

**CROWN
OF GLORY**
ELCA LUTHERAN CHURCH



24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 15th, 2020
Crown of Glory Lutheran Church

PRELUDE *We All Are One in Mission* (Kuortane, arr. Thomas Keesecker)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2021 Stewardship Campaign:** It's that time of year again! We are continuing our journey through this year's Stewardship Campaign, *Sustaining, Building, and Strengthening*, throughout the month of November. Be sure to tune into our live-stream worship service every Sunday at 9:30am and watch your mail for our annual appeal letter, as well as our stewardship brochure and commitment card! Questions? Contact Pastor Reggie.
- **"Do Not Be Afraid" A Virtual Christmas Pageant:** Despite all the plans that COVID-19 has forced us to cancel, we are excited to announce that the Christmas Narrative is STILL on! This year, we will be recording a completely virtual Christmas Narrative and posting it live on Christmas Eve. More details to come in the next few weeks! If you or your child(ren) would like to be involved, please contact Pastor Laura!
- **THANK YOU:** to the Chancel Chimers for sharing their music and to our AV technician for helping to set up and run the livestream and the sound. We also want to thank the CoG congregation for your ongoing financial support and participation in worship during these times. Your support is greatly appreciated!
- In an effort to be more transparent regarding the stewardship of the church and the life of our congregation, we have printed our YTD Financial Update and our Live-Stream Worship Attendance Update below.

CoG Worship Attendance for Sunday, November 8:

Live-stream Live views: 75

Next Day Live-stream views: 114

October Sustaining Fund Updates:

Year-to-Date Mortgage & Cash Payments	\$617,199
Year-to Date-Revenues	\$582,718
Balance	(-\$34,481)

CONFESSIONAL SONG *Great is Thy Faithfulness* (ELW 733)

1 Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum-mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com -
stars in their cours-es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un - to me.

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 Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957
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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
 in whose image we are made,
 who claims us and calls us beloved.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting in the grace and love of God, let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept for reflection.

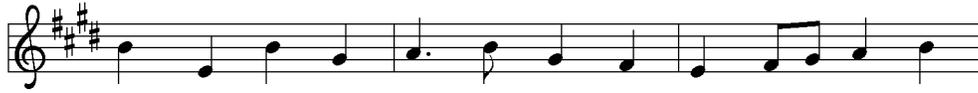
P: Holy One,

C: **we confess that we are not awake for you.
 We are not faithful in using your gifts.
 We forget the least of our siblings.
 We do not see your beautiful image in one another.
 We are infected by sin
 that divides your beloved community.
 Open our hearts to beat for you,
 open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,
 open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

P: Beloved people of God, we are God's children,
and Jesus opens the door to us.
Through † Jesus you are forgiven,
by Jesus you are welcome,
in Jesus you are called to rejoice!
Let us live in the promises prepared for us by the One who redeems us.

C: Amen.

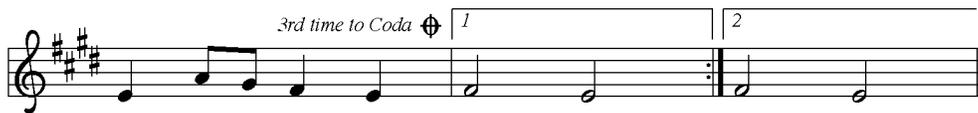
HYMN OF PRAISE *Praise to You, O God of Mercy (ELW 208)*



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
thanks be to you for - ev - er!
thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

† Coda



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

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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: Let us pray. Righteous God,

C: you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 90: 1-12

¹Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
²Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.
³You turn us back to the dust and say,
“Turn back, O children of earth.”
⁴For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night;
⁵you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:
⁶in the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
⁷For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.
⁸Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
⁹When you are angry, all our days are gone;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
¹⁰The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty;
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.
¹¹Who regards the power of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your indignation?
¹²So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Celtic Alleluia (ELW 174)

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 6/8 time signature. It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first three measures of the Alleluia. The second staff contains the next three measures, including the beginning of the Gospel acclamation. The third staff contains the final three measures of the acclamation. Chord symbols are provided below the lyrics for each measure.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Bmin A D A A Emin A D Bmin

Al - le - lu - ia! Now he is li-ving, the Christ Out of the tomb he is
E A Dmin C Dmin Esus E

ri - sen and has con - quered death, o - pened heav'n to all who be - lieve.

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HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25: 14-30

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return, I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE “Gifts, Gifts, and More Gifts” (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

SERMON “Lifted Up” (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

HYMN OF THE DAY *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* (ELW 674)



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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STATEMENT OF FAITH

**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: The response for the Prayers of the People today will be "Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great."

