



**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.*



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 2024

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

Jesu, Jesu Fill Us With Your Love (arr. Bradley Sowash) (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, David Delforge, to our AV Technicians, Brian Boche and John Rekow, to Ginger Larson, the Treble Trio (Kate Peterson, Jodi Barnett, Amy Alberg), and to the Chancel Choir for their music, and to our Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

Pastor Laura Laughlin

CONFESSIONAL SONG

God Is Here! (ELW 526, vs. 1, 3, 4)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing, taking a moment for our own personal reflections.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us.**

**We confess that with one breath we honor you and with another we harm our neighbors.
Our prejudices cause conflicts and disputes.**

Our selfishness distracts us from valuing equality.

We fail to prioritize the needs of the poor and suffering before our own.

**In your great mercy, forgive us our sins and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, all your sins are forgiven.

C: **Amen.**

KYRIE

Kyrie Eleison (ELW pg. 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: O God, teacher and guide,

C: **you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 54

¹Save me, O God, by your name;
in your might, defend my cause.

²**Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life,
those who have no regard for God.

⁴**Behold, God is my helper;
it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

⁵Render evil to those who spy on me;
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

⁶**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.**

⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye looks down on my enemies.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (ELW 172)

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 9:30-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

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

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. ³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

“What is Greatness?” (Pastor Laura Laughlin)

HYMN OF THE DAY

God, We Gather as Your People (ACS 1038, vs. 1, 2, 4)

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: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

As We Gather at Your Table (K. Lee Scott) (Chancel Choir)

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

All That We Have (W&P 5)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O God,

C: **source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior 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 need to be served at your seat, please let an usher know.

DISTRIBUTION

Testify to Love (Paul Fied, Henk Pool, Ralph Van Manen, Robert Riekert;
arr. Pastor Laura Laughlin)
(Treble Trio)

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: Holy God,

C: **you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

BLESSING

P: God all mighty,
God most merciful
✠ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (ELW 843)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

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

SENDING MUSIC

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (arr. Renee Hyche McKee)
(Ginger Larson)

Kyrie

(ELW pg. 184)

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for
hun-gry and the poor; that
friends and fam-i-ly; for
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

God, We Gather As Your People



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we
that they nev - er have a rea - son to
May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.
join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

Refrain



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.

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God, We Gather as Your People (continued)



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Announcements

Bishop's Theological Conference: September 29-October 1

Pastor Reggie and Pastor Laura will be out of the office Sunday afternoon through Tuesday. They will resume their regular office hours Wednesday, October 2. For pastoral emergencies, please contact Pastor Charlie McDonald at 954-491-0882 or email pastorcharlie@chaskamoravian.org.

Announcements

Sign Up on the Worship Whiteboard

Located to the left of the Hospitality Station outside the main Sanctuary entrance, this board is available to kids of all ages to volunteer to help in worship with things like passing the Offering plates, serving Communion to the Pastors, lighting candles, etc. All kids are encouraged to arrive by 4:55 p.m. on Saturday or 8:55 a.m. on Sunday to get signed up.

Fall 2024 First Communion Class: Today

Fall First Communion Class is coming up! The 3rd and 4th grade students who do not yet receive Holy Communion are encouraged to join. Pastor Reggie, in partnership with Peter Potter, will offer a First Communion instruction class on Sunday, September 22 at 1:00 p.m. in the Sun Hall. At least one parent of guardian must attend the class with each student.

The celebration of First Communion in worship for this class of students will be October 12 (5:00 p.m.) and October 13 (9:00 a.m.).

*Please note: children who are younger than 3rd grade and ready to receive Holy Communion are also welcome! Visit our website to register (www.crownofglory.org/milestones) and contact Pastor Reggie with any questions.

Sunday Conversations: Today from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Sun Hall

Formerly the Study for Partners, this group is now open to all adults! Sunday Conversations is an adult study that covers a wide variety of biblical, social justice, and timely topics. Contact Pastor Laura for more information.

Senior High School Mission Trip Meeting: September 23

Five high school youth and two adults attended a Mission Trip experience and the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA this past summer! For their Mission Trip experience, they partnered with Youthworks to serve in a variety of ways including partnering with local organization distribution and sorting a variety of Marti Gras items, while working with adults with special needs. Have you ever thought about joining a high school Mission Trip! We're seeking students 8th-12th grade to attend an exploration and information night on Monday, September 23 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. We'll explore what to expect on our Mission Trip and consider possible locations around the country! For more information contact [Pastor Reggie](#).

