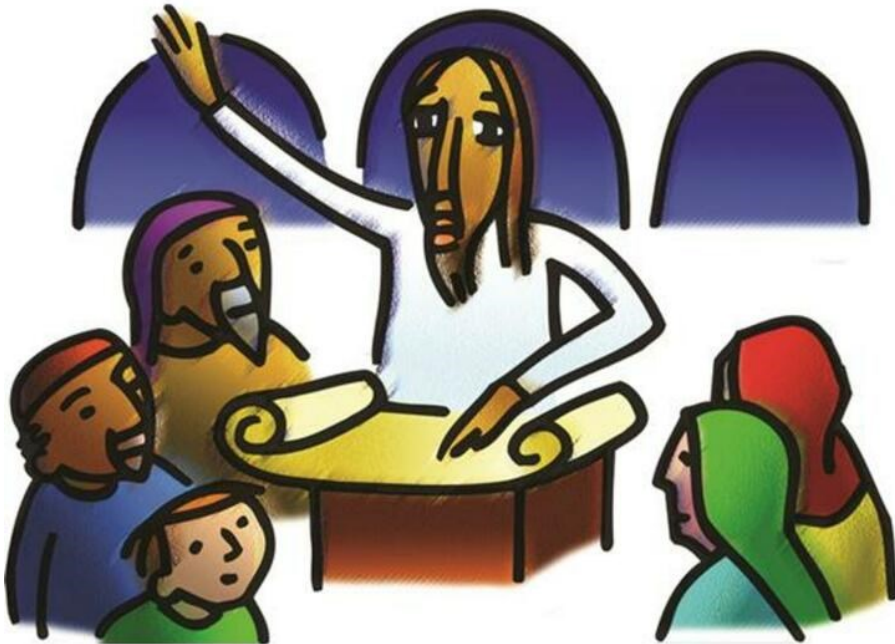




**CROWN
OF GLORY**
ELCA LUTHERAN CHURCH

*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.*



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2024

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

In the Garden (BH 476)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We will be celebrating Holy Communion in worship today.
- We are celebrating the baptism of Nora Lynn Rydberg, daughter of Rachel and Tony Rydberg, with her sponsors, Jacob and Kat Bjorhus and Victoria and Jeff Nania.
- 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, Carol Hauck, to our AV Technicians, Bennett Eriksrud and Matt Scherer, to the Treble Trio (Amy Larson, Jodi Barnett, and Kate Peterson) and Ginger Larson for their music, and to our Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

CONFESSONAL SONG

Blessed Assurance (ELW 638, vs. 1 & 3)

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: Holy God,

C: **your word feeds your people with nourishment that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth so that we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people,

¹⁴“Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” ¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hallelujah (ELW 171)

HOLY GOSPEL John 6:56-69

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. ⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” ⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

“Don't Think Twice” (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Bread of Life from Heaven (ELW 474, vs. 2-4)

HOLY BAPTISM

Nora Lynn Rydberg

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

Amen (Bede Benjamin-Korporaal, Jessie Early, and Rita Springer;
arr. Pastor Laura Laughlin) (Treble Trio, 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

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

Bread of Heaven (Alexia Tiliakos, Ethan Parker, and Sam Otero;
arr. Pastor Laura Laughlin) (Treble Trio, 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

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer (ELW 618)

DISMISSAL

- P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
- C: **Thanks be to God!**

SENDING MUSIC

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer (arr. Pam Asberry) (Ginger Larson)

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Announcements

Sign Up on the Worship Whiteboard

Kids of all ages are invited to write their name on the Worship Whiteboard next to a worship opportunity they would like to help with during the service. Please note that the markers will only be available on Sunday mornings; they will be removed after worship is done. There is a sign with descriptions of each opportunity next to the whiteboard that includes who to talk to or go find when it is time for that opportunity in worship. We will check the whiteboard **five minutes** before worship to know who will be helping during the service. Be sure to get to worship in time for your child to sign up with the opportunity they want! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Laura (pastorlaura@crownofglory.org).



SPARK and Connect Registration is OPEN:

SPARK is for children ages 3 - 3rd grade and takes place on Sunday mornings from 9:55-10:35 a.m. For more information please contact Interim Director of SPARK Ministry Gretchen at gretchen@crownofglory.org.

Connect is for children in 4th and 5th grade and takes place on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 p.m. For more information please contact Pastor Reggie, pastorreggie@crownofglory.org. To register for SPARK and Connect go to www.crownofglory.org/children or click on the link provided in the Crown Connections weekly eNewsletter.

Fantasy Football

Calling for Fantasy Football Players: Soon it will be time to sign up for the Fantasy Football League. The league is open to players of all levels of experience. We are trying for a league with 8 to 12 teams. The draft party will be at Crown of Glory on September 3 at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to join in the fun, contact Grant Taylor via email grantataylor@hotmail.com.

Announcements

Cell Phone Collection Continuing through Today, Sunday, August 25

The Justice and Inclusion Team is collecting used cell phones and chargers to donate to the Southern Valley Alliance, a local nonprofit that assists victims of domestic violence in Carver and Scott Counties. Clients use phones with chargers to place 911 emergency calls. Southern Valley Alliance sells phones without chargers to fund its mission to end domestic violence in Carver and Scott Counties. If you wish, you can delete information in your used phone by going to settings and selecting "Transfer or reset iPhone." Please place your phone(s) and/or charger(s) in the designated box in the Gathering Space. Thank you!

