



*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.*



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 6, 2024

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (arr. Ian Good) (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 along with Activity Bags. 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, Rachel Berg Scherer, to our AV Technicians, Brian Johnson and Tony Sie, to Ginger Larson, the Chancel Choir, and the Men's Quartet (David Delforge, David Laughlin, Doug Sayles, Peter Potter) for their music, and to our Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

CONFSSIONAL SONG

All Are Welcome (ELW 641, vs. 1-3)

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: Sovereign God,

C: **you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? ⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, ⁸subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (ELW 172)

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 10:2-16

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

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

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

“Life in the Kingdom” (Pastor Laura Laughlin)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Bring the Children (DATH 74, vs. 1, 2, 4)
(Choir will sing vs. 1; Congregation joins on vs. 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: God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Draw the Circle Wide (Gordon Light, Mark A. Miller) (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

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 (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

Amazing Grace (American Melody, John Newton; arr. Ed Lojeski)
(Men's Quartet)

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

Go, My Children, with My Blessing (ELW 543)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

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

SENDING MUSIC

Go, My Children, with My Blessing (arr. Michael Ware) (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

Bring the Children



1 "Bring the chil - dren un - to me," said Je - sus.
2 "Let the strong and let the weak," said Je - sus,
3 "One you love is soon to die," said Je - sus,
4 "Bring the chil - dren un - to me," said Je - sus.



"Bring them here for all to see," said Je - sus.
"come and hear the words I speak," said Je - sus.
"by the hands that cru - ci - fy," said Je - sus.
"Bring them here for all to see," said Je - sus.



"If you re - ceive them in my name, then
"If great you'd be then be the least— a
"But on the third day I will rise, and
"If you re - ceive them in my name, then



you re - ceive me just the same. 'Twas for the chil - dren
will - ing ser - vant at the feast and friend to chil - dren
strip a - way death's cruel dis - guise to look my chil - dren
you re - ceive me just the same. 'Twas for the chil - dren



that I came," said Je - sus.
such as these," said Je - sus.
in the eyes," said Je - sus.
that I came," said Je - sus.

Text: Ray Makeever

Music: BRING THE CHILDREN, Ray Makeever

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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.

Text: Gary Ault

Music: ALL THAT WE HAVE, Gary Ault

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Announcements



Crown of Glory Welcomes Grace Becker: Servant Song Leader

The Crown of Glory Staff is delighted to announce the recent hire of Grace Becker as Servant Song Leader. Grace graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from Wartburg College and is the Elementary Music Teacher at New Prague Area Schools. She is a poet, composer, and accomplished vocalist with a passion for worship music. We give thanks to God for Grace and for the music that she and Servant Song will make together!

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.

“The Shack” Book Discussion Group: October 6 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the CoG Conference Room

Announcements

First Communion: October 12 & 13

Three students will receive their First Communion coming up on Saturday, October 12 and Sunday, October 13. Each student made a clay chalice for their First Communion experience. Thank you to Peter Potter for his assistance in making the clay chalices!

Sunday Conversations: October 13 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Dive into thought-provoking discussion in our adult study group, where we explore a range of biblical themes, social justice issues, and relevant topics. This year, we'll focus on the book *Dialogues: On Race*. Topic of conversation this month: What does it mean to be White?

Men's Pub Ministry: October 17 at Nine Mile Brewing, Bloomington from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Women's Bible Study: October 19 from 9:00-10:15 a.m.

Pick up a schedule for Women's Bible Study and/ or Sunday Conversations at the church office on the display board. Please note dates are subject to change. Check announcements for updates.



The image contains three promotional banners for registration. The first banner on the left is for SPARK, featuring a logo with the text 'SPARK ACTIVATE FAITH' and the text 'SPARK Registration is OPEN'. It specifies that SPARK is for children ages 3-3rd grade and takes place on Sunday mornings from 9:55-10:35 a.m., with a registration link at www.crownofglory.org/children. The middle banner is for Connect, featuring a logo with the text 'CONNECT' and the text 'Connect Registration is OPEN'. It specifies that Connect is for children in 4th and 5th grade and takes place on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 p.m., with a registration link at www.crownofglory.org/children. The third banner on the right is for Confirmation, featuring a logo with a dove and the text 'CONFIRMATION' and the text 'Confirmation Registration is OPEN'. It specifies that Confirmation is for youth in 6th through 8th grade and takes place on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m., with a registration link at www.crownofglory.org/middle-school-youth.

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.

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:

October 9 - Taco Bar

October 16 - No Dinner, Fall Break

October 23 - Chili

Confirmation Kitchen Helpers:

6th Grade Boys

No Dinner, Fall Break

6th Grade Girls

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

Announcements

Justice & Inclusion Team Collections: Now through October

The Justice & Inclusion Team is hosting 2 collections. The first 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 October we will be collecting donations of canned chicken, canned fruit, and hearty soups. These items should be placed in the bin located in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your contributions!

Bountiful Basket Food Drive is a Success!

Thank you to all who participated in our 17th annual Food Drive on September 25! Along with congregation members, our Connect and Confirmation students collected 2,310 pounds of food for the Bountiful Basket in Chaska. Way to go! We thank everyone who participated and donated in helping make a difference in our community!

Music Rehearsal Schedules:

Garage Band – Mondays at 5:00 p.m.

Servant Song – Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

Chancel Chimers – Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir – Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.

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.



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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:



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>

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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Servant Song Leader 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.