



22 JULY 2018 AD
9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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WELCOME to Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church!

If this is your first time here we want to say a special thank you for worshipping with us today. Whether you're visiting, seeking a new spiritual direction in your life, or simply looking for a church home, we pray that *SPIRIT OF LIFE* might be the place for you to grow. Living a life of faith is no easy matter—until we try living life without faith. We're glad you worshiped here today and want you to know that your presence is always welcome! **NOTE:** Large print bulletins & Children's activity bags are available at the usher station. We also offer nursery upstairs during worship and Sunday school.

***Thank you for silencing/turning off your electronic devices** during rehearsals and worship. This helps everyone stay focused.

GATHERING

- PRELUDE** Kate Olaf
- WELCOME** Pastor Rob Smith
- CALL TO WORSHIP** Mary Brause
 One: God is light and in God we find no darkness at all.
All: Lead us from dark paths that lead only to greater darkness. Turn us around to walk in your light.
 One: God is light and in God we find kinship—connectedness to God and each other.
All: Heal us and restore us, cleanse us and reshape us.
 One: God is light and in God we find perfect love.
All: May we worship God, know God's presence, and reflect God's light into our neighborhood.
 One: Let us worship God.

OPENING SONG "This Little Light of Mine" (public domain)

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Rob Smith

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION (1 John 1: 5-2:2)
 One: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.
All: If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

One: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
All: If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE Rev. Rob Smith

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Rob Smith

RESPONSE SONG "Because He Lives" by William J. Gaither

HEARING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION "Speak O Lord" Lisa Smith

SCRIPTURE 1 John 1: 5-2: 2 Mary Brause

SERMON "Come To The Light" Rev. Rob Smith

RESPONDING

SERMON RESPONSE HYMN "Great is Thy Faithfulness" (#276, v. 1-3)

CALL TO OFFERING Mary Brause

PRAYER OF DEDICATION "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow" #591

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Mary Brause
All: Dear God, we thank you with all of the blessings you pour out upon us beginning with the gift of each breath and moment we share with one another. May we be reminded of your call each moment in our lives that we are blessed to be a blessing. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Rob Smith
All: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

CLOSING SONG "Mighty to Save" (CCLI #4591782)

CHARGE & BENEDICTION Rev. Rob Smith

Volunteers for today, July 22, 2018:
Lay Leader: Mary Brause
Audio Visual: Alfred Hicks
Children's Sermon: Rev. Rob Smith
Ushers: Don & Peggy Roeske, Loretta Hunt
Greeters: Don & Peggy Roeske, Loretta Hunt

Volunteers for next week, July 29:
Guest Preacher: Rev. Denise Dunbar-Perkins, MDiv., BCC-APC
Lay Leader: Deon Ford
Audio Visual: Alfred Hicks
Children's Sermon: Holly Bueno
Ushers: Loretta Hunt, Merry Close
Greeters: Loretta Hunt, Merry Close

JULY CAREGIVER - Ruth Shepard

SpiritCare Prayer Team:
1.507.263.5975
 or 952.423.2212-Office

"First, I tell you to pray for all people, asking God for what they need and being thankful to Him. This is good, and it pleases God our Savior." 1 Timothy 2:1, 3

A n n o u n c e m e n t s . . .

Please submit Sunday worship announcements to the church office each week. Announcements not received by Wednesday noon will be shared in the worship bulletin the following Sunday. Send a quick email to spirit@spiritoflifeav.org. Thank you!

Pastor Rob Summer Schedule:
 How I love the joy of the seasons with the greatest love for beautiful Minnesota summers. As we all need time as I shared last Sunday for Sabbath taking to balance our lives, I have often erred on the side of still trying to do it all while using a shoe horn to add in some vacation. The reality is that much of a pastor's way away is also work—while still tending that everything is in place for the patterns of worship back at home. With this, I ask for your blessing and prayers for a busy summer encouraging you to find balance—balance that makes time to prioritize God at the center of all that we are and do.

