



*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.*



Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 4, 2026

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

Prayer of St. Francis (Sebastian Temple, arr. Stephen DeCesare)
(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 Nico Ronan Martinez, son of Ireland and Luis Martinez, with his sponsor, Ahna Miller.
- 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, Angie Saulsbury; AV technicians, Brian Johnson and John Rekow; to Ginger Larson and the Chancel Choir for their music; and to the Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

CONFESSIONAL SONG

My Lord of Light (ELW 832, vs. 1, 2, 4)

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, vs. 1, 3)

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: Beloved God,

C: **From you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia (DATH 15)

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 21:33-46

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

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

[Jesus said:] ³³ “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” ⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is

amazing in our eyes’? ⁴³ “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

“Cornerstone” (Pastor Joe Orner)

HYMN OF THE DAY

There in God’s Garden (ELW 342, vs. 1, 3, 4)

HOLY BAPTISM

Nico Ronan Martinez

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

The Chief Cornerstone (Bradley Ellingboe) (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 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

As We Gather At Your Table (K. Lee Scott) (Chancel Choir)

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

Thine the Amen (ELW 826, vs. 1, 3, 4)

DISMISSAL

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING MUSIC

Thine the Amen (reprise)

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.

The musical score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains measures 1 and 2, and the second staff contains measures 3 and 4. The lyrics are: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final double bar line at the end of measure 4.

* 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.

The musical score is written on three staves in B-flat major (two flats). The first staff is labeled 'Refrain'. The lyrics are: '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.' The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final double bar line at the end of the third staff.

Text: Gary Ault

Music: ALL THAT WE HAVE, Gary Ault

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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

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

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.

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:

October 7	Sloppy Joes and chips	8 th Grade
October 14	No Dinner	No Dinner
October 21	Egg Bake with hashbrowns	7 th Grade

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



Children and Youth

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

No SPARK: October 18



Donations, Fundraisers, and Volunteering

Connect and Confirmation Food Drive Event

The Connect and Confirmation classes want to thank you for all your donations. The total weight of food donated was 1,620 pounds. Of that amount, 512 pounds was collected from the congregation. Thank you again for supporting Bountiful Basket and the Make a Difference Food Drive.

Bountiful Basket Donations:

During October we will be collecting donations of TBD.

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.

Donation Station

Check out the new Donation Station area in the Gathering Space.

Crown of Glory has partnerships with Bountiful Basket, Faithful Knotters, and Love INC (Kitchen Essentials). Please utilize the Donation Station to support the needs of these partnerships.

*Specific item donations can be found on each partner's sign.

*Place donations in the designated bin for which you are giving.

*Any bigger or overflow items can be placed on the bottom shelf or next to it.

Thank you for your contribution!



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.



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Online: thrivent.com/thriventchoice

Phone: 1-800-847-4836

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

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.

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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.

