



*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.*



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC *Come Just as You Are* (Joseph Sabolick, arr. Mark Hayes) (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.
- Thank you to our Worship Assistant, David Delforge, to our AV Technician, John Rekow, to Ginger Larson for her music, and to our Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

CONFESSIONAL SONG

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (ELW 807)

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: O God,

C: **from you come all holy desires, all good counsel, and all just works. Give to us the peace this world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments and we may live in peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hallelujah (ELW 171)

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 6:14-29

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

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

¹⁴King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him."

¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee.

²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

"Hidden in Plain Sight" (Pastor Laura Laughlin)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Faith of Our Fathers (ELW 813, vs. 1-3)

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: In your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

God of Grace and God of Glory (arr. John Hughes) (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

Words (Dennis Wallisch)

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. 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

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot (TFF 171)

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot (arr. David Lanz III) (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

Let Streams of Living Justice (ELW 710)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

SENDING MUSIC

Jupiter (Gustav Holst, arr. Terrence Niska) (Ginger Larson)

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Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Refrain

Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, com - ing for to car - ry me home. Swing

low, sweet char - i - ot, com - ing for to car - ry me home.

1 I looked o - ver Jor - dan, and what did I see,
2 If you get . . . there . . . be - fore . . . I do,
3 The bright - est . . . day . . . that ev - er I saw,
4 I'm some - times . . . up, . . . I'm some - times down,

com - ing for to car - ry me home? A band of an - gels
com - ing for to car - ry me home; tell all my friends I'm
com - ing for to car - ry me home; when Je - sus washed my
com - ing for to car - ry me home; but still my soul feels

Refrain

com - ing af - ter me, com - ing for to car - ry me home.
com - ing . . . too, com - ing for to car - ry me home.
sins . . . a - way, com - ing for to car - ry me home.
heav - en - ly . . . bound, com - ing for to car - ry me home.

Special Announcement

Wednesday Worship Update

Due to low attendance numbers since the first Wednesday service on May 29, we have made the decision to cancel the remaining Wednesday services for the rest of the summer. For more details please refer to the special CC sent July 2 or weekly CC sent July 3.

Announcements

Landscape Ministry

We are grateful to the Landscape Ministry Team for their many hours of landscaping at Crown of Glory over the past few months. With the use of quilt sale funds and Thrivent Action Team dollars, they were able to purchase the materials needed for their project. The volunteers are the ones who made this project a success!

Thank you to the following volunteers:

Mat Youngman (edging, rock, mulching, trimming shrubs and perennials)

Carson Youngman (edging, rock, mulching)

Bill Brunsvold (edging, rock, mulching, trimming shrubs and perennials)

Jim and Corky Jochum (edging, rock, mulching, trimming shrubs and perennials)

Andy Wright (edging, rock, mulching)

Pastor Reggie and sons, Jonah and Micah (edging, rock, mulching)

Cathie Bolyard (mulching, trimming shrubs and perennials)

Kathy Fider (mulching, trimming shrubs and perennials)

Summer Hymn Requests:

Thank you to all who have submitted hymn requests so far through the Music Dropbox! The requested hymns will be sung throughout the summer during worship, either in one of the typical hymn spots or during Communion. Please contact Pastor Laura with any questions!

National Youth Gathering/ Mission Trip: July 14-20

Five high school youth and two adults left for New Orleans, LA early this morning to serve on a mission trip and attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering. Please keep all our mission trip team participants in your prayers.

Men's Pub Ministry: July 18

Join this group from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Boom Island Brewing Company and Taproom, Minnetonka, for good brew and fellowship.

Picnic with the Police: July 18 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Join the Chaska Police Department for their annual picnic at Veterans Park (619 Creek Road). It's a great chance to connect with members of the police department. Enjoy food, games, raffle drawings, and much more! They will be collecting school supplies for area kids in need. Help "Stuff the Squad!" Please bring lawn chairs or a blanket for the picnic! Parking is available at the Chaska VFW and Firemen's Park. Thanks to the event partners for making this possible - St John's Lutheran Church & School (hosts grilling), Mi C.A.S.A., Carver County Public Health, Valley Evangelical Free Church (hosts root beer floats), City of Chaska, Von Hansons Meats, Aspire Bakeries, Love Inc., and the Chaska VFW.

