



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.*



Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 27, 2026

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

Your Grace is Enough (Matt Maher) (Servant Song)

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 on 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; AV technicians, Matt Scherer and Robin Bielefeldt; to Grace Becker and Servant Song for their music; and to the Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

CONFESSIONAL SONG

Holy Spirit (Francesca Battistelli)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

C: **Amen.**

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.
(*Silence is kept for reflection*)

P: Compassionate God,

C: **We confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P: Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

The Trumpets Sound, The Angels Sing (ELW 531)

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, in whom we live and move and have our being,

C: **In Christ you created the worlds, and your Spirit breathes life into the universe. We praise you for your wondrous creation. Bless us and all your handiwork with your infinite light, and direct our lives to the care of this good earth, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 25:1-9

¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

² **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³ Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴ **Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.**

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶ **Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

⁸ **You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹ You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia (DATH 15)

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 21:23-32

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

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

²³ When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?"

²⁴ Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?'" ²⁶ But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸ "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹ He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him."

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

“Be Careful What You Say” (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Only a Holy God
(Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Dustin Smith, and Rich Thompson)

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: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Salt and Light (Lauren Diagle) (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 your contribution amount.

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

All That We Have (W&P 5, refrain only)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. God of creation,

C: **You send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. 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.**

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 wish to be served at your seat, please let an usher know.

DISTRIBUTION

10,000 Reasons (Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman) (Servant Song)

COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us pray. God of our salvation,

C: **We give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ’s body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING AND SPARK DISMISSAL

P: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all by the power of the Spirit.

The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Blessed Be (Beth and Matt Redman)

DISMISSAL

P: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

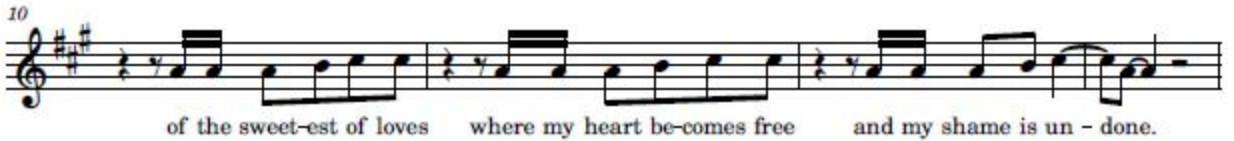
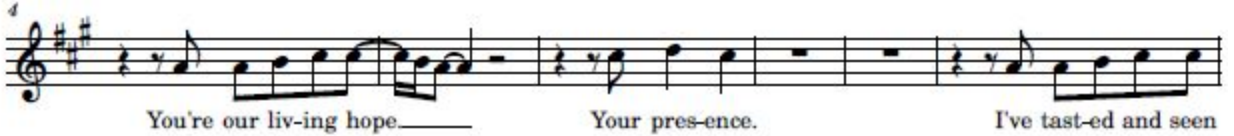
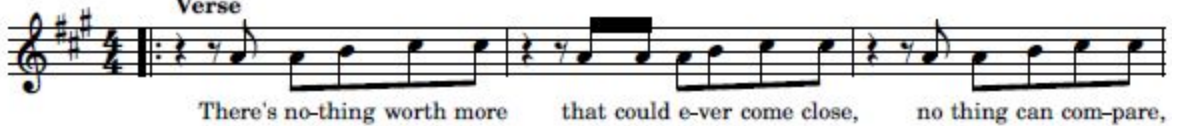
C: **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING MUSIC

Blessed Be (Beth and Matt Redman) (Servant Song)

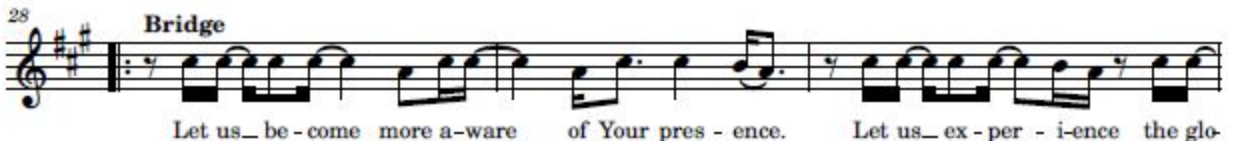
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Verse