Crown of Glory's Monthly Pledge to the Bountiful Basket Food Shelf

During August we will be collecting donations of toilet paper and feminine hygiene products. These items should be placed in the bin located in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your contributions!

Fare for All: August 29 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Crown of Glory Sanctuary

Fare for All is a pop-up grocery store and a great way to save money on quality, nutritious food. Fare For All buys fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, and frozen meat in bulk to save you up to 40% off grocery store prices. Fare For All is community supported and open to everyone. Fare For All accepts cash, credit, debit, and EBT cards. This months hot buy is a Local Meat Pack selling for \$35. This pack includes meats from producers in Minnesota and Iowa.

Shoe Away Hunger Bus: August 29 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Crown of Glory Sun Hall

Shoe Away Hunger offers affordable quality footwear for those in need.

Crown of Glory Building and Office Closed: Monday, September 2 in observation of Labor Day

Regular building and office hours will resume Tuesday, September 3

SPARK Orientation: September 4 at 5:30 p.m. or September 14 at 10:00 a.m.

This orientation is for volunteer SPARK Leaders and Helpers.

Connect and Confirmation Orientation Night: September 4

Connect at 6:00 p.m. and Confirmation at 6:30 p.m.

Music Rehearsals Begin: September 4

Servant Song: 5:00 p.m. Chancel Chimers: 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir: 6:45 p.m.

Lutheran Women Gone Wild: September 5 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Join this group of women at Cuzzy's Brick House in Chaska for good food and fellowship. Contact Sandi Rue (srue@rues.org) with any questions and to RSVP.



**Beginning September 7 & 8
Worship Service Schedule**

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.
(In Person)

Sundays at 9:00 a.m.
(In Person & Livestream)

Blessing of the Backpacks

During Worship Service

September 7 & 8

Saturday
at 5:00 p.m.



Sunday
at 9:00 a.m.

SAVE THE DATES

Rally Week
September 4-11,
2024

Announcements

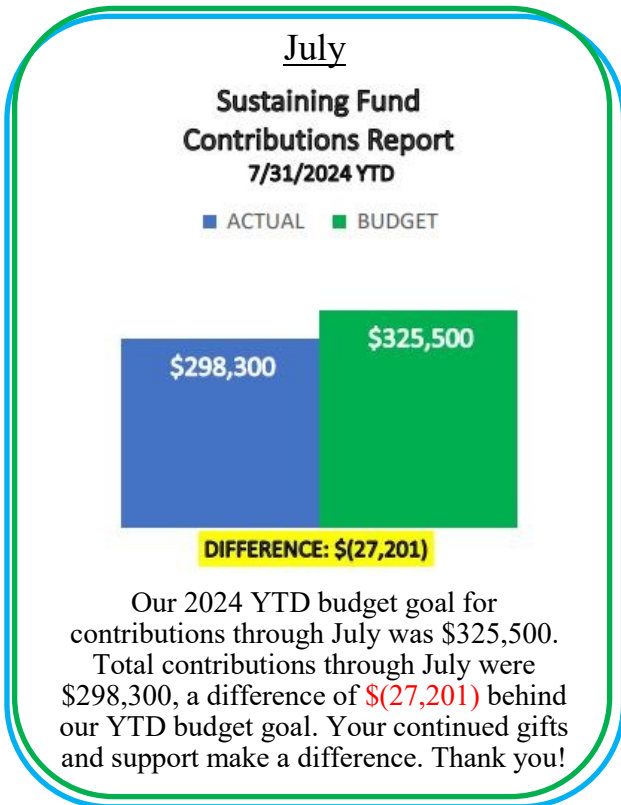
Rally Weekend: September 7 and 8

The 3rd Annual Block Party will be on Saturday, September 7 after the 5:00 p.m. service. Join us for tacos, music, lawn games, and bounce house. At 7:00 p.m. break out your boots and join in some line dancing led by senior high youth who attended the National Youth Gathering! Come back Sunday for breakfast and bingo after the 9:00 a.m. service. The Ministry Fair will be set up after both services. Sign-up to volunteer for the Block Party at the table located in the Gathering Space or use the link in the Crown Connections weekly eNewsletter.

Ministry Fair: September 7 and 8 at Crown of Glory in the Sun Hall

Want to know more about what ministries Crown of Glory has to offer? Come check out the Ministry Fair during Rally Weekend for information, registrations, meeting Ministry Leaders, and more!

Financial Update



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

pastorreggie@crownofglory.org

Scan the Code:



Charitable Giving Information

Investment groups have great information on tax savings that help you give more to charitable causes and could save you money overall. Win/win! Check out this link for ideas (disclaimer, we do not give tax advice, simply serving up ideas for your review with your tax advisor).

<https://www.fidelitycharitable.org/guidance/charitable-tax-strategies.html>

Church Council



Back row, from left to right:

Pastor Laura Laughlin, Sherri Eriksrud, Kristi Kirsch, Mikel Jones (Secretary), Eric Larson,
Pastor Reggie Klindworth, Bob Chinnock

Front row, from left to right:

Deb Mangen, Sarah Morrow (Vice President), Kate Peterson (President), Deb Peterson

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Worship Schedule (Program Year): Saturday 5:00 p.m. & Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Summer Worship Schedule: Sunday 9:00 a.m.