

8th Sunday After Pentecost

August 3, 2025

10:15 am

Family Contemporary Worship



CROSS & CROWN
LUTHERAN CHURCH



Come & See

WELCOME

Welcome to worship! We are so glad that you've chosen to worship here! Cross & Crown is a community of Christ-followers from all walks of life. We hope that you will feel a warm welcome from the congregation and will worship with us again!

ADDITIONAL SUNDAY INFORMATION

Sunday school classes are offered for adults located in the Multipurpose space. Our adult class, Books of Faith, meets in room 206.

Communion is offered each week. Everyone is invited to the Lord's Table!

Our church has something for everyone, and not just on Sundays. During the week, we have activities such as Bible studies and small groups. On Wednesday evenings we share a fellowship dinner at 6 pm. We hope you'll come try it out! See the back of the bulletin for more details about how to sign up.

Now that you know a little about us, help us get to know you better by completing the Connection Card handed to you by one of our greeters when you entered. You can hand it to one of the pastors or drop it in the offering plate.

PARENTS

We love the sound of kids in our service! Here are some ideas to keep them engaged.

Relax! It's ok to let kids be kids!

Sit close: Consider sitting up front where it's easier for kids to see and hear.

Explain: Kids are curious! Explain what's happening in the service.

Participate: Sing hymns loudly, pray, respond, etc. Children learn by following your lead.

Activities: If you would like a bag of quiet activities for your little ones, ask an usher and they will provide one for you.

Wander: It's ok to move around. Sometimes it's easier to let fidgety kids move a bit.

Need to Leave? No problem, but please come back! Sometimes kids just need a break. There are speakers in the narthex & lounge so you can hear. The narthex is a great place to get the wiggles out, and the lounge is nice if you need privacy.

Ask: Questions or just need help? Just ask one of our ushers.

Childcare: The nursery is down the hall in the Multipurpose Space for infants to age 4 and is available during both worship services. If you need assistance, an usher can help you. C&C Kids is offered to kids pre-K through 3rd grade. Kids depart the sanctuary during the Passing of the Peace and return to worship before communion.

Prelude

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Carter

Worship Song

The Lion and the Lamb

Brown, Johnson, Mooring

Verse 1

He's coming on the clouds
Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

For the sins of the world
His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion
and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before Him

Chorus

Our God is the Lion
The Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power
And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is the Lamb
The Lamb that was slain

Verse 2

So open up the gates
Make way before the King of kings
The God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Bridge

Who can stop the Lord Almighty
Who can stop the Lord (Almighty)

Confession (*Stand as you are able*)

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God, you free us to love others,

C: but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

P: You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,

C: but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

P: You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,

C: but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross
of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C: Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Refrain

*God is so good. God is so good.
God is so good, God's so good to me.*

(Refrain)

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

God of All, Renew in your church a perspective of life beyond worldly pursuits. Build an enthusiasm to embrace life in Christ, so that Christ, the life of the world, is revealed to everyone. Guide us in your ways, empower us to reflect your life and your love of the world. We pray for the church to follow in your ways and that it may be a witness to your love for all people. Help us choose all that is life-giving

You know the actions and deeds of the nations. Turn humanity away from instruments of war and violence. Fashion the hearts of world leaders to work for peace. Bring your presence to the places of war, especially Israel, Palestine, Iran, Russia, and Ukraine.

And we sing...

(refrain)

Lord of Life, in the heat of the summer, we lift to you those that can not escape the heat of the day. We pray for individuals without a roof over their heads or those without adequate housing to find relief in the day.

Reveal your loving presence in the lives of people suffering hunger and need, illness and grief, pain and fear. Give strength to those who give care, and equip them with compassion as they make your love known. Embrace all who suffer in isolation: for those who are incarcerated or detained, those who are fleeing from unsafe environments, and those who are homebound. We lift up to you all on our congregational prayer list and all that we name aloud or in our hearts at this time...

Reassure them of your care in all times and places.

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. We sing our AMEN.

(Refrain)

(Children may head out for C&C Kids)



This Week's Story: Isaac's Blessing
Icebreaker Question: What's your favorite pizza topping?

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Welcome Home and Announcements (*See back page for additional announcements.*)

THE WORD

Matthew 6:25-34

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³² For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴ “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Pastor Matt Simpkins

THANKSGIVING

Anthem

Day by Day

How

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly,
Day by day.

(Please stand)

Offertory Response

As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in-to one to be-come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

Statement of Belief

The Apostles' Creed

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.

Come To The Table—Everyone's Invited!

Holy Communion is a celebration of Christ's love, shared through His body and blood. If you're hungry for His presence, this meal is for you! We commune by taking a piece of bread and dipping it into wine or grape juice. Need grape juice or gluten-free options? No problem—the Communion Assistant will gladly help you out. Kids are welcome, too! Just let the Communion Assistant know if your child will be receiving Communion or would prefer a special blessing. We're so glad you're here—let's share this joyful moment together!

Communion

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Our Father, who is of heaven,
Holy is your name
Your kingdom come
Your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us today our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass
against us
And lead us not into temptation
and deliver us from evil
For yours is the kingdom
And the power, and the glory
now and forever, Amen.

