



Sunday, September 27, 2026

10:00 a.m.



“Who Put You In Charge?”

Pastor Erik Allen



WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

“Voluntary in D”

by William Croft

Announcements

GATHERING

Song

Way Maker

Call to Worship

P: To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls.

C: We put our trust in you, O God.

P: Show us your ways and teach us your paths.

C: Lead us in your truth, for you are the God of our salvation.

P: Remember your compassion and everlasting love.

C: Remember us according to your steadfast love and goodness.

P: The Lord leads the humble in justice and teaches them the way.

C: Come, let us worship the God who guides us with grace!

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: And also with you!

(pass the peace as you feel comfortable)

Song

When I Look Into Your Holiness

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C: Amen.

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.

P: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: **Amen.**

P: God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen**

please be seated

Offering

If you would like, you may give online by scanning the QR code
or Offering Plates are located at the back of the Sanctuary.



Anthem

“Seekers of Your Heart”

by Dick & Melodie Tunney & Beverly Darnall

Offering Prayer

P: God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

C: Amen.

Prayers of the Church (the congregation joins in speaking the first names of those for whom we pray.)

Members: Cheryl, Anita, Sue, Sally, Vickie

Family & Friends: Lucille, Joe, Dale, Nikki, Janet, Wes, Emily, Sally,
Karla, Leon, Dee, Carol

COMMUNION

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen!

Invitation to Communion

P: Christ invites you to this table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

please be seated.

Distribution

All baptized Christians who seek the blessings of Christ's true body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion are welcome.

Those who do not wish to take Communion may come forward for a blessing.

Please let your server know if you desire a gluten-free wafer.

SENDING

Blessing

P: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

P: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: The God of grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Song

I Will Rejoice

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

"Trumpet Voluntary"

Simon Stubley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting Today

Please join us for a brief Congregational Meeting to affirm our Annual Report and our Constitution. Copies have been sent via Flocknote. Annual Reports are available at the Hospitality Center if you care to pick one up.

Sunday Morning Children's Programming

Sunday morning programming for all students is at 9:00 back in the Cross & Crown section of the building. Students in K-5th grade will meet in the Gloryland area. Lead teachers for this group are Brandon Hulse and Liz Lichtenberger, with several assistants.

Confirmation Now on Sunday Mornings at 9:00

We're excited to offer Confirmation at this new time. The class is called *Faith Conversations with Pastor Erik; Confirmation & Beyond*. High School students are welcome (encouraged!) to attend as this gives our older youth a chance to keep exploring and refining what they believe. Pastor Erik believes their experiences and questions will add a great deal to the conversation. Join us in the Cross & Crown area.

Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Join us Wednesday mornings in the Cross & Crown area from 8:30 to 10:00. The resource is *The Wired Word* which uses current events as lesson topics for each meeting. Relevant scripture is provided to guide the group's discussion in applying the lesson to our faith in today's world. Come and join us as we dig into God's Word together!

WOW (Women on Wednesday)

We meet in the Parlor from 9:15-11:00 each Wednesday morning. We have ladies new to studying the Bible along with those more experienced, but rest assured, all are welcome! We are currently studying "Matthew, Together by Grace Bible Conversations."

KOG Women's Book Club

The group will be reading "The Ragamuffin Gospel" by Brennan Manning this fall. Group meets 2nd Friday of the month in the Parlor. Contact for questions is Kathy Peterson 317 402-1847.

Coming Soon - New Church Directory

We are going to experiment using the resources that KOG already has to produce a new directory in-house. To do that we will need pictures of all of your smiling faces!

During the month of October, we will have the Huxhold Conference Room (in the hallway between Leslie and Pastor Erik's office) set up for taking photos. We will be scheduling sessions before and after the worship services. And, for anyone who cannot get to church on Sundays in October but could during the week, Leslie will schedule times for you to come in.

This is not a professional photo session! All we need is one good picture of you and your family. There will be nothing to buy!! Is that a relief or what?!

It is not a requirement that you come to the church to have your picture taken. If you have a fairly recent high quality photo that is in electronic format, you can submit that. We will also be able to use photos from other sources like quality cell phone cameras that are in electronic format.

We would like to include in our directory anyone who attends or would like to be considered part of the King of Glory family. You are not required to be a member be included.

And Another Thing...this is a great opportunity for us to update our church records. We are missing email addresses, have old land-line numbers that are not longer used, etc. You will be asked to complete a form with your current information.

Please be watching for sign-up opportunities and details on how to submit photos and directory information.

KING OF GLORY

2025-2026 Annual Report



“Live in harmony with one another”

(Romans 12:16).

Our Mission: *To be the Heart, Hands and Voice of Christ*

copies available online through Flocknote or at the
Hospitality Center

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

THEME OF THE WEEK: Continually Glorifying God

The works of love that flow from faith are especially visible in the ways we care for one another as members of Christ's body. Bound together in the church by our shared faith in Jesus Christ, we are called to reflect the love and grace we have received from God. We pray for one another. We forgive one another and seek reconciliation when we have been hurt. In times of joy, we rejoice with one another, and in times of sorrow, we weep together. When any of our neighbors is experiencing a need of body, mind, or spirit, we offer our care and compassion. In these acts of love, we become the hands and feet of Christ in the world, reminding one another that none of us walks this journey of faith alone.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE: Luke 14:1-11 A Sabbath Healing

"Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" Jesus asks a question that challenges the way we understand God's law. The law is good: it teaches us how to live in relationship with God and our neighbors, and it reveals the places where our lives fall short. But the law cannot save us. Our hope rests not in our ability to live perfectly, but in God's grace revealed in Jesus Christ. Jesus shows us that God's desire is to heal and give life. The Sabbath is not an excuse to overlook another person's need. Instead, God's grace frees us to notice one another and respond with compassion. We gather for worship to receive God's forgiveness, and then carry that healing love into our relationships with one another. *Blessed Lord, open my eyes to the needs of those around me and give me a compassionate heart to share the grace and healing I have received from you. Amen.*

MONDAY SCRIPTURE: Psalm 119:129-136 Illuminated Darkness

God's Word brings life because God is the source of life. The psalmist speaks of eyes, mouths, feet, and understanding, reminding us that God's Word touches every part of who we are. It brings light to minds, gives us words with which to praise God, and steadies our feet as we walk through the uncertainty of this world. The psalmist even weeps when others turn away from God's ways. That grief can become an expression of love. When we care about another person, we care about what happens to them. We notice when they are hurting, pray when they are struggling, and rejoice when they discover new hope. God's Word helps us see our neighbors more clearly. As we receive God's light, we are called to share that light with our brothers and sisters in Christ. *O God, shine the light of your Word into my life and help me see those around me with greater compassion, and love. Amen.*

TUESDAY SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 4:1-6 Walking the Way

Every good gift comes from God, who provides for us in ways both great and small. Because we have received so much from God, we are called to live together as one body in Christ. This does not mean that we will always agree or that we will never hurt one another. Instead, it means that we are called to approach one another with humility, patience, and love. Humility means remembering that we, too, are recipients of grace. Patience means making room for another person's struggles and imperfections. Loving one another means refusing to give up on one

another. The unity of the church is a gift of the Holy Spirit. In a world that often encourages division, Christians have the opportunity to demonstrate another way: walking together in love and remembering that we belong to the same body of Christ. *O God, give me humility, patience, and gentleness, that I may bear with my brothers and sisters in Christ and strengthen the unity of your church. Amen.*

WEDNESDAY SCRIPTURE: 1 Samuel 2:1-10 Heavenly Praise

Hannah's song is a powerful declaration of trust in God. She celebrates a God who turns our expectations upside down: the proud are humbled, the powerless are lifted up, the hungry are filled, and those who have little are given abundance. Hannah recognizes that salvation and hope do not ultimately come from human strength or status but from God. Her song reminds us that God sees those whom the world may overlook. God is at work among people who are vulnerable and in need of hope. This is part of the good news we see throughout Scripture and most clearly in Jesus: God's grace reaches us not because we have earned it, but because God is gracious. That truth also shapes how we live together. Humility begins when we recognize that everything we have is a gift. We do not need to prove that we are stronger, wiser, or more important than someone else. Instead, we can make room for others and use whatever strength or abundance we have received to bless someone else. *Gracious God, keep me humble and help me recognize your presence among those who are vulnerable or overlooked, using the gifts you have given me to serve others. Amen.*

THURSDAY SCRIPTURE: Mark 2:18-28 The Day of Rest

The Sabbath is a gift of rest. It is rest for our bodies from work and activity, and rest for our souls as we pause to remember that our worth does not depend upon how much we accomplish. Jesus reminds us that the Sabbath was made for us, not the other way around. God does not invite us into worship simply to fulfill an obligation. God invites us to receive. We gather to hear God's Word, receive the gifts of grace, share in the life of the community, and remember that we belong to God. Sabbath rest also creates space for us to be present to one another. When we slow down, we have time to notice the person sitting beside us, ask how someone is really doing. In a world that tells us to do more and prove ourselves, Sabbath offers a different word: rest. From that place of rest, we are freed to offer the same love and care to others. *Gracious God, help me rest in your love and slow down enough to notice, listen to, and care for the people you have placed around me. Amen.*

FRIDAY SCRIPTURE: Jude 20-25 Not Left Up to Us

Martin Luther once wrote a prayer for pastors that included the recognition that if everything were left up to us, we would have ruined it long ago. There is great truth in that confession, and it applies not only to pastors but to all of us. We stumble. We make mistakes. We hurt one another. We sometimes lose our way. That is precisely why we need one another. Christian community is

not a gathering of people who have everything figured out. It is a community of people who need grace. The good news is that our relationship with God does not depend entirely upon our ability to get everything right. God continues to forgive us and call us back. Christ meets us in our weakness and surrounds us with grace. The Spirit works through the community of faith to encourage us when we are weary and help us when we stumble. Sometimes the hands of Christ that we need are the hands of a friend who brings a meal, a congregation member who makes a phone call, or sibling in Christ who simply says, "I'm here." In those humble acts of love, God's grace becomes tangible. *Blessed Lord, help me receive the grace and care of others with humility, and make me willing to offer that same grace and care to those who need it. Amen.*

SATURDAY SCRIPTURE: Psalm 56 Unafraid of Fear

"In God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" These words from the psalmist do not pretend that fear is absent. David knows what it means to feel threatened and vulnerable. Yet in the midst of that fear, he places his trust in God. We, too, know many kinds of fear. We may fear what others think of us, the loss of relationships or possessions, uncertainty about the future, or the anger and disappointment of others. Fear can easily shape the way we live and cause us to protect ourselves rather than love our neighbors. But faith gives us another way to live. We do not have to face our fears alone. God surrounds us with people who remind us of God's promises when we struggle to remember them ourselves. And we are called to offer that same gift to others. *Loving God, when I am afraid, remind me that I am held by you, and give me courage to be a source of strength and love for others who are afraid. Amen.*

Trunk & Treat is Coming!!!



Save the Date!
Wednesday, October 28

Trunks, Candy, Crowd Greeters & Dinner
Servers Needed
Signups Coming Soon

