



# CROWN OF GLORY

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation



ELCA



*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.*



## Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 2025  
9:00 a.m.

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Praise Him! Praise Him!* (Chester G. Allen, arr. Mark Hayes)  
(Ginger Larson)

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Crown of Glory is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.
- We will be celebrating Holy Communion in worship today.
- The Kiddos' Corner is located at 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 Assistant, Angie Saulsbury, to our AV Technicians, Bennett Eriksrud and John Rekow, to Ginger Larson for her music, and to our Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

## CONFSSIONAL SONG

*Give Me Jesus* (ELW 770, vs. 1, 3, 5)

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of God the Creator, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin, taking a moment for our own personal reflection.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

C: **you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us and show us the path of life. Amen.**

P: You belong to Jesus Christ and you are God's children through faith. By the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven, and you are a new creation.

C: **Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Brighter than the Sun* (DATH 64, vs. 1 & 3)

## 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: Eternal God,

C: **you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE READING** Genesis 18:1-10a

<sup>1</sup> The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup> He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup> He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup> Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." <sup>6</sup> And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." <sup>7</sup> Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup> Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. <sup>9</sup> They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." <sup>10a</sup> Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

**P:** Word of God, Word of Life.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* (ELW 172)

## **HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 10:38-42

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

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

<sup>38</sup> Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup> there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

**P:** The Gospel of our Lord.

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

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **MESSAGE**

"Only One Thing" (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Open Your Ears, O Faithful People* (ELW 519)

## **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: God of grace,  
C: **hear our prayer.**

## PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C: **And also with you.**

## OFFERING

*Take My Life and Let It Be* (Henri A. Cesar Malan, arr. Raluca Bojor)  
(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

*We Come to the Hungry Feast* (DATH 84, vs. 1)

## OFFERING PRAYER

P: Creator God,  
C: **in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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

*Children of the Heavenly Father* (arr. Jeff Bjorck)  
(Ginger Larson)

## COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.  
Amen.

P: Mothering God,

C: **you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## BLESSING

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*Let Us Enter In* (ACS 985)

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

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

## SENDING MUSIC

*Doxology* (Louis Bourgeois, arr. Mark Hayes)  
(Ginger Larson)

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## Brighter than the Sun

*Refrain*

Bright - er, bright-er than the sun is the can - dle of the

Ho - ly One. Big - ger, big-ger than the sea are the

waves of God wash - ing o - ver me.

1 Gon - na light my can - dle from the ho - ly flame of the  
2 Gon - na meet God's chil - dren at the foun - tain of life, where the  
3 Gon - na gath - er round and gon - na wel - come in ev - 'ry

*(Brighter than the Sun continued on next page)*

## Brighter than the Sun (continued)



one that's bright-er than . . . my . . . . own name. Gon - na  
word and the wa - ter and the Lord . . . Je - sus Christ make a  
child to be and ev - 'ry one who's ev - er been. Gon - na



wash my bod - y in the ho - ly sea, in the  
new cre - a - tion out of ev - 'ry one: Ho - ly  
breathe to - geth - er with this spark of life: Ho - ly



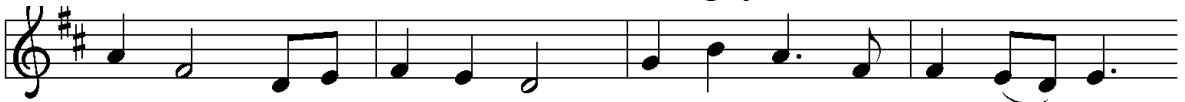
wat - er of life that's . . . big - ger than me. Oh,—  
Spir - it of love, let the wa - ters run. Oh,—  
Spir - it of God, make our flame burn bright. Oh,—

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## We Come to the Hungry Feast



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.  
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased  
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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# Let Us Enter In



1 Let us en-ter in to the song of thanks - giv - ing and free - dom.  
2 Let us en-ter in to the place where our God has pre - ced - ed.  
3 Let us en-ter in to the heart of a world that is bro - ken.



Let us en-ter in to the long line of peo - ple in need.  
Let us en-ter in to the face of the fear and the pain.  
Let us en-ter in to the start of a hope we can share.



