

5th Sunday After Pentecost



CROSS & CROWN
LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 13, 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.

GATHERING

Prelude

Arioso

Bach

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

Rattle!

Verse 1

Saturday was silent

Surely it was through

But since when has impossible

Ever stopped You

Verse 2

Friday's disappointment

Is Sunday's empty tomb

Since when has impossible

Ever stopped You

Chorus 1

This is the sound of dry bones rattling

This is the praise make a dead man walk again

Open the grave I'm coming out

I'm gonna live gonna live again

This is the sound of dry bones rattling

Verse 3

Pentecostal fire

Stirring something new

You're not gonna run out of miracles

Anytime soon

Verse 4

Resurrection power

Runs in my veins too

I believe there's another miracle

Here in this room

Bridge

My God is able to save and deliver and heal

And restore anything that He wants to

Just ask the man who was thrown

On the bones of Elisha

If there's anything that He can't do

Just ask the stone that was rolled

At the tomb in the garden

What happens when God says to move

I feel him moving it now

I feel him doing it now

I feel him doing it now

Do it now do it now

Chorus 2

This is the sound of dry bones rattling

This is the praise make a dead man walk again

Open the grave I'm coming out

I'm gonna live gonna live again

Open the grave I'm coming out

I'm gonna live gonna live again

Open the grave I'm coming out

I'm gonna live gonna live again

This is the sound of dry bones rattling

Interlude 1

I hear the sound (I hear the sound)

Interlude 2

Live (Live) live (live)

Dry bones hear the word of the Lord

(REPEAT)

Live (Live) live (live)

Live live live live

Ending

But God said

Confession (*Stand as you are able*)

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

C: Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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

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

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.

C: Amen.

Refrain



Ho ly Spir - it, You are



wel-come here; Come flood this place and fill the at - mos-phere; Your glo - ry, God, is what our



hearts long for, to be o - ver - come _ by Your Pres - ence, Lord. _____

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.

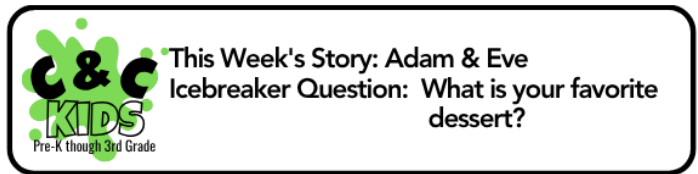
We remember all whose prayers are cries for help, give your good gifts, and satisfy their deepest needs. We lift up to you those with cancer, pain, mental illness, hospitalization, and all who need healing. We lift up to you all on our congregational prayer list and all that we name aloud or in our hearts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



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 10:25-37

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷ He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.

³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other

side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Mike Meath

THANKSGIVING

Anthem

Love Your Neighbor

Helman

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul, with all your mind and all your strength, and love your neighbor as yourself.

May your love move us to action: feed the hungry, clothe the poor, take away our blind indifference to the needy at our door.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul, with all your mind and all your strength, and love your neighbor as yourself.

Grant us eyes to see the wounded, ears to hear their cries of pain; fill our hearts with your compassion, so we'll serve all in your name.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul, with all your mind and all your strength, and love your neighbor as yourself.

(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



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



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 Table

McDonald, Frey, Glover

Verse 1

We all start on the outside
The outside looking in
This is where grace begins
We were hungry we were thirsty
With nothing left to give
Oh the shape that we were in
Pre-Chorus

Just when all hope seemed lost
Love opened the door for us

Chorus

(He said) come to the table
Come join the sinners who have been
redeemed
Take your place beside the Savior
Sit down and be set free
(Come to the table)

Verse 2

Come meet this motley crew of misfits
These liars and these thieves
There's no one unwelcome here
So that sin and shame that you've
brought with you
You can leave it at the door
And let mercy draw you near

Bridge

To the thief and to the doubter
To the hero and the coward
To the pris'ner and the soldier
To the young and to the older
All who hunger all who thirst
All the last and all the first
All the paupers and the princes
All who've failed you've been forgiven
All who dream and all who suffer
All who've loved and lost another
All the chained and all the free
All who follow all who lead
Anyone who's been let down
All the lost you have been found
All who've been labeled right or wrong
To ev'ryone who hears this song

Ending

Woah sit down and be set free
Come to the table
Come to the table
Just sit down and rest awhile
Just sit down and rest awhile
Come to the table

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
Blessed Be Your Name

Matt Redman, Beth Redman

Verse 1

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Verse 2

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Verse 3

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Verse 4

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Bridge

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

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.

