



**CROWN
OF GLORY**
ELCA LUTHERAN CHURCH



**11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 2020
Crown of Glory Lutheran Church**

PRELUDE *Shine Jesus Shine* (Graham Kendrick)

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!
- **Join us next week:** on our YouTube channel at 9:30a.m. for a live-stream worship service.
- **Blessing and Sending Gretchen:** We will be blessing and sending Gretchen Pierskalla at the end of our service today. All are invited to stay after worship, as you are able, to wish her well!
- **Masks!** Thank you to all who have purchased masks for our on-going fundraiser "Masks for Music!" If you ordered masks and have not yet picked them up, please find one of the pastors after worship today and we will make sure you get yours! Thanks!
- **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, August 9:

Live-stream Live views: 56

Next Day Live-stream views: 88

July Sustaining Fund Updates:

Year-to-Date Mortgage & Cash Payments	\$433,419
Year-to Date-Revenues	\$427,460
Balance	(-\$5,959)

CONFESSIONAL SONG *Come Now is the Time to Worship* (Brian Doerksen)

Chorus 1

Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God
Come

Verse 1

One day every tongue
Will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Holy and gracious God,
we confess that we have sinned against you this day.

Some of our sin we know—
the thoughts and words and deeds
of which we are ashamed—
but some is known only to you.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we ask for forgiveness.
Deliver and restore us,
that we may serve you in peace.

By the mercy of God
we are united with Jesus Christ,
in whom we are forgiven.
May the peace of Christ surround us all
and inspire us to love as God first loved us.

C: Amen. (ASL)

HYMN OF PRAISE *You are Good* (Israel Houghton)

Verse

Lord, You are good, and Your mercy endureth forever;
Lord, you are good and Your mercy endureth forever.
People from every nation and tongue,
From generation to generation.

Chorus

We worship You, hallelujah, hallelujah;
We worship You for who You are;
We worship You, hallelujah, hallelujah;
We worship You for who You are;
For You are good.

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 all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen. (ASL)

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 67

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us;

may the light of God's face shine upon us.

²Let your way be known upon earth,

your saving health among all nations.

³Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

⁶The earth has brought forth its increase;

God, our own God, has blessed us.

⁷May God give us blessing,

and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

P: Here ends the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Celtic Alleluia*

Gospel Acclamation *Celtic Alleluia*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

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GOSPEL: Matthew 15:10-28

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

¹⁰[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE “Mercy!” (Gretchen Pierskalla)

SERMON “Washing the Unclean” (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

HYMN OF THE DAY *Healer of Our Every Ill* (ELW 612)

Healer of Our Every Ill



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Refrain

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 Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *In the Light of Your Promise* (by Pastor Laura and Tom Paulson)



In the light of your pro - mise give us your peace. In the sha - dows of this



world send us your spi - rit. In the ques - tions of tom - mor - row, sur -



round us with your love. From the depths of our hearts, our prayers rise to you.

P: Let us join our hearts together in prayer.

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

P: Lord, you gather the church to be part of your mission as ambassadors of Jesus Christ. Help your church to follow Jesus' example in discovering and finding blessing in the faith of people we might otherwise reject. Grant your grace to all your creatures, that the earth will flourish. Relieve waters choked by

garbage, renew soils stripped of nutrients, and refresh the air all creatures need to live. Hear us as we pray...

In the light of Your promise...

P: You call the nations to be glad and sing for joy. Let your way be known among all the nations of the world, now divided by competing interests, contending alliances, and consumed by enormous worry. Bless us and make your face shine upon all. Hear us as we pray...

In the light of Your promise...

P: You show unexpected mercy, kindness, and generosity. We pray for those who do not have enough, for outcasts in our villages, cities, and town, and for those who need your healing, especially Barb, Brad, the family and friends of Gregory Leske, and all those we name now in the silence of our hearts.

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 as we pray...

In the light of Your promise...

P: In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, O God, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen. (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 *Healing Is Here* (Daniel Eric Groves and Johnathan Stockstill)

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: Let us pray. God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours and your faithfulness is as expansive as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace.

Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

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.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen. (ASL)

BLESSING & SENDING Gretchen Pierskalla, Director of Children's Ministries

P. Laura: *A reading from Isaiah:* Thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. (*Isaiah 43:1-3*)

P. Reggie: Gretchen, we give thanks this day for your passionate service and ministry here at Crown of Glory as our Director of Children's Ministries. You have been important to our life together in the church of Jesus Christ, in our service to this community, and in God's mission to the whole world. As you leave this community of faith, we say farewell, and we pray for God's blessing.

P. Laura: Let us pray.
Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ
you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock.
You equip your people with abilities that differ according to the grace given to them,
and you call them to various avenues of service.
We give you thanks for the ministry of Gretchen among the people of God in this place.

P. Reggie: You watch over our going out and our coming in:
bless this time of ending and beginning.
You surround your people in every time and place:
keep us close in your love.
You accompany your people in times of joy and times of trial:
prosper all that has been done to your glory in this time together;
heal and forgive all that has fallen short of your will for us.

P. Laura: Help Gretchen and all of us to live with courage and gladness in the future you give to us.
As she has been a blessing to us,
so now send her forth to be a blessing to others;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen! (ASL)**

The Irish Blessing (sung by Worship Team)

SENDING SONG *In Christ There Is No East or West* (ELW 650)

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com - mu - nion find;
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;

but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.
Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you always!

C: **Thanks be to God! (ASL)**

POSTLUDE *You Are Good* (Reprise)

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