



**CROWN  
OF GLORY**  
ELCA LUTHERAN CHURCH



**Peace Worship**  
**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 27, 2020**  
**Crown of Glory Lutheran Church**

## PRELUDE *Make Us One* (by C. Quilala, R. Jackson, R. Jackson, and J. Silverberg)

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **A Note about Today's Service:** We will not be speaking or singing as a collective group today. All are invited to pray and "sing" silently during those portions of today's service. Please watch our ASL leaders for congregational responses! Thank you for your unique participation and understanding!
- **Blessing of the Animals on Oct. 3!** Do you have a furry, scaly, or feathered friend that you would love to honor and bless? In the spirit of "all God's creatures having a place in the choir," CoG will be hosting its first ever Blessing of the Animals service on Saturday, October 3, at 5:00 p.m.! Plan to come with your pet(s), or a picture of a pet who has died, for a short blessing service outside in the CoG parking lot. Registration and following CDC guidelines is required, and all pets must be leashed or in a crate. More details to come in a few weeks! Questions? Contact Pastor Laura.
- **Campfire Worship on Oct. 10!** As we move into a new season, join us as we gather for a short casual campfire service on the East side of the church (below the patio). Bring your lawn chair, a mask, a jacket, and stay afterwards to roast a marshmallow! Registration is required; more details to come soon! Questions? Contact Pastor Reggie or Pastor Laura.
- **THANK YOU:** to each of our worship team members and musicians today and to our AV technicians 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, September 20:**

Live-stream Live views: 63

Next Day Live-stream views: 119

### **August Sustaining Fund Updates:**

Year-to-Date Mortgage & Cash Payments	\$495,799
Year-to-Date-Revenues	\$472,709
Balance	(-\$23,090)

### CONFESSIOAL SONG *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!

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains all of creation.

C: **Amen. (ASL)**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: Faithful God,  
have mercy on us.  
We confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.  
We turn from your loving embrace  
and go our own ways.  
We pass judgment on one another  
before examining our own hearts.  
We place our own needs before the needs of our neighbors.  
Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,  
and turn us again to life in you  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen. (ASL)**

P: God hears the cries of all who call out in need.  
Hear the truth that God proclaims:  
Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.  
Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and grace to do God's work in the world.

C: **Amen. (ASL)**

## HYMN OF PRAISE *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing* (ELW 531) (vs. 1 & 3)

### Verse 1

The trumpets sound, the angels sing, the feast is ready to begin.  
The gates of heav'n are open wide, and Jesus welcomes you inside.

### Refrain

Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.  
Come and revel in heavens love and light.  
Take your place at the table of the King.  
The feast is ready to begin; the feast is ready to being.

### Verse 3

The hungry heart he satisfies, offers the poor his paradise.  
Now hear all heav'n and earth applaud the amazing goodness of the Lord. (Refrain)

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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. (ASL)**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us join our hearts together in silent prayer.

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. (ASL)**

## **INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

### **SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 25: 1-9**

<sup>1</sup> To you, O Lord,

I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup> My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>3</sup> Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup> Show me your ways, O Lord,  
and teach me your paths.

<sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>6</sup> Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.

<sup>7</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

<sup>8</sup> You are gracious and upright, O Lord;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.

<sup>9</sup> You lead the lowly in justice  
and teach the lowly your way.

P: Here ends the reading.

## **ANTHEM *Put the World Back Together* (by Cornbread Harris) (John Varone, soloist)**

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 21: 23-32**

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

<sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" <sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' <sup>26</sup>But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

<sup>28</sup>"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' <sup>29</sup>He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "By Whose Authority?" (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)**

## SERMON “Admitting What We Don’t Know” (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

### HYMN OF THE DAY *Change My Heart Oh God* (by Eddie Espinosa)

#### Chorus

Change my heart, oh God;  
Make it ever true.  
Change my heart, oh God;  
May I be like you.