Fare for All: September 26 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the CoG Sun Hall

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. The hot buy for September is Tailgate Bratwurst (16 oz) selling for \$4.00.

“The Shack” Book Discussion Group: October 6 (Sign up by September 30)

Would you like to participate in a book discussion of “The Shack” by William P. Young with other members of Crown of Glory? We will begin on Sunday, October 6 right after the 9:00 a.m. service and will meet weekly for 7 or 8 weeks. We hope that our discussion group will be able to watch the movie at church following the completion of the book discussions. We need at least 6 people to sign up to move forward. Please sign up by September 30. For more information and/or to register email Denise Tyler (abilladee@gmail.com), click on the link provided in the September 12 Crown Connections weekly eNewsletter, or on the sign up sheet in the Gathering Space.

Announcements

Make a Difference Food Drive 2024: Now through September 25

The Connect 4th-5th grade and Confirmation 6th-8th grade youth will be collecting non-perishable food items through Wednesday, September 25 until 5:00 p.m. The food collected will be donated to the local Bountiful Basket Food Shelf in Chaska. We are inviting everyone at Crown of Glory to join in this year's food drive. Please consider gifting one or more of the following food items: canned soups, vegetables and fruits, tuna fish, pasta, rice, cereal, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, and instant potatoes. Please no fresh produce or frozen foods. You can find the food collection bags to use in the Gathering Space. Please take a bag and return with your collected non-perishables to the designated area in the Gathering Space. Thank you for supporting this year's Make a Difference Food Drive!

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|  SPARK Registration is OPEN SPARK is for children ages 3 - 3rd grade and takes place on Sunday mornings from 9:55-10:35 a.m. Register at www.crownofglory.org/children |  Connect Registration is OPEN Connect is for children in 4th and 5th grade and takes place on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Register at www.crownofglory.org/children |  Confirmation Registration is OPEN Confirmation is for youth in 6th through 8th grade and takes place on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Register at www.crownofglory.org/middle-school-youth |
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SPARK, Connect, and Confirmation Registrations are OPEN!

To register, go to the corresponding website listed or click on the links provided in the Crown Connections weekly eNewsletter.

- For more information about SPARK please contact Interim Director of SPARK Ministry Gretchen at gretchen@crownofglory.org.
- For more information about Connect or Confirmation please contact Pastor Reggie, pastorreggie@crownofglory.org.

Justice & Inclusion Team Collections: Now through October

The Justice & Inclusion Team will be doing 2 collections. One collection is for non-food items for Bountiful Basket (Diapers sizes 3-6, baby wipes, Kleenex, toilet paper, paper towels, feminine hygiene products, shampoo, conditioner). The second collection is for socks and underwear for sockdrawers.org. Look for these collection bins in the Gathering Space.

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

During September we will be collecting donations of pasta, instant potatoes, and rice. These items should be placed in the bin located in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your contributions!

Wednesday Night Dinners:

Do you want a night off from making dinner? Join us for a wonderful meal and fellowship on Wednesday nights. Dinner is served almost every Wednesday from 5:15-6:15 p.m. The cost is \$5 per youth or \$15 per family. Meals are prepared by the Wednesday Night Dinner Team and served by Confirmation small groups.

Upcoming Menu:

September 25– Pizza

October 2– Chicken and Mac 'n' Cheese

October 9– Taco Bar

Confirmation Kitchen Helpers:

7th Grade Boys

7th Grade Girls

6th Grade Boys

All meals are served with a salad bar, yogurt and granola bar, and fruit.

Financial Update

August **Sustaining Fund Contributions Report** 8/31/2024 YTD

■ ACTUAL ■ BUDGET



DIFFERENCE: \$(38,592)

Our 2024 YTD budget goal for contributions through August was \$372,000. Total contributions through August were \$333,409, a difference of **\$(38,592)** 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.



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>



Fall Crownicle Now Available

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! There are a few printed copies available for reading at the church and it is also available to view online on the Crown of Glory website or in the special CC sent September 5.

You're Invited!

Worship with
Blessing
- of the -
ANIMALS



Saturday, October 5
Crown of Glory Sun Hall
5:00 p.m.

Hope you and your pet
friends can make it!

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.