



8th Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2020
Crown of Glory Lutheran Church

PRELUDE *Word of God, Come Down to Earth* (Liebster Jesu, arr. David Cherwien)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Summertime Matching Gift:** Thanks to the generosity of a Crown of Glory family, gifts given through the end of July 31 will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to a total of \$20,000! To date we have received \$17,298! There is still time to help us reach our goals!
- **Join us Sunday, August 2nd AND Sunday, August 16th for Outdoor Worship:** We are excited to offer two more opportunities this summer to gather outside for worship together! These services will also be live-streamed. Go to our website, www.crownofglory.org and click on the Events tab to register for worship on August 2nd. Contact the Pastors or Kellie Bokusky (crownofglorychaska@gmail.com) with questions!
- **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!
- We have printed our YTD Financial Update and our Live-Stream Worship Attendance Update below.

CoG Live-stream Worship Attendance for Sunday, July 19:

Live views: 57

Next Day views: 105

June Sustaining Fund Updates:

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|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Year-to-Date Mortgage & Cash Payments | \$379,616 |
| Year-to-Date-Revenues | \$339,806 |
| Balance | (-\$39,810) |

CONFESSSIONAL SONG *Word of God, Come Down to Earth* (ELW 510)

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -

heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove

faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
 cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the
 God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to

we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
 world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.
 all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

Text: James Quinn, SJ, b. 1919
 Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673
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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
 whose steadfast love is everlasting,
 whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Reconciling God,

C: **we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
 and we deny your presence in our lives.**

**We place our hope in ourselves
 and rely on our own efforts.**

We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.

**We fear difference and do not welcome others
 as you have welcomed us.**

**By your Spirit, forgive us our sin,
 renew us,
 and lead us**

so that we may live and serve you in newness of life.

Amen.

P: People of God,

by the radical abundance of mercy,

we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus,
 through whom we have received grace upon grace.

Our sins are forgiven.

Let us live now in hope through the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *Oh, Sing to the Lord: Cantad al Señor* (ELW 822) (vs. 1-2)

Oh, Sing to the Lord
Cantad al Señor



1 *Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.*
1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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¡Can - tad al Se - ñor; can - tad al Se - ñor!
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
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Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

Text: Brazilian folk song; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923, Spanish and English
Music: CANTAD AL SEÑOR, Brazilian folk tune
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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. Beloved and sovereign God,

C: **through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 119: 129-136

¹²⁹Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
¹³⁰**When your word is opened it gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.**
¹³¹I open my mouth and pant
because I long for your commandments.
¹³²**Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as you always do to those who love your name.**
¹³³Order my footsteps in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
¹³⁴**Rescue me from those who oppress me,
and I will keep your commandments.**
¹³⁵Let your face shine upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.
¹³⁶**My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your teaching.**

P: Word of God, Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Celtic Alleluia*

Sung Gospel verse (sung by cantor): “Christ is the first fruits from death. Now are our lives filled with glory! Darkness vanishes in the light of God’s power.” (Congregation sings *Alleluia*)

Gospel Acclamation
Celtic Alleluia

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

Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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GOSPEL: Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

³³He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

⁴⁴“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE “God Cares For Our Roots” (Jenni Payne)

SERMON “Finding Something Transformative” (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

HYMN OF THE DAY *Bring Forth the Kingdom* (Marty Haugen)

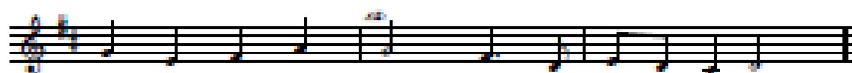
Verses



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple:
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple:
4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple:



Salt for the King - dom of God! Share the fla - vor of
Light for the Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and
Bring forth the King - dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and
Bound for the King - dom of God! Love our jour - néy and



life, O peo - ple: Life in the King - dom of God!
bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the King - dom of God!
seeds of jus - tice, Grow in the King - dom of God!
love our home - land: Love is the King - dom of God!

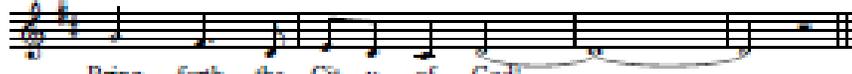
Refrain



Bring forth the King - dom of mer - cy, Bring forth the



King - dom of peace; Bring forth the King - dom of jus - tice,



Bring forth the Cit - y of God!

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 INTERCESSION *In the Light of Your Promise* (by Pastor Laura and Tom Paulson)

In the Light of Your Promise

Words by Pastor Laura Laughlin

Music by Tom Paulson

$\text{♩} = 72$

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are: "In the light of your promise give us your peace. In the shadows of this world send us your spirit. In the questions of tomorrow, surround us with your love. From the depths of our hearts, our prayers rise to you." The music is a simple, melodic line with a tempo of 72 beats per minute.

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: For the Prayers of the People during the season of Pentecost, we will be singing our responses to each prayer petition. The words to the sung response are on the screen for you and printed in the outline and will take place after each spoken prayer petition.

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

P: Merciful God, your reign is revealed to us in common things: a mustard shrub, a woman baking bread, a fishing net. Help your church witness to the surprising yet common ways you encounter us in daily life. When your word is opened, it gives light and understanding. Increase our understanding and awe of your creation; guide the work of scientists and researchers. Treasuring the earth, may we live as grateful and healing caretakers of our home. Hear us as we pray...

C: In the light of Your promise...

P: As the birds of the air nest in branches of trees, gather the nations of the world into the welcoming shade of your merciful reign. Direct leaders of nations to build trust with each other and walk in the way of peace. Hear us as we pray...

C: In the light of Your promise...

P: Your Spirit helps us in our weakness and intercedes for the saints according to your will. Help us when we do not know how to pray. Give comfort to the dying, refuge to the weary, justice to those who are oppressed, and healing to the sick, especially Barb, Miyoko and all those we name out loud and keep in the quiet 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...

C: In the light of Your promise...

P: You show steadfast love and direct us to ask of you what we need. Help this congregation ask boldly for what is most needed. Refresh us with new dreams of being your people in this place and time. Hear us as we pray...

C: In the light of Your promise...

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

C: Amen.

PEACE

At this point during our normal Saturday and Sunday worship services, we would invite you all to share a sign of Christ's peace with those around you.

Since we are still at a physical distance, we have been presented with a wonderful challenge to think about how we can be community from afar. How can we share Christ's peace with each other?

This week, we invite you to take a selfie, or a family picture, sharing a sign of peace and post to the CoG Facebook page OR send it to crownofglorychaska@gmail.com to be shared in an eblast to the congregation!

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

We look forward to seeing your pictures of peace this week!

OFFERING *Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom* (Madeleine/Ruth Duck, arr. Tom Paulson)

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.

Again, 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,

C: **all creation is yours and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

Water and word 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. 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 SONG *Great Are You Lord* (Leslie Jordan and David Leonard)

Verse 1

You give life You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

Chorus 1

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

Misc 1**(Bridge)**

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord

(REPEAT)

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BLESSING

P: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ,
and Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

C: **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE *Great Are You Lord* (Reprise)

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