Let us en-ter in to the strong mind that God is still liv - ing.  
Let us en-ter in to the grace of the love when it's need - ed.  
Let us en-ter in to the part where we call one an - oth - er



Heal - ing, for - giv - ing— Let us en - ter in.  
Death is de - feat - ed! Let us en - ter in.  
sis - ter and broth - er. Let us en - ter in.

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## Where in the World is Pastor Laura?

Phoenix, AZ

Pastor Laura will travel to Phoenix, AZ Saturday, July 19.

Once there, the plan is to visit the Grand Canyon and Zion National Park before the ELCA Churchwide Assembly begins July 28.

We wish her safe travels and hope she enjoys her next adventure.

## Announcements

### **New Bookshelf**

The Sun Hall Kiddos' Corner just got cozier! We would like to thank the Judy Cook Memorial Fund for providing us with this book display shelf. The books just jump out at you now, where previously they had been in a cubby. Happy reading to all our kiddos!

### **Christ in Our Home**

The Christ in Our Home Devotional Booklets are available again thanks to the donation from the Bob Carlson Memorial Fund. Booklets can be picked up from the table in the Gathering Space or the Main Office Desk.

### **Carver County Fair Volunteer Opportunity**

Crown of Glory has a volunteer/fundraising opportunity with the Carver County Fair. Volunteers will be working on Entry Day(s) August 4 and 5 in the Education Building - Children's Open Class Art Projects. The work of the volunteers includes accepting, tagging and organizing entries prior to judging and then assisting judges, recording results, attaching ribbons and displaying the art projects. Volunteers will receive a t-shirt and a one-day gate pass to return to the fair when it is open.

You can view timeslots, duties, and sign up to volunteer via the sign-up genius

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044FA8AD2FA2FC1-57522140-carver> or by contacting Deb Peterson at [dpeterson8182@hotmail.com](mailto:dpeterson8182@hotmail.com).

### **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 8:55 a.m. on Sunday to get signed up.

### **Pastor Reggie Out of Office: July 21-25**

Pastoral Care Emergency Contact: Pastor Adam Teske, 952-222-8236

### **Crown of Glory Softball League Schedule**

If you would like to play some or all the games, please contact Grant Taylor at 952-210-7678 or email at [grantataylor@hotmail.com](mailto:grantataylor@hotmail.com).

Date	Time	Lot	Team
21-July	7:30 p.m.	1	Alpha
	8:40 p.m.	3	West Union
28-July	7:30 p.m.	1	Family of Christ

### **Food Glorious Food (for VBS)!**

We are looking for an evening meal for the Luther Crest staff Tuesday, July 29. The meal could be dropped off at church at any time. (A gift card to your favorite place would work too!) Plan to feed 5 adults. Contact [Gretchen@crownofglory.org](mailto:Gretchen@crownofglory.org) if you can do either of these acts of service!



## Announcements

### **Lutheran Women Gone Wild: August 7**

Join this group of women for good food and fellowship at Patron Mexican Bar & Grill, Chaska, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Contact Sandi Rue, [srue@rues.org](mailto:srue@rues.org), with any questions and to RSVP.

### **2025 Hackamore Brewing– Bike & Brew Tickets: Event is August 16**

To learn more go to the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2025-hackamore-brewing-bike-brew-tickets-132591057722>

### **Vending Machine**

The Vending Machine is open for business! At this time we are selling beverages and snacks - several varieties of chips, cookies, bars, pop, sparkling water, and water. Each costs 75¢ or \$1.00 - bring your quarters! There is a dollar changer attached to the machine. It will take a little patience to get your dollar to go in. If you have questions, comments, or requests regarding the vending machine, please direct them to [gretchen@crownofglory.org](mailto:gretchen@crownofglory.org). Proceeds from the machine will benefit our youth programs.

### **Rental Options at Crown of Glory**

Interested in renting a room at Crown of Glory? We may have what you are looking for! Birthdays, weddings, banquets, gatherings, meetings, etc. We also rent some items offsite. Check out the information display board in the Gathering Space, CoG website, or talk to Administrative Office Assistant, Sara K. (M-Th 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.)

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

During July we will be collecting donations of healthy kid snacks, cooking spices, and baking mixes. These items should be placed in the bin located in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your generosity!

