

# 7th Sunday After Pentecost

July 27, 2025  
10:15 am  
Family Contemporary Worship





*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

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Medema/Carter

Please Note: All congregational responses are printed in bold type. We invite you to join us in reading these parts aloud during the service.

## Worship Song

Death Was Arrested

Kersh, Coker, Balltzglier, Smith

### Verse 1

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin  
Lost without hope with no place to begin  
Your love made a way to let mercy come in  
When death was arrested and my life began

### Verse 2

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains  
My orphan heart was given a name  
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance  
When death was arrested and my life began

### Chorus

Oh Your grace so free washes over me  
You have made me new now life begins with  
You  
It's Your endless love pouring down on us  
You have made us new now life begins with  
You

### Verse 3

Released from my chains I'm a pris'ner no more  
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore  
He cancelled my debt and He called me His  
friend

When death was arrested and my life began

### Verse 4

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross  
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost  
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand  
That's when death was arrested and my life  
began

### Bridge

Oh we're free free forever we're free  
Come join the song of all the redeemed  
Yes we're free free forever amen  
When death was arrested and my life began

## 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.*

Let us pray for our neighbors in need, the world that God loves, and the church in action, kneeling, sitting, or standing as you feel called.

Grace-filled God, inspire your church with your Holy Spirit to listen with eager longing to your words of life. Equip pastors, ministers, and teachers with faithful discernment of scripture, that your word may be more fully known and therefore you will be fully known and loved. Enliven and uphold all siblings in Christ who strive to provide hospitality and safe spaces where everyone, without exception, can receive and be transformed by your word of life.

Instill in leaders of the world a strong love for their neighbors. Compel them to govern with equity and to give aid and protection to people who are vulnerable, especially strangers, migrants, and asylum seekers. Draw near to people in need of help, comfort, and healing (*especially*). Provide protection and aid to children who are unsafe and undernourished while on summer break. Bring your presence to the places of war, especially Israel, Palestine, Iran, Russia, and Ukraine.

### *(Refrain)*

Holy Lord, as we try to comprehend the destruction that flooding causes to people's lives, our hearts grieve. We ask for you to be with all who have suffered loss in floods. For those who have lost homes, we pray for shelter and community. For those who have lost their livelihoods, we ask for financial security. For those who have lost loved ones, we pray that they know comfort in their mourning.

We remember all whose prayers are cries for help, give your good gifts, and satisfy their deepest needs. We lift up to you those with cancer, pain, mental illness, hospitalization, and all who need healing. We lift up to you all on our congregational prayer list and all that we name aloud or in our hearts at this time...

Shelter all who hurt, bring peace to all who are anxious, and walk with those who feel alone.

We lift up all these prayers to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We sing our AMEN.

### *(Refrain)*

*(Children may head out for C&C Kids)*



**This Week's Story: Abraham & Sarah's Visitors**  
**Icebreaker Question: Would you rather have wings or a tail?**

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

Luke 11:1-13

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”<sup>2</sup> So he said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup> And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

<sup>5</sup> And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,’<sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’<sup>7</sup> And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’<sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup> “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.<sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.<sup>11</sup> Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup> Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

*(Please be seated)*

Sermon

Pastor Melody Simpkins

# THANKSGIVING

Anthem

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

Byrd/arr. Hopson

Lord Jesus Christ, be present now. Our hearts in true devotion bow.  
Thy spirit send with grace divine. O may thy truth within us shine.  
Unseal our lips to sing thy praise. Our souls to thee in worship raise.  
Make strong our faith, increase our light. O may we know thy name aright.  
O Lord, be present now.

*(Please stand)*

Offertory Response

As the Grains of Wheat

*Refrain*

The musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

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.

OR

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.

## 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)*

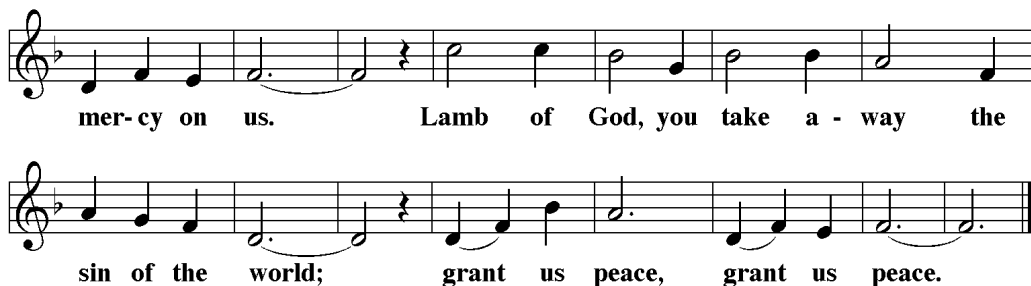
## Lamb of God



☛ 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



## 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  
At the feet of Jesus at the feet of Jesus

### The Blessing

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

C: Amen.

### 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  
Build Your Kingdom Here

Llewellyn, Gilkeson, Herron

Verse 1

Come set Your rule and reign  
In our hearts again  
Increase in us we pray  
Unveil why we're made  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope  
Like wildfire in our very souls  
Holy Spirit come invade us now  
We are Your church  
We need Your pow'r in us

Verse 2

We seek Your kingdom first  
We hunger and we thirst  
Refuse to waste our lives  
For You're our joy and prize  
To see the captives' hearts released  
The hurt the sick the poor at peace  
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause  
We are Your church  
We pray revive this earth

Chorus

Build Your kingdom here  
Let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand  
Heal our streets and land  
Set Your church on fire  
Win this nation back  
Change the atmosphere  
Build Your kingdom here we pray

Verse 3

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r  
Reaching the near and far  
No force of hell can stop  
Your beauty changing hearts  
You made us for much more than this  
Awake the kingdom seed in us  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ  
We are Your church  
We are the hope on earth

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.



# MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us for a time of honest conversation, encouragement, and spiritual growth as we dive into Proverbs 5—a chapter that speaks directly about wisdom, temptation, and the importance of faithfulness.

Come ready for meaningful discussion and connection with other men seeking to walk faithfully. We meet every other Thursday at 7:45 am @ the church. Our next meeting will be July 31<sup>st</sup>. Hope to see you!

Questions? Reach out to Leon Rock at [runningrock82@gmail.com](mailto:runningrock82@gmail.com).

## Welcome Home, Leo!

We joyfully celebrate with Leon & Emily Rock as they have finalized the adoption of their son, Leo! This moment marks the beginning of a beautiful new chapter filled with love, laughter, and God's abundant grace.

Please join us in congratulating them and surrounding this growing family with our prayers and support as they continue their journey together.



## 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**



# 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 pm** – 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.

# Week at a Glance

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## 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

# Serving in Worship Today

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Assisting Minister:	Vaughn Herlong
Acolyte:	Nevaeh McClinton
Communion Assistants:	Cathy Koslinksi, Hugh Kluttz
Usher:	Leonard Rutkowski, David Cox
Communion Set-up:	Hugh Kluttz
Greeters:	Felicia Eybl
Nursery Assistant:	Kati Goode
C&C Kids:	Nick & Allie Tischio
Contribution Counter:	Barbara Maillet, Cathy Kozlinksi
Praying for Possibilities:	Criss Ucman

You can give to C&C by scanning the QR code below.

## SCAN TO GIVE



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