



CROSS & CROWN  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 10, 2025

10:15 am

Family Contemporary Worship

10th Sunday  
After  
Pentecost



*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

Oceans      Andy Blackburn, piano

Crocker, Houston, Ligthelm

## Worship Song

Your Love is Alive

Smith, Bashta, Upton, Barrett

### Verse 1

The whole earth is filled the whole earth is filled

Filled with Your glory filled with Your glory

### Verse 2

My whole life is filled my whole life is filled

Filled with Your glory filled with Your glory

### Chorus

Your love is alive

Your love is alive

Your love is beating inside of

My heart and my soul and my mind

Your love is alive

Your love is alive

Your love is leading me into

The Way and the Truth and the Life

### Bridge

When blinded by darkness or lost out at sea

Even in death You're always with me

When I am fearful I won't be afraid

O Spirit remind me Your presence remains

## 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.

*(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...

*(pause for congregation)*

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: The Burning Bush  
Icebreaker Question: What's your favorite farm animal?

## 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

### **Ephesians 2:8-9**

<sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God <sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

### **Matthew 11:28-30**

<sup>28</sup>“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

(*Please be seated*)

**Sermon**

Confirmands

## THANKSGIVING

### **Anthem**

Sing and Rejoice

Besig/Price

Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing and rejoice, people of God. Make a joyful noise, Alleluia! Lift up your voice in praise to the Lord. Sing a brand new song unto His name.

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Go forth and walk in His light, that you may see all the wonders of creation. Go forth and tell of His might, that all may know of the promise of salvation. We all are one in His sight, and we must go forth with joy and lift our voice in thanks for His everlasting love! Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing and rejoice, people of God. Make a joyful noise, Alleluia! Lift up your voice in praise to the Lord. Sing a brand new song unto His name! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*(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.

## **Presentation of Confirmands: Andy Blackburn & Allison Goode**

### **Affirmation of Baptism**

#### **PRESENTATION**

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making a public affirmation of their baptism. Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

## AFFIRMATION

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P: People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

**C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in Andy and Allison the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

C: **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

### **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**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

#### **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

**L**amb 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

Come to the River

Brown, Barrett, Moore, Dalton

#### Verse

Come to the water all who are thirsty  
Come and drink  
Come to the table all who are hungry  
Come and feast  
Those who are weary those who are  
needy  
Come receive  
Come to the River come to the River  
Taste and see

#### Pre-Chorus

Oh Oh my soul thirsts for You  
And You alone

#### Chorus

I will taste and see that You are good  
I will taste and see that You are good  
I will taste and see that You are good  
You're good to me

## **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**

Old Church Choir

### **Verse 1**

There's revival and it's spreading  
Like a wildfire in my heart  
A Sunday morning hallelujah  
And it's lasting all week long  
Can you hear it  
Can you feel it  
It's the rhythm of a gospel song  
Oh once you choose it you can't lose it

### **Pre-Chorus**

(Oh 'cause) There ain't nothing  
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

### **Chorus**

I've got an old church choir singing in my soul  
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful  
I've got a heart overflowing  
'Cause I've been restored  
(No) there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy  
No there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

### **Verse 2**

When the valleys that I wander  
Turn to mountains that I can't climb  
Oh You are with me You never leave me

### **Bridge**

Clap your hands and stomp your feet  
'Til you find that gospel beat  
'Cause He's all you'll ever need  
All you'll ever need  
Clap your hands and stomp your feet  
'Til you find that gospel beat  
'Cause He's all you'll ever need  
All you'll ever need

### **Interlude**

I've got an old church choir singing in my soul  
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful

### **Ending**

Oh there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

## **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.



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**JOIN US!**



*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!*

*Our service project is making sandwiches for A Roof Above homeless shelter.*



## BACKPACK BLESSING

**AUGUST 24TH**

Join us as we send our students back to school with a special blessing for the new school year!

**Hey C&C Families! Don't forget the Family Meet Up @ Sardis Park!**

**Sunday, August 24th**

11:30 am (following 2nd service)

Bring your own lunches, picnic blankets, Frisbees, footballs, and anything else for a great time outdoors.



# Week at a Glance

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## Monday, August 18th

7:30 pm- Women's Bible Study

## Tuesday, August 19th

12 pm- Staff Meeting

7 pm- Finance Committee Meeting

## Wednesday, August 20th

6:30 pm- Executive Committee Meeting

## Friday, August 22th

9 am- Weight Watchers

## Saturday, August 23th

8-10 am- Weight Watchers

## Sunday, August 24th

**BACKPACK BLESSING**

8:15 am Worship

9 am Coffee Hour

9:15 am- Adult Sunday School

10:15 am- Worship

**11:30 am- Family Meet Up at Sardis Park!**



# Serving in Worship Today

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Assisting Minister:

Acolyte:

Communion Assistants:

Usher:

Communion Set-up:

Greeters:

Nursery Assistant:

C&C Kids:

Contribution Counter:

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