



*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.*



Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 23, 2026

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

Great Is the Lord
(Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith, arr. Jack Schrader)
(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 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, Darlene Carlson; AV technicians, John Rekow and Robin Bielefeldt; to Ginger Larson for her music; and to the Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

CONFESSIONAL SONG

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation (ELW 645, 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: **O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 138:1-8

- ¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- ² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**
- ³ When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.
- ⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**
- ⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- ⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**
- ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.
- ⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hallelujah (ELW 171)

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-20

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

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

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail

against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

“Who do you think Jesus is?” (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Church's One Foundation (ELW 654, vs. 1, 3, 5)

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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (Martin Luther, arr. Lucy Ferreira Rempel)
(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 come 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

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (William B. Bradbury, arr. Raluca Bojor)
(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

Faith of Our Fathers (ELW 812)

DISMISSAL

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

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

SENDING MUSIC

Faith of Our Fathers (Henri F. Hemy, arr. Beth West)
(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.)



Pick up Communion to-go kits to participate in worship and communion from home, at the cabin, 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.

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.

Adult Ministry and Education

Justice & Inclusion Team Meeting: August 25

The J & I Team will be meeting on Tuesday, August 25, at 6:30 p.m. to plan events for the coming church year. If you would like to join them, please contact Becky Varone, rebecca.varone@gmail.com.

Lutheran Women Gone Wild: September 3

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

Fantasy Football Draft Party: September 8

The league is open to players of all levels of experience. The draft party will be at Crown of Glory on September 8 at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to join in the fun, contact Grant Taylor by phone (952) 210-7678 or via email grantataylor@hotmail.com.

Music

Servant Song

We are looking for new members to join Servant Song. Particularly those interested in playing guitar or another instrument. Rehearsals will start on September 9. If you are interested email Grace Becker, grace.becker73@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

Seeking Donations for Rally Sunday Bingo

The Church Council is seeking donations of simple prizes for Rally Sunday Bingo. Keep in mind prizes can be for kids to adults. Examples include but are not limited to gift cards, candles, large candy bars, card games, toys, puzzles, or décor items. If you would like to donate, please drop off prizes at the church office in the designated Bingo Prize Box by Wednesday, September 9. Thank you for your donations!

Bountiful Basket Donations:

During August we will be collecting donations of diapers (size 4, 5, & 6), baby wipes, laundry detergent, and dish soap. 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!

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, 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

Phone: 1-800-847-4836

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

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Scan the Code:



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.