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

P: Lord of the church, ignite your people with the passion of your love. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, unify us across ministries, congregations, and denominations, and refine us to participate in your activity throughout the world.
Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Lord of creation, we stand in awe at the works of your hands and praise you for the beauty of nature. Bless the earth for your glory and restore its integrity where exploitation has caused ruin. Lord of the nations, sound forth your justice in the ears of all leaders. Increase concern for those who are most vulnerable, especially as international leaders forge trade agreements and cooperate to end human rights abuses.
Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Lord of all in need, search out all who cry to you in distress. Scatter the heavy clouds of depression, chronic illness, unemployment, and loneliness with your radiant light. We especially pray for Barb C., Sylvia Q., Terry B., Cameron C., Larry M., Grant T., and Lou V.
We also lift up to you all those around the world who continue to be affected by the outbreak of COVID-19. Surround all who are sick, all who are grieving the death of a loved one, and all who are consumed with the fear of what is yet to come with your healing presence. Come near to us and assure us all that you are here with us and you will not forsake us
Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Lord of the stranger, stir up holy restlessness in us to extend love to those at the margins. Release our desire for control and open us to learn from the perspectives of others.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

C: Amen.

PEACE

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

C: And also with you!

OFFERING Blessings (by Laura Story)

Even though we are not all together in one place where you could bring your offering envelope forward or place your gift in the offering plate as it goes by, we want to encourage you to continue to give as you are able.

There are a couple of ways that you can do this, even now! If you give by offering envelope, please drop it in the mail, attention to:

Crown of Glory Lutheran Church, 1141 Cardinal Street, Chaska, MN 55318

Or for you tech savvy folks, we do offer a "TEXT TO GIVE" option! You can simply make your offering right now with your phone by texting to our secure account: the number is 833-497-3991.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARDS 2021: As we kick-off our Stewardship Campaign this week we invite you to review the Appeal Letter and Brochure, as well as this year's Commitment Card and prayerfully consider your Commitment to Crown of Glory. Please complete the card and place it in the mail before our Commitment Sunday on November 15th. Or you can complete your Commitment conveniently online on our website and click on the 2021 Stewardship Icon!

Again, we give thanks and praise for all gifts given toward our on-going mission.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of grace,

C: you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to give you praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in joy and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

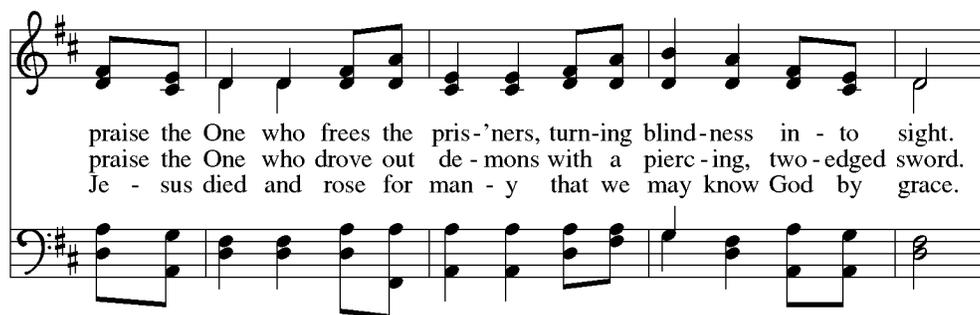
P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* (ELW 843)



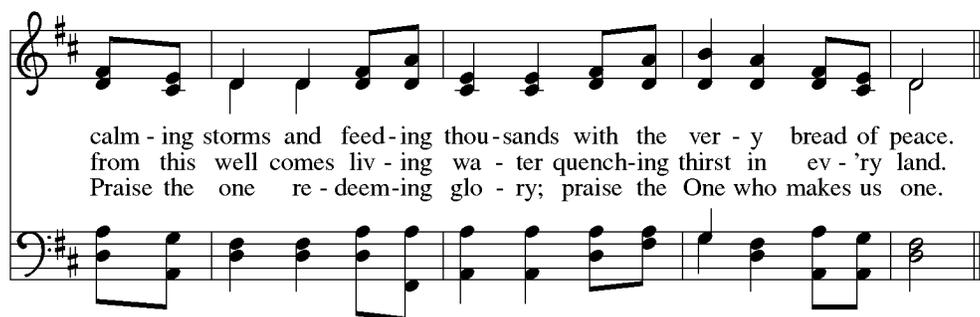
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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BLESSING

P: May the God of all creation,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved,
who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!
The blessing of God,
Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,

be with you today and always.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Beloved of God,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Sanctus (Holy) Fugue* (by G.G. Nivers)

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