### **Building Partners**

Crown of Glory welcomes Vida Nueva (New Life) congregation and Iglesia El Siloe congregation. The following are their schedules:

#### Vida Nueva:

Monday Musician Rehearsal: 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Tuesday Prayer Service: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Saturday Worship: 6:15-8:30 p.m.

#### Iglesia El Siloe:

Sunday Worship: 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Monday Bible Study: 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Friday Worship: 7:00-9:00 p.m.

### **Seeking Families to Host Foreign Exchange Students!**

The Education Travel & Culture (ETC) Program is searching for host families in the Chaska and Chanhassen areas willing to host a foreign exchange student for either the fall semester or the entire 2025/26 school year. Chanhassen High School has open exchange student spaces, and we have the option to set up a carpool for students living in Chaska. We also have the ability to place students at Eden Prairie High School, Minnetonka High School, and New Prague High School. We have quite a few young students that attend church, at a minimum, occasionally at home and desire to or are willing to attend church with their host families. These students come from countries such as: Germany, Italy, Spain, France, South Korea, Vietnam, and Brazil. Reach out to Megan Bielefeldt for more information on becoming a host family! Cell: 309-657-1900. Email: [mbielefeldt@edutrav.org](mailto:mbielefeldt@edutrav.org). Bios of students can be found in the weekly CC e-newsletter.

## Announcements

### **Chaska Rotary Seeking Host Families**

Chaska Rotary will be hosting a student for the 2025-26 school year. Rotary Youth Exchange is a great program with support for host families and the exchange student both at the local club and district level. Students have three families during their stay. This gives the student a broader experience of American life and families. It is also a shorter commitment for the family but most students still stay connected with their host families during their stay and usually for long after the student leaves. There is a local counselor to help with any questions or problems, a country officer at the District level who also can help as needed, and orientation sessions at the district level. It is a well organized program. All families are vetted by Rotary. Rotary would like your help to host or help find a host family. Call a friend, relative, kid, neighbor, etc. The host family needs to live in the Eastern Carver County School Boundary (Chaska, Chan, Victoria, Carver, Dahlgren). Rotary member assist with transportation to activities as necessary. Rotary will also take care of school registration and classes, phone, and bank accounts. If you would like more information, to host, or have talked to someone interested in hosting, please contact Erin Kerber at [erinkerber@yahoo.com](mailto:erinkerber@yahoo.com) or call 612-298-1896. *This program is very important to the club and they are looking to make this a successful program.*

Arriving Mid-August. She is a 17 year-old female from Norway. She loves to listen to music, read and play soccer. She is a big animal lover (she has a cat at home). She comes from a very small town (population of 3,300) and the nearest town is 25 minutes away. She is very interested in learning more about our educational system. She will be attending Chaska High School. Her Dad was an exchange student in the UK and her Mom was an exchange student in the US. Rotary is looking for three host families for the following periods: *First Host Family* - mid August to early December, *Second Host Family* - early December to late March, *Third Host Family* - late March to late June



## **Financial Update:**

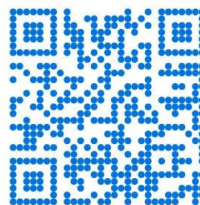
### **Financial Reports**

Copies of Financial Reports can be found on the display board next to the main Church Office or by contacting our Finance Manager, Ashley Pederson.

### **Ways to Give at 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.



### **Directing Thrivent Choice Dollars:**

**Online:** [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://thrivent.com/thriventchoice)

**Phone:** 1-800-847-4836

**Contact:** Pastor Reggie (952)-448-3230 ext. 3

[pastorreggie@crownofglory.org](mailto:pastorreggie@crownofglory.org)

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

## Church Council



*Pictured from left to right:*

Pastor Reggie Klindworth— Senior Pastor, Kate Peterson, Chad LaGow, Kristi Kirsch, Deb Mangen, Sherri Eriksrud (Secretary), Eric Larson (Vice President), Bill Tyler, Mikel Jones (President), Bob Chinnock, Pastor Laura Laughlin— Pastor of Worship and Music

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<b>Servant Song Leader</b> Grace Becker		

**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.