office Hours:** Monday-Thursday 9:00-5:00 p.m.  
**Worship Schedule:** Saturday 5:00 p.m. & Sunday 9:00 a.m.