Announcements

Volunteers Needed for River City Days

Crown of Glory will host a booth again this year at River City Days (July 26-28) and need volunteers to spend time at the booth throughout the weekend to greet guests and offer hospitality. If you are interested in volunteering sign-up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044FA8AD2FA2FC1-50153723-river>

River City Days: July 26-28

Building an Inclusive Church Training: August 3

Crown of Glory's Justice and Inclusion Team is hosting a training entitled, Building An Inclusive Church. Aubrey Thonvold, Executive Director of Reconciling Works, will lead the session. The training is 4 hours long and will be held at Crown of Glory Lutheran Church, 1141 Cardinal Street in Chaska, on Saturday, August 3 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Building an Inclusive Church (BIC) training helps ministry teams and leaders design and implement a journey for their faith community to publicly and intentionally welcome people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, and incorporate a commitment to the work of racial equity. Building an Inclusive Church equips participants with ways to create dialogue in order to deepen relationships throughout their faith community rather than sparking debate and division. Participants will learn the six tools and eleven steps Reconciling Works recommends that faith communities utilize in their journey to becoming Reconciling in Christ congregations. Building an Inclusive Church training costs \$50 per person. To register, go to the Reconciling Works website <https://www.reconcilingworks.org/trainings/bic/> and look for the in person training on August 3 at Crown of Glory and click on the link. Complete the form to register for the class. Please contact Deb Mangen or Crown of Glory with any questions.

Crown of Glory Church League Softball

It's that time of year again to sign-up for softball. The league is co-ed and plays every Monday through mid-August. Players should be 14 or older. If you would like to play some or all the games, please contact Grant Taylor by email at grantataylor@hotmail.com.

*The games in **bold** were postponed and have been rescheduled. The schedule reflects when they will be played.*

2024 Church League Schedule

July 15 – 6:20 p.m. – Lions 3 – Christ Victorious

July 15 – 7:30 p.m. – Lions 2 – Family of Christ

July 22 – 8:40 p.m. – Lions 3 – NXT Alpha

July 29 – 6:20 p.m. – Lions 1 – Sluggin Saints

August 5 – 6:20 p.m. – Lions 2 – Cross of Grace

August 5 – 8:40 p.m. – Lions 3 – NXT Omega

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

During July we will be collecting donations of flour, sugar, cake mix, and frosting. These items should be placed in the bin located in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your contributions!

Announcements

Cell Phone Collection

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 narthex. Thank you!

Thrivent Choice Dollars & Action Team

Are you a member of Thrivent? If so, please check your Thrivent Choice Dollars and possible Thrivent Action Team designations. Thrivent Choice Dollars must be allocated each year and Crown of Glory is one possible choice you could make for those donations. Also, depending on your membership, you may have one or two Action Teams allotted to you each year. We have been able to receive \$250 for each Action Team we create from member's taking action on their account to "seed" a project at Crown of Glory. If you have questions on how to do this, please let Pastor Reggie know and he and other members can help find a great allocation of Thrivent Funds!



Welcome Interim Director of SPARK Ministry: Gretchen Mitcham

Gretchen has joined the team at Crown of Glory as an Interim SPARK Director. She has a background in elementary education, receiving her degree from Luther College in Decorah, IA. She taught elementary students in Anchorage, AK; then preschool in Clarksville, TN. Recently she has been teaching a preschool Bible study in Edina, MN. Through the Bible study, Gretchen has found a passion for teaching the Word of God to children. Gretchen and her husband, Daniel, enjoy coaching and cheering for their children, Zac and Katie, during their various sports seasons. Gretchen also enjoys reading and going for walks.

Financial Update

June

**Sustaining Fund
Contributions Report
6/30/2024 YTD**

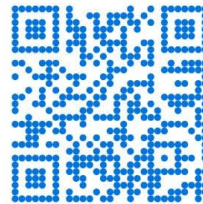
■ ACTUAL ■ BUDGET



Our 2024 YTD budget goal for contributions through June was \$279,000.

Total contributions through June were \$260,512, a difference of **\$(18,488)** 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.



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>

Summer Worship Schedule

Join us

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

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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.