Following worship, children are invited to the Choir Room for music with Mr. Larry!



Youth Mission Trip to The Dwelling – Leaving TODAY!

Our youth are preparing to embark on a powerful and meaningful mission trip to The Dwelling in Winston-Salem, NC! This unique ministry serves individuals who are experiencing homelessness, and our youth will spend the week learning, serving, and building relationships with this community. They leave this afternoon, and we invite you to keep them in your prayers throughout the week—for safety, growth, compassion, and open hearts. We are so proud of their willingness to step out in faith and serve others in such a hands-on and impactful way.

Thank you for supporting our youth ministry and helping make this experience possible!

Our youth that will be attending are: Andy Blackburn, Jeannie Seaford, Kenzie Simpkins, Taylor Simpkins, Rori White, Dagny White, Valentina Guillen & Natalia Guillen. They will be accompanied by Pastor Melody, Margaret White & Stephanie Gullien.

Here is some info about their trip...

What is a Spark'Dwell trip?

Because justice issues related to homelessness, hunger, poverty, racism, education disparity, and more are complex situations that require complex conversations and answers, SPARK and The Dwelling team up (Spark'Dwell) to offer opportunities for young people and adults to spend a week during the summer or fall/spring break participating in Spirit and Service-Learning Experiences. Hosted (housed) at a local partner church, participants engage in a week of relationship-building, education, storytelling, and service alongside formerly or currently homeless individuals. In doing so, participants will be able to understand the complexity of the systems and institutions perpetuating injustice and inequity, how the church is responding as MaPheW 25 people, and ways that they can continue to advocate for justice in their own communities.

Why go on a Spark'Dwell trip? What's so great about it?

It is Spark'Dwell's belief that service without education is empty. This experience offers a faith milestone that expands what we know to believe what God's kingdom looks like. This week is filled with relationship building, learning experiences, education, and service alongside formerly or currently homeless individuals. This trip is unlike any other; there are opportunities to learn and practice compassion and radical empathy. Not to mention all the bonding with your youth group!

GOD'S BIG BACKYARD



**JULY
27**

You're invited to God's Backyard—a community event full of laughter, connection, and purpose! Kids will love the water slide, adults can show off their skills in a cornhole tournament, and everyone is welcome to enjoy classic summer favorites like burgers and hot dogs. As part of the day, we'll come together to sort food drive donations for Common Heart—a simple but meaningful way to serve our neighbors. Common Heart will be picking up the donations at 1pm. Bring the whole family and be part of something special!



**COMMON
HEART**
a small revolution of kindness

This food drive will focus on items that kids especially need during the summer, but we gladly welcome all donations—nothing will be turned away! The most needed items: peanut butter, jelly, canned meats, macaroni, canned fruit, healthy snacks, granola and cereal bars, instant oatmeal and grits, SpaghettiOs, canned ravioli, juice boxes, and other drinks. The healthier the items, the better!

FIRST ANNUAL CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT

**WHO
WILL BE
THE**

**BOSS
OF THE
TOSS**

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Celebration of Life Planning Party

JULY 20TH



Join us for a special gathering focused on love and peace of mind. Our Celebration of Life Planning Party is a thoughtful and uplifting event designed to help individuals and families pre-plan their funeral or memorial service in a supportive, faith-filled environment. Larry will be on hand to play a selection of beloved hymns to lift our hearts and guide you in your selections.



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to RSVP

Lunch will be served, and all are welcome! Whether you're just curious or ready to make concrete plans, this is a chance to prepare with peace and purpose—surrounded by your church family.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

JULY 13-18

YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO THE DWELLING

JULY 20

CELEBRATION OF LIFE PLANNING PARTY

JULY 25

FAMILY MEET-UP COOKOUT @ THE SIMPKINS

JULY 27

SUMMER SERIES: GOD'S BACKYARD

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 14

7:30 pm- Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, July 15th

12 pm- Staff Meeting

7 pm- Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, July 16th

6:30 pm- Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, July 18th

9 am- Weight Watchers

7:30 pm- Peter & the Star Catcher @
the Matthews Playhouse

Saturday, July 19th

8-10 am- Weight Watchers

Sunday, July 20th

8:15 am Worship

9 am Coffee Hour

9:15 am- Adult Sunday School

10:15 am- Worship

11:30 am- Celebration of Life Planning Party

Serving in Worship Today

Assisting Minister:

Acolyte:

Communion Assistants:

Usher:

Communion Set-up:

Greeters:

Nursery Assistant:

C&C Kids:

Contribution Counter:

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