



*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.*



Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
Peace Sunday

September 20, 2026

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING OUTSIDE AT PEACE POLE

LITANY OF PEACE

- P: O God our Creator, we are your people in a world that is thirsty for your peace.
- C: **You offer reconciliation and lasting hope to all who cry out to you.**
- P: O God our provider, amid the brokenness and the uncertainties of this world, our cup is nearly empty.
- C: **You call us your children, together as one community of faith. Claimed and unclaimed, accepted and rejected, together and alone, we cry out to you for your peace.**
- P: O God our redeemer, you shelter us in our time of need, you cover us in your light, and you deliver us with your love.
- C: **Come near to us now, O God. May your spirit be alive in our song. May your presence be known at our table. May this world be filled with your peace.**
- P: As we gather here today, we give thanks for this great reminder of peace. This Peace Pole was installed and dedicated in 2018 by our very first "Peace Team". There are 8 known languages on this pole, with same exact phrase in each language. The pole reads: "May Peace Prevail on Earth". Today we re-dedicate this pole, as we do every year, as a symbol of our hope and one powerful expression of peace. We commemorate the International Day of Peace, where people from all over the world offer one minute of silence-thinking, praying and living out the peace that God wants for us all.

PROCESSIONAL SONG

Peace Like a River (TFF 258)

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 Assistants, Steve Mangen, Dee Ann Pettyjohn, Becky Varone, and Sally Nelson; AV technicians, John Rekow and Scott Saulsbury; to Tabitha Hanson, Lexi Morrow, and John Varone for their music; and to the Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.
- C: **Amen.**

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

P: Compassionate God,

C: **We confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P: Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through † Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

The Trumpets Sound, The Angels Sing (ELW 531)

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: God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Jonah 3:10-4:11

¹⁰ When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it. ^{4:1} But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ³ And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴ And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. ⁶ The Lord God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.” ⁹ But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” ¹⁰ Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into

being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia (DATH 15)

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 20:1-16

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³ But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

"Dear, Dear, Ninevah" (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

HYMN OF THE DAY

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (ELW 588, vs. 1, 3, 4)

STATEMENT OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)

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

My Peace (Arlo Guthrie) (Lexi Morrow and John Varone, duet)

The offering will be received in offering plates during worship.

To give by phone with *Text-to-Give*, text 833-497-3991 with your contribution amount.

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We give thanks and praise for all gifts given toward our on-going mission.

OFFERTORY

All That We Have (W&P 5, refrain only)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. God of creation,

C: **You send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. 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

Goodness of God
(Jenn Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Ben Fielding and Brian Johnson)
(Lexi Morrow)

COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: Amen.

P: Let us pray. Sustaining God,
C: **With this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

BLESSING AND SPARK DISMISSAL

P: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.
The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all by the power of the Spirit.
The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.
C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Voices Raised to You (ELW 845, vs. 1, 2, 4)

DISMISSAL

P: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING MUSIC

Shine, Jesus, Shine (arr. Tom Gerou and Victor Labenske)
(Tabitha Hanson)

Peace Like a River (TFF 258)

1	I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river in my soul; I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.	2	I’ve got joy like a fountain, I’ve got joy like a fountain, I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul; I’ve got joy like a fountain, I’ve got joy like a fountain, I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul.	3	I’ve got love like an ocean, I’ve got love like an ocean, I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul; I’ve got love like an ocean, I’ve got love like an ocean, I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul.
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Alleluia (DATH 15)

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

3 4

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains measures 1 and 2, and the second staff contains measures 3 and 4. The lyrics are 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' repeated for each measure. Measure 1 has a first ending bracket and an asterisk. Measure 3 has a second ending bracket.

* May be sung in canon

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All That We Have

Refrain

All that we have and all that we of - fer comes from a heart both fright-ened and free. Take what we bring now and give what we need, all done in your name.

The musical score is written on three staves in B-flat major (two flats). The first staff is labeled 'Refrain'. The lyrics are 'All that we have and all that we of - fer comes from a heart both fright-ened and free. Take what we bring now and give what we need, all done in your name.' The score includes a repeat sign at the end of the third staff.

Text: Gary Ault

Music: ALL THAT WE HAVE, Gary Ault

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Transition Process Updates

A Transition Team has been assembled to help lead Crown of Glory in discerning our next faithful steps as a congregation. The team members include: Rachel Berg-Scherer, Mikel Jones, Rich Latterner, Sarah Morrow, Dee Ann Pettyjohn, Leah Skille, Grant Taylor, and Pastor Joe Orner.