#### Verse

You are the potter, I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me,  
This is what I pray. (Chorus)

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### LITANY FOR PEACE

P: O God, the Father in heaven,  
C: **have mercy on us. (ASL)**

P: O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
C: **have mercy on us. (ASL)**

P: O God, the Holy Spirit,  
C: **have mercy on us. (ASL)**

P: O Christ, merciful Savior, hear us in this hour:  
C: **O Christ, visit us with your compassion. (ASL)**

P: For our sins by which we have grieved you;  
for the ways in which we forget your steadfast love;  
for our indifference to the gospel and the witness of your church;  
for our apathy toward your call to faith;  
for our failure to see the spiritual needs of those around us:  
C: **we beg your forgiveness, O Lord. (ASL)**

P: O Christ, forgive us.  
C: **O Christ, deliver us. (ASL)**

P: That our nation may remember you  
as the God of mercy and truth;  
that the fulfillment of your will may be our desire;  
that we may be healed from the motives of greed and revenge;  
that we may discover through you a deeper experience of prayer;  
that we may offer unselfish devotion  
to the well-being of our nation;  
that you would uphold and guide our president  
and all in authority;  
that you would defend and preserve  
our soldiers, sailors, and air force;  
and that all our people may seek courage

and a spirit of endurance:  
**C: we ask this, O Lord. (ASL)**

P: To comfort those under the constant strain of apprehension;  
to remember those in captivity;  
to bind up the wounded, sheltering them under your care;  
to stretch out your arm  
to all who are lonely, tempted, or discouraged;  
to have mercy upon all who trust in you:

**C: we ask this, O Lord.**

P: To hasten the day of peace;  
to cast away the threads of hate;  
to forgive our enemies;  
to scatter any who delight in war;  
and to renew steadfast faith within us:

**C: hear us, good Lord, and receive our prayer.**

P: O Christ, spare us.

**C: O Christ, heal us. (ASL)**

## **PEACE**

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

**C: And also with you! (ASL)**

*(All are invited to share a sign or wave of peace with those around you!)*

## **OFFERING As It Is In Heaven (by Matt Maher and Ed Cash)**

Today's offering will be collected in baskets as you depart at the end of the service. 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.

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

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.  
You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.  
Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,  
nourish us with this rich food and drink,  
and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world,  
through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen. (ASL)**

## **DIALOGUE**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you. (ASL)**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord. (ASL)**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise. (ASL)**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**P:** Lord, as you remember us in your kingdom, continue to teach us to pray as we do now, silently together.

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.

**C: Amen. (ASL)**

### **COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS**

*All are invited to open and hold their wafer and cup. As the pastor speaks "The body of Christ broken for you," all are invited to eat their wafer, and "The blood of Christ shed for you," all are invited to drink their wine/grape juice.*

#### **During the partaking of bread, the band will sing:**

*"Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."*

#### **During the partaking of wine, the band will sing:**

*"Jesus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hunger.  
Jesus Christ, bread of life, those who trust in you will not thirst."*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P:** Let us pray.  
We give you thanks, gracious God,  
that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,  
the body and blood of Christ.  
Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,  
into your beloved vineyard  
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,  
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ  
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen. (ASL)**

## **BLESSING**

P: Mothering God,  
Father, † Son,  
and Holy Spirit,  
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.  
C: **Amen. (ASL)**

## **SENDING SONG *This is My Song* (by G. E. Harkness, J. Sibelius, and L. Stone)**

### **Verse 1**

This is my song O God of all the nations  
A song of peace for lands afar and mine  
This is my home the country where my heart is  
Here are my hopes my dreams my holy shrine  
But other hearts in other lands are beating  
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine

### **Verse 2**

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean  
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine  
But other lands have sunlight too and clover  
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine  
O hear my song Thou God of all nations  
A song of peace for their land and for mine

### **Verse 3**

This is my prayer O Lord of all earth's kingdoms  
Thy kingdom come on earth Thy will be done  
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve Him  
And hearts united learn to live as one  
O hear my prayer Thou God of all nations  
Myself I give Thee let Thy will be done

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## **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.  
C: **Thanks be to God! (ASL)**

## **POSTLUDE *This is My Song* (Reprise)**

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