



*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 18, 2022

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love
(Chereponi, arr. Ronald Nelson and Wayne Kerr)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are 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.
- Thank you to our Worship Assistant, Amy Alberg, to our AV technicians, John Rekow and Matt Scherer, to the Chancel Chimers for their music, and to the Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service!

CONFSSIONAL SONG

We Come to the Hungry Feast (ELW 479)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who is eager to forgive and loves us beyond our days.

C: **Amen.**

P: Dear friends, let us confess our sins, acknowledging our failure to love this world as Jesus does, as we take a moment for our own personal reflections.

Silence kept for reflection.

P: God of mercy and forgiveness,

C: **we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction and show us the path that leads to life through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

P: Beloved of God: our sins are forgiven and we are made whole. God leads us to a new life in Christ, who journeys with us in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Now the Feast of Celebration (ELW 167)

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. God among us,

C: **we gather in your name to learn how to love one another. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Amos 8:4-7

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, ⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, ⁶buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.” ⁷The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil (ELW 512)

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 16:1-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

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

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. ¹⁰“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

BIBLE MILESTONE

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE "Focusing on the Forever" (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (ELW 708)

STATEMENT OF FAITH

P: With the whole church on earth, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed:

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Joy and Elation (Cynthia Dobrinski) (Chancel Chimers)

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!

OFFERTORY

God's Work, Our Hands (*Earth and All Stars*) (Wayne Wold and David Johnson)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Gracious God,

C: **in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Transform these gifts into a banquet of blessing, and inspire us to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. 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 wafer and a cup with either wine or grape-juice. Allergen-free elements are available upon request. 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

The Heart of Worship (Matt Redman)

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: Let us pray. God of abundance, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace for the journey, that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

P: God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the Holy Trinity, one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind (ELW 400)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

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

SENDING MUSIC

Fanfare (Craig Sellars Lang)

Tom Paulson's Music Notes

God's Work, Our Hands

*God's work, our hands: working together, building a future, repairing the world,
raising up homes, planting new gardens, feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name, sharing the good news of your Gospel.*

(All Creation Sings 1000)

When we worship together, we have the opportunity to hear God's word, learn what it means for our lives, and see the ways God is working in this world to make it a better place. God invites us then to be a part of it, to respond to hearing the word, and to build up the kingdom of God. Money is only one of the many ways we can and do contribute. We also have gifts, talents, skills, and creativity to contribute.

When we come to that time of response in our worship, we sing a song together called the Offertory. It is a song of thanksgiving to God for the many ways God has gifted us. It also is a song of remembrance. We remember who we are, whose we are, and why we are here. This fall, we are singing a new song titled *God's Work, Our Hands* as our Offertory. The words were written in 2019 for a the ELCA assembly. They are sung to a favorite tune, *Earth and All Stars* (ELW 731).

Take a good read of those words. They remind me of St. Francis' remark that one "should preach by their deeds." I appreciate poets who write new texts to be sung to familiar tunes. It makes our work just a little bit easier when we already know the music.

Announcements

Holy Baptism

As one community of faith, we celebrated the Holy Baptism of Giuliana Rica Meier and Graham Joseph Meier on Saturday, September 17. Giuliana and Graham are the children of Bethany and Peter Meier, with Jenna Aho & Christopher Meier and Haley Anderson & Marissa Gold as sponsors.

Adult Forum: "The Time after Pentecost"

Join us in the Sun Hall after worship for a presentation on the liturgical season of the "Time after Pentecost." Why is this season referred to as an "ordinary" time? What does it mean for our faith? Come for a discussion of these questions and more! All are welcome!

SPARK Registration is Open

SPARK registration is now open! If you have a kiddo between age 3 and 3rd grade, be sure to visit our website (crownofglory.org/sunday-school-registration) to sign them up.

Study for Partners: September 18

Partners of all shapes and sizes (i.e. any two people who share a close relationship: an adult and their parent, two good friends, romantic partners, siblings, etc.) are welcome to join in the Partner Bible Study! Our first introductory session of the program year (with potluck dinner) is this Sunday, September 18 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Sun Hall. Childcare will be provided by Krysta Flaherty, Director of Children's Ministry. Please contact Pastor Laura if you plan to attend or have any questions!

Adopt a Highway Cleanup: October 1

Crown of Glory has adopted a 2-mile stretch of Highway 212 (between Highway 41 and Big Woods Blvd) to help keep our community clean!

Join us for the fall cleanup on October 1 sponsored by the Creation Care Team. Please meet in the church parking lot at 9:45 a.m. for a brief orientation. Participating youth must be 12 years of age or older. If you plan to attend or have questions, please contact Scott Firman (scfirman@comcast.net).

Worship Service with Blessing of the Animal: October 1

Bring your pet, foster pet, or grandpet to the Blessing of the Animals outdoor service on Saturday, October 1 at 5:00 p.m. Photos of current or past pets will also be blessed! Let's celebrate all of God's creatures.

Crown of Glory Fall Social

Adults, join us for an evening of fun and fellowship, Oktoberfest style! The Fall Social will be held at Crown of Glory in the Sun Hall on Friday, October 14 from 6:00–10:00 p.m.

The evening will include live music, a social hour, a German-themed meal, silent and live auctions, and a dessert auction! Beer, wine, and keg root beer will be available for purchase. Proceeds from this event will be used to help fulfill Crown of Glory's mission to "Welcome All" by adding power-assist doors to building entrances and a hearing-assist system in the Sanctuary.

The price per ticket is \$40 if purchased by October 7 or \$50 if purchased between October 8-14. Tickets will be on sale after services at the Fall Social table near the monitor in the Gathering Space (cash, check, Venmo, or PayPal accepted). Complimentary onsite childcare and a pizza dinner will be provided.

We are also looking for silent auction items. For ideas, see the list on the Fall Social table. If you have an item you would like to donate, please contact Grant Taylor (grantataylor@hotmail.com).

Opportunities to Serve

SPARK and Kiddos' Corner Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to sign up for both the Kiddos' Corner and SPARK on Sundays!

Volunteer opportunities include leading a game, reading a story, helping with a craft, and distributing supplies. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please fill out a SPARK registration form on our website (crownofglory.org/sunday-school-registration) and fill in your availability on Signup Genius via our website (crownofglory.org/children). Please also plan to attend the orientation session on Wednesday, September 14 from 5:00-5:30 p.m. Thank you!

Hospitality Volunteers Needed

Hospitality teams are looking for volunteers. If you can help out with greeting, ushering, communion, and fellowship for the 9:00 a.m. service on Sunday, please contact Grant Taylor (952-210-7678). For the 5:00 p.m. service on Saturdays, please contact Mary Leopold (952-500-3341).

Individuals and families are welcome, and training can be provided.

Worship Attendance

Saturday, September 10

5:00 p.m.: 68

Sunday, September 11

9:30 a.m.: 111

9:30 a.m.: 26 Livestream Views

Next Day: 53 Total Views

Financial Update

August Giving Update

Monthly Expenses	\$60,162
Monthly Rental Income	\$7,703
Giving Through 8/31/22	\$41,879
Total Revenue	\$49,582

Sustaining Fund Summary: August 31, 2022

YTD Mortgage & Cash Payments	\$496,292
YTD Revenue	\$469,917
Balance	(-\$26,375)

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Worship Schedule: Saturday 5:00 p.m. & Sunday 9:00 a.m.