What is a Transition Team?

When a pastor leaves, the challenge facing the congregation is more than just the calling of another pastor. The congregation also needs to do the internal work necessary to lay the foundation for a successful next chapter of ministry. Through reflection, assessment, conversation, and prayer—as a team and with congregational involvement—the Team’s work will culminate in the development of a Ministry Site Profile, which will describe in detail who the congregation is, where God is calling it to go in mission, and the qualities it seeks in a new pastor. After that foundational work is completed, a Call Committee will be assembled by the Church Council to continue the Call Process of bringing in our next pastor.

How long will that take?

Typically, the work of the Transition Team and Call Committee takes 6-12 months. Broadly, the Transition Team expects to work through the fall and winter, then pass on their work to the Call Committee sometime in early-mid 2027. However, that timeline will remain flexible and adaptable, as it is dependent on a wide array of schedules and other variables.

What can I do?

1. Pray for the work of the Transition Team and the ministry of this congregation.
2. Be prepared to engage in the congregational aspects of the process in the months ahead.
3. Have patience, remembering: “God has a mission. God’s mission has a church. All we’re doing is asking how we can join in.”
4. Repeat!

Announcements

Crown of Glory is forming a Capital Committee

Crown of Glory is forming a Capital Committee to identify, evaluate, and prioritize potential capital projects for the church. This planning-focused approach will help us anticipate major maintenance needs and move forward with building and property improvements that support Crown of Glory’s mission, enhance the facility, and serve the congregation’s well-being. The committee will include representatives from the Finance Committee, Church Council, and volunteers with relevant expertise. We are seeking a few additional members to join the team. If you are passionate about this work or have experience that could contribute to the committee’s efforts, we would welcome hearing from you. The expected commitment is about ten meetings per year, along with some independent work researching projects or vetting vendors and resources. The first meeting is planned for the end of September/early October. If you are interested or would like to learn more, please contact Sherri Eriksrud at seriksrud@bachmans.com or 612-760-1766.

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.

Fall Crownicle 2026

The Fall Crownicle features an article from Council Member, Deb Kielty. There are also a few printed copies available for reading at the church and is available to view online on the Crown of Glory website.

Adult Ministry and Education

Justice & Inclusion Team Meeting: September 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Lutheran Women Gone Wild: October 1

Join this group of women for good food and fellowship at The Turtle's Bar & Grill, Shakopee, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Contact Sandi Rue, sandirue@gmail.com, to RSVP or reply on the Crown of Glory Facebook page.

Music

Music Rehearsals:

Servant Song-5:00-6:00 p.m.

Chancel Chimers-Starts September 23-6:00-6:45 p.m.

Chancel Choir-6:45-7:45 p.m.

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.

Wednesday Night Programming

Wednesday Night Dinner

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 \$6 per youth or \$16 per family (cash or Venmo). Crown of Glory Venmo code is available at the dinner line for payment option. Meals are prepared by the Wednesday Night Dinner Team and served by Confirmation small groups.

Connect and Confirmation: Wednesdays from 6:15-7:30 p.m.



Connect Registration is OPEN

Connect is for children in 4th and 5th grade and takes place on Wednesday evenings from 6:15-7:30 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 6:15-7:30 p.m.

Register at www.crownofglory.org/middle-school-youth

Children and Youth

SPARK Sunday School: Today



First Communion Instruction Class: Today from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the CoG Sun Hall

All 3rd and 4th grade students who have not received communion instructions are encouraged to attend, but all ages are welcome.

Senior High Youth Group Event: Today from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Crown of Glory Sun Hall.

Donations, Fundraisers, and Volunteering

Make a Difference Food Drive 2026: Now through September 30

The Connect 4th-5th grade and Confirmation 6th-8th grade youth will be collecting non-perishable food items through Wednesday, September 30 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 giving 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. Please take a grocery 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!

Bountiful Basket Donations:

During September we will be collecting donations of hearty soup and cereal. 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!

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.-4:00 p.m.)



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

Financial Reports

Copies of the latest Financial Report 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.



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Online: thrivent.com/thriventchoice

Phone: 1-800-847-4836

Contact: Pastor Reggie (952)-448-3230 ext. 3
pastorreggie@crownofglory.org

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.-4:00 p.m.

Worship Schedule (All Year): Sunday 9:00 a.m.

SPARK Sunday School (Program Year): Sunday 9:55-10:35 a.m.