July 26-29th: Rob Vacation with his family. July 29: Rev. Denise Dunbar-Perkins.
 August 6-12th: Rob—Continuing Education—worship and sermon planning through Advent. August 12th Bob Shepard.
 August 23-26th: Michaela Brause Wedding

Our **nursery** (located on 2nd floor) is open during worship for kids ages 1-6 years.

Pastor Rob has set a scheduled time to be available for anyone who might wish to connect with him. **Regular "office hours" are at the Dunn Bros., 15265 Galaxie Ave, Apple Valley, on Tuesdays, 10am-12noon.** If you need to talk regarding life issues, church, or other things, please feel free to drop by or set up an appointment to meet with him.

Everyone is welcome to join us for the weekly study on Wednesdays, 10-11:30am, with Pastor Rob leading. Our current study began July 11, covering the book of Mark. Anyone can join at any time. Class meets at the new Orchard Path Presbyterian Homes located just down the road at 5400 157th St. W., Apple Valley (South on Pilot Knob and turn left onto 157th St W. Orchard Path to the right after the traffic circle.)

From Community Service: There are weekly opportunities to help in our food shelf donation garden. Weather permitting, we will typically plan to harvest produce after worship on Sundays, and maybe do a little weeding and maintenance, so if you are interested in participating, bring your gardening clothes and tools! A few people will also usually be working in the garden either Thursdays or Fridays in the morning on a weekly basis; contact Denise Lewis (dlewis9476@comcast.net) to confirm if the crew will be out there!

On Saturday, July 21st, a small group will be **preparing and serving the meal at St. Stephens men's shelter in Minneapolis.** We serve the meal at 7:00 pm and are there less than an hour. If you would like to contribute to the meal or help serve, please contact Wendy Barta at wbarta@gmail.com.

Inviting everyone at Spirit of Life...

We are honoring Michaela Brause with a bridal shower, immediately following worship on Sunday, July 29!

As her church family, let's bless her!

Michaela, and her fiancé, Trent, are registered at Target, and at myregistry.com (search on their names).

A light luncheon will be served, and gifts will be opened. If you will be joining us, please R.S.V.P.

to Pat Buchholz at 952-423-8358 or

Ruth Shepard at 507-265-5975.

Our next midweek potluck & devotion night is Wednesday, August 1. Plan to be here at 6pm with your potluck foods to share. We'll be grilling/eating and have a 10 minute devotion between 6:00 & 7:00 pm. Please bring your favorite lawn chair, your own meat to grill, plus extra for those who may forget, and a dish to share. Also, bring your own place settings and drinks. (Extra place settings will be available but water will be the only beverage provided by the church.) The final night is: Wednesday, Aug 15.

We are **collecting school supplies** for East Lake Elementary School in Lakeville. Please bring supplies to *Spirit of Life* by August 12. Please leave donations in the "school bus" at the back of the church.

30 composition notebooks Wide Ruled Black
20 colored pencils
15 boxes of tissues
50 folders regular two pocket Yellow
50 folders two pocket with prongs Purple
30 glue sticks
30 markers Wide tip
30 markers Narrow tip
10 packs thin point dry erase markers
10 boxes of pens felt tip black
10 boxes of pens felt tip red
30 #2 pencils
30 pencil sharpeners with catcher
10 rulers
3 school box
10 scissors K size
10 scissors upper elementary size
3 ear buds or headphones (extra items)

Throughout the month, we collect our change and then we bring it, on the second Sunday of the month, and give. Some are familiar with this, others may have questions. With the help of our children, we continue collecting change in our metal buckets on a monthly basis. This is a great teaching tool to help us show each other and the younger generation how fun it is to give when we hear the change drop in the buckets! The next time we receive the "**Change for change**" bucket offering will be on August 12.

SPIRIT OF LIFE STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Rob Smith

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OFFICE

10:00 AM—3:00 PM MON-THURS

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