



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.*



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2024

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

Christians We Have Met to Worship (arr. Mark Hayes) (Ginger Larson)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We will be 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.
- New to Crown of Glory? Welcome! Join us after worship in the Sun Hall for fellowship, coffee, tea, and treats. See a Hospitality volunteer or one of the Pastors with questions.
- Thank you to our Worship Assistant, Amy Alberg, to our AV Technicians, Matt Scherer and Scott Saulsbury, to Ginger Larson, Rachel Berg Scherer, and Melissa Whiting for their music, and to our Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

CONFESSIOAL SONG

Be Thou My Vision (ELW 793, vs. 1, 2, 4)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

C: **Amen.**

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,

C: **help us in our unbelief.**

Help us when we question your ways that differ from our ways.

Help us when we rely on our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

Help us when we struggle with your teachings that challenge us.

Turn us again to you, share your words of eternal life, and renew us for life in this world.

Amen.

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

We Are Marching in the Light (ELW 866, 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: O God our strength,

C: **we are wayward creatures. Guide us in our seeking and wandering, forgive us for our mistakes, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING James 1:17-27

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. ²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. ²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hallelujah (ELW 171)

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

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

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' ⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

²¹"For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

"Catch 22" (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Guide My Feet (ACS 987, vs. 1, 3, 5)

STATEMENT OF FAITH

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: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

I Exalt Thee (arr. Mark Hayes) (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

One Bread, One Body (ELW 496, vs. 2)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Jesus, Bread of life,

C: you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. 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

Words (Dennis Wallisch)

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

DISTRIBUTION

Eat This Bread (arr. Jeanne Cotter) (Ginger Larson)

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: Jesus, Bread of life,

C: we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love this world in your name. Amen.

BLESSING

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Take My Life, That I May Be (ELW 583, vs. 1-3)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God!

SENDING MUSIC

Take My Life (reprise) (Ginger Larson)

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Guide My Feet

Leader

All

1 Guide my feet
 2 Hold my hand
 3 Stand by me while I run this race.
 4 I'm your child
 5 Search my heart

Yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet
 Hold my hand
 Stand by me while I run this race.
 I'm your child
 Search my heart

Yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet
 Hold my hand
 Stand by me while I run this race,
 I'm your child
 Search my heart

for I don't want to run this race in vain.

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Financial Update

July
**Sustaining Fund
Contributions Report
7/31/2024 YTD**

■ ACTUAL ■ BUDGET



DIFFERENCE: \$(27,201)

Our 2024 YTD budget goal for contributions through July was \$325,500.

Total contributions through July were \$298,300, a difference of **\$(27,201)** behind our YTD budget goal. Your continued gifts and support make a difference. Thank you!

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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Church Council



Back row, from left to right:

Pastor Laura Laughlin, Sherri Eriksrud, Kristi Kirsch, Mikel Jones (Secretary), Eric Larson,
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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
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Summer Worship Schedule: Sunday 9:00 a.m.