Chorus

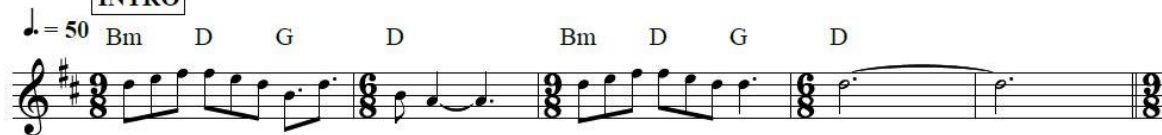
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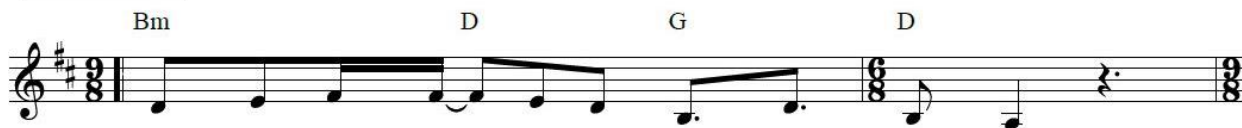
Only a Holy God

Words and Music by
Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson,
Dustin Smith and Rich Thompson

INTRO



VERSE 1 & 2



1. Who else com - mands all the hosts of heav - en?
2. What oth - er beau - ty de - mands such prais - es?



- Who else could make ev - 'ry king bow down?
What oth - er splen - dour out - shines the sun?



- Who else can whis - per and dark - ness trem - bles? On - ly a Ho - ly God.
What oth - er maj - es - ty rules with just - ice? On - ly a Ho - ly God.

CHORUS



- Come and be - hold Him, the One and the On - ly. Cry out, sing

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Only a Holy God (continued)

TURNAROUND

20 G D A Bm G A Bm D G

ho - ly, for - ev - er a Ho - ly God. Come and wor - ship the Ho - ly God.

25 D Bm D G D

Alleluia (DATH 15)

1* 2

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

3 4

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

* May be sung in canon

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All That We Have

Refrain



All that we have and all that we of - fer comes from a



heart both fright-ened and free. Take what we bring now and



give what we need, all done in your name.

Text: Gary Ault

Music: ALL THAT WE HAVE, Gary Ault

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Blessed Be Your Name

Words and Music by Beth and Matt Redman

Verses

1. Bless - ed be Your name in the land that is plen -
2. Bless - ed be Your name when I'm found in the des -
3. Bless - ed be Your name when the sun's shin - ing down
4. Bless - ed be Your name on the road marked with suf -

- ti - ful, where Your streams of a - bun - dance flow, blessed
- ert place, though I walk through the wil - der - ness, blessed
on me, when the world's all as it should be, blessed
- fer - ing, though there's pain in the of - fer - ing, blessed

Pre-Chorus

be Your name. Ev'-ry bless-ing You pour out I'll turn back to
be Your name.
be Your name.
be Your name.

praise. When the dark-ness clos-es in, Lord, still I will say, "Bless-ed be the

Chorus

name of the Lord, bless-ed be Your name." Bless-ed be the name of the Lord,

to Verse 3
bless-ed be You glo - ri - ous name." You give and take a -

-way, You give and take a - way. My heart will choose to say, "Lord, Bless-ed be Your

Back to Chorus after repeat

name." You

Transition Process Updates

A Transition Team has been assembled to help lead Crown of Glory in discerning our next faithful steps as a congregation. The team members include: Rachel Berg-Scherer, Mikel Jones, Rich Latterner, Sarah Morrow, Dee Ann Pettyjohn, Leah Skille, Grant Taylor, and Pastor Joe Orner.

What is a Transition Team?

When a pastor leaves, the challenge facing the congregation is more than just the calling of another pastor. The congregation also needs to do the internal work necessary to lay the foundation for a successful next chapter of ministry. Through reflection, assessment, conversation, and prayer—as a team and with congregational involvement—the Team’s work will culminate in the development of a Ministry Site Profile, which will describe in detail who the congregation is, where God is calling it to go in mission, and the qualities it seeks in a new pastor. After that foundational work is completed, a Call Committee will be assembled by the Church Council to continue the Call Process of bringing in our next pastor.

