



*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.*



Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

July 26, 2026

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

For the Beauty of the Earth
(Conrad Kocher, arr. Hal Leonard and Lee Dengler)
(Ginger Larson)

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 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, Sarah Morrow, AV technicians, John Rekow and Scott Saulsbury, to Ginger Larson for her music, and to the Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

CONFESSIONAL SONG

Gather Us In (ELW 532, vs. 1, 2, 4)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

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

(Silence is kept for personal reflection)

P: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of ☩ Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Kyrie Eleison (ELW 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: Let us pray.

C: **Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 119:129-136

¹²⁹Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

¹³⁰**When your word is opened it gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.**

¹³¹I open my mouth and pant
because I long for your commandments.

¹³²**Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as you always do to those who love your name.**

¹³³Order my footsteps in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

¹³⁴**Rescue me from those who oppress me,
and I will keep your commandments.**

¹³⁵Let your face shine upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.

¹³⁶**My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your teaching.**

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hallelujah (ELW 171)

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

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

³¹ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

³³ He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had

and bought it. ⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

“The Kingdom is like...” (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Be Thou My Vision (ELW 793, vs. 1-3)

A 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 others 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

*After each prayer petition, we will sing one line of ELW 752 "Lord, Listen to your Children Praying."
Finally, we will sing the full song after the last petition.*

P: Together we sing.

C: **Lord, listen to your children praying.**

C: **Lord, listen to your children praying
Lord, send your Spirit in this place
Lord, listen to your children praying
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (John Hughes, arr. Grace Floyd)
(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: Let us pray,

C: **God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer 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 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

Come, Ye Thankful People
(George J. Elvey, arr. Anne Britt and Susanne Bashford)
(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.

C: God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

In Thee is Gladness (ELW 867)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the good news of God's love.

C: Thanks be to God. We will!

SENDING MUSIC

In Thee is Gladness (Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, arr. Hal Leonard)
(Ginger Larson)

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Announcements

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.-3:30 p.m.)



This summer, we're making it easier to stay connected wherever life takes you. Church members can pick up Communion to-go kits to participate in worship and communion from home, at the cabin, on vacation, or wherever they're joining us online. Each kit is prepackaged and gluten free so you can remain part of our church family all summer long—because worship doesn't stop when you're away.

Pray for Peace

Following each 9:00 a.m. Sunday service, we invite you to gather at the Peace Pole for five minutes of prayer for peace. You are welcome to participate in whatever way feels meaningful to you—read a prayer, offer your own words, pray silently or aloud, or sing a song of peace.

Sponsored by the Justice & Inclusion Team.

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.

Crown of Glory Church League Softball Schedule:

July 27 (7:30 p.m., Lions Park, Field 1) versus St. Huberts

August 3 (8:40 p.m., Lions Park, Field 3) versus Cross of Grace

Adult Ministry and Education

Lutheran Women Gone Wild: August 6

Join this group of women for good food and fellowship at Mallards Restaurant, Shakopee, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Contact Sandi Rue, sandirue@gmail.com.

Men's Pub Ministry: August 20

Join this group from 6:30-8:00 p.m. for good brew and fellowship at Shakopee Brewhall, Shakopee.

Music

Special Music

If you are interested in performing any special music during worship this summer, contact Ginger Larson, ginger.l.larson@gmail.com.

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.

Donations, Fundraisers, and Volunteering

Carver County Fair Volunteer Opportunity

Crown of Glory has a volunteer/fundraising opportunity with the Carver County Fair. Volunteers will be working on Entry Day(s) August 10 & 11 in the Education Building - Children's Open Class Art Projects. The work of the volunteers includes accepting, tagging and organizing entries prior to judging and then assisting judges, recording results, attaching ribbons and displaying the art projects.

Eligible volunteers include adults and high-school age students.

Volunteers will receive a T-shirt and a one-day gate pass to return to the fair when it is open.

You can sign up to volunteer via the sign-up genius

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044FA8AD2FA2FC1-64727675-2026> or by contacting

Deb Peterson at dpeterson8182@hotmail.com.

Bountiful Basket Donations:

During July we will be collecting donations of spices, flour, sugar, cooking oil, brownie and cake mixes. They could also use brown paper bags. These items should be placed in the Bountiful Basket bin located in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your generosity!

A Way 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.



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.-5:00 p.m.

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

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