OR

Welcome to the Table

P: Come now and feast on the gifts of God for the people of God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please be seated)

Lamb of God

☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Song

Lay it All Down (At the Feet of Jesus)

Reagan, Washington

Verse 1

Bring your worry grief and pain
Every cause you have for shame
Lay it all down lay it all down
When your cares have buried you
And there's nothing left to do
Lay it all down lay it all down
At the feet of Jesus at the feet of Jesus

Verse 2

Carried on but your heart was tired
Feared the worst and felt the fire
Lay it all down lay it all down
Filled with all those anxious thoughts
And your doubts became your god
Lay it all down lay it all down
At the feet of Jesus at the feet of Jesus

Chorus

Lay it all down
Lay it all down
Lay it all down
Lay it all down
(REPEAT)
At the feet of Jesus
At the feet of Jesus

Verse 3

When we've given up on better days
There are memories we can't erase
Lay it all down lay it all down
When we've come to fear what we can't
explain
And there's nothing here that can ease the
pain
Lay it all down lay it all down

The Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in God's grace.

C: **Amen.**

Quilt Blessing

Benediction

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Song

Stand In Your Love

Baldwin, Hulse, Springer, Harris

Verse 1

When darkness tries to roll over my bones
When sorrow comes to steal the joy I own
When brokenness and pain is all I know
I won't be shaken I won't be shaken

Chorus

My fear doesn't stand a chance
When I stand in Your love
(REPEAT)

Verse 2

Shame no longer has a place to hide
I am not a captive to the lies
I'm not afraid to leave my past behind
I won't be shaken I won't be shaken

The Doxology (sung a capella)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Sending

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Bridge

There's power that can break off every chain

There's power that can empty out a grave

There's resurrection power that can save
There's power in Your name power in Your name

Ending

Standing in Your love



Yard Sale Volunteers Needed!

We're getting ready for the upcoming Miriam Circle Yard Sale, and we need your help to make it a success! There are several opportunities to lend a hand—whether you're great at lifting, sorting, driving, or just showing up with a willing spirit. Here's how you can get involved:

- **Saturday, August 2 at 10:00 am**– Help us with the heavy lifting! We need folks to move donations from storage up to the Fellowship Hall.
- **Saturday, August 2 (morning)** – Have a truck or trailer? We need drivers to help transport donations at the church and pick up larger items from members.
- **Saturday, August 2 at 1:00 pm** – Help us sort, organize, and price the items for the sale. Many hands make light work!
- **Saturday, August 9 at 7:00 am** – It's Yard Sale Day! We'll need help setting up, greeting shoppers, and making the day run smoothly.

Scan the QR Code to
Sign Up to help!



Whether you can give an hour or a whole morning, your time and energy are deeply appreciated. This is a great way to serve, connect, and support the ministries of our church.





SAVE THE DATE!

Changed Choices rescheduled their 25th Anniversary Celebration! Last year, Changed Choices was about to celebrate their 25th Anniversary, but Hurricane Helene had different plans and the event was cancelled. They have rescheduled and we're hoping you can join us.

Changed Choices 25 + 1 Anniversary Celebration
September 26th, 2025
Carmel Baptist Church
6:30 - 8:45 pm

Congratulations to the winners of the 1st Annual Cornhole Tournament!

Stuart & Julie Moffat were awarded the title of **"Boss of the Toss"**!
Gabe Simpkins & Logan Shurley won **"Most Festively Attired"**!



END-OF-SUMMER JAMBOREE

A day packed with games, food, live music, and fun for all ages. We'll celebrate all God has done this summer with worship, fellowship, and one final service project to send us into fall with full hearts. You don't want to miss this joy-filled finale to our summer together!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS



AUGUST 9

MIRIAM CIRCLE YARD SALE

AUGUST 17

SUMMER SERIES: END OF SUMMER JAMBOREE

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

TOWN HALL MEETING

AUGUST 24

BACKPACK BLESSING

Week at a Glance

Monday, July 28

7:30 pm- Women’s Bible Study

Tuesday, July 29th

12 pm- Staff Meeting

Friday, August 1st

9 am- Weight Watchers

Saturday, August 2nd

7:30 am- CCC Men’s Fitness Group

8-10 am- Weight Watchers

10 am- Begin Moving Yard Sale Items

Sunday, August 3rd

8:15 am Worship

9 am Coffee Hour

9:15 am- Adult Sunday School

10:15 am- Worship

11:15 am- Children, Youth & Family
Committee Meeting

Serving in Worship Today

Assisting Minister:	Mike Meath
Acolyte:	
Communion Assistants:	Suzy Wlezinak, Susan Arcuri
Usher:	Garry Rudolph, Helen McLiverty
Communion Set-up:	Kim Kirk
Greeters:	Cathy Kozlinski
Nursery Assistant:	Ann Whitener
C&C Kids:	Jared Blackburn, Pastor Melody
Contribution Counter:	Bill Rhyne, Ann Whitener
Praying for Possibilities:	Dawn Jones

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