How long will that take?

Typically, the work of the Transition Team and Call Committee takes 6-12 months. Broadly, the Transition Team expects to work through the fall and winter, then pass on their work to the Call Committee sometime in early-mid 2027. However, that timeline will remain flexible and adaptable, as it is dependent on a wide array of schedules and other variables.

What can I do?

1. Pray for the work of the Transition Team and the ministry of this congregation.
2. Be prepared to engage in the congregational aspects of the process in the months ahead.
3. Have patience, remembering: “God has a mission. God’s mission has a church. All we’re doing is asking how we can join in.”
4. Repeat!

Announcements

Out of Office

Pastor Reggie will be out of the office attending the Bishop's Theological Conference the afternoon of Sunday, September 27 through Tuesday, September 29. Please contact Pastor Joe, 952-448-3230 ext. 4, with any pastoral care emergencies.

Sign Up on the Worship Whiteboard

All kids are encouraged to arrive by 8:55 a.m. on Sunday to get signed up to help in worship.

Adult Ministry and Education

Lutheran Women Gone Wild: Thursday, October 1

Join this group of women for good food and fellowship at The Turtle's Bar & Grill, Shakopee, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Contact Sandi Rue, sandirue@gmail.com, to RSVP or reply on the Crown of Glory Facebook page.

Men's Pub Ministry: Thursday, October 15

Join this group from 10:00-11:00 a.m. for good brew and fellowship at Fat Pants Brewing Co. in Eden Prairie.

Women's Bible Study: Saturday, October 24

Join them from 9:00-10:30 a.m. in the Crown of Glory Sun Hall.

Music

Music Rehearsals:

Servant Song- 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Chancel Chimers- 6:00-6:45 p.m.

Chancel Choir- 6:45-7:45 p.m.

NLCC Registrations

The National Lutheran Children's Choir is accepting registrations for next season (September 2026 - May 2027). Children ages 7-14 are welcome to join, no prior singing experience is necessary.

Rehearsals take place at Immanuel Lutheran Church in St. Paul. You can find more information at their website, www.nlca.com/childrens-choir.

Wednesday Night Programming

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; code available at the dinner line). Meals are prepared by the Wednesday Night Dinner Team and served by Confirmation small groups. Each dinner is served with a salad and yogurt bar.

Menu and Kitchen Helpers:

September 30	Costco Pizza	6 th Grade
October 7	Sloppy Joes and chips	8 th Grade
October 14	No Dinner	No Dinner

Connect and Confirmation: Wednesdays from 6:15-7:30 p.m.

Food Drive Night: September 30



Children and Youth

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

No SPARK: October 18



Donations, Fundraisers, and Volunteering

Make a Difference Food Drive 2026: Now through September 30

The Connect 4th-5th grade and Confirmation 6th-8th grade youth will be collecting non-perishable food items through Wednesday, September 30 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 giving 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. Please take a grocery bag and return it 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!

Bountiful Basket Donations:

During September we will also be collecting donations of hearty soup and cereal, as well as brown paper bags. These items should be placed in the Bountiful Basket bin located in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your generosity!

The Table Travels: Communion to-go kits

Available to put together after worship in the Gathering Space or at the main office during office hours (M-Th, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)



Pick up Communion to-go kits to participate in worship and communion from home, on vacation, or wherever you're joining us online. Each kit is prepackaged and gluten free so you can remain part of our church family because worship doesn't stop when you're away.

Financial Reports

Copies of the latest Financial Report can be found on the display board next to the main Church Office or by contacting our Finance Manager, Ashley Pederson, ashley@crownofglory.org.

Ways to Give to 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

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pastorreggie@crownofglory.org

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Church Council



Pictured from left to right:

Back Row: Deb Kielty, Krista Hammann, Bill Tyler, Kristi Kirsch (Secretary),
Pastor Reggie Klindworth (Senior Pastor), and Eric Larson (Vice President).

Middle Row: Leah Skille, Sherri Eriksrud (President), and Rich Latterner.

Front Row: Deb Mangen.

Staff

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Worship Schedule (All Year): Sunday 9:00 a.m.

SPARK Sunday School (Program Year): Sunday 9:55-10:35 a.m.

