



**08 JULY 2018 AD**  
**7TH 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**

<b><u>PRELUDE</u></b>	Cole Smith
<b><u>WELCOME</u></b>	Bob Shepard
<b><u>CALL TO WORSHIP</u></b>	Bob Shepard
One: From the beginning, the Word of Life was present	
<b>All: and we welcome that eternal Word to live and thrive among us today.</b>	
One: In Jesus, the Word of Life, we come to worship God,	
<b>All: that our joy may be complete.</b>	
One: Lead us God of light, the light that leads us to life. Let us worship God.	
<b><u>OPENING SONG</u></b>	"Praise Adonai " (CCLI #2612742)
<b><u>TIME WITH CHILDREN</u></b>	Karen Johnson
Change for Change bucket offering	
<b><u>PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION</u></b>	"All The Poor and Powerless " (CCLI #5881130)
<b><u>ASSURANCE OF GRACE</u></b>	Rev. Rob Smith
<b><u>PASSING OF THE PEACE</u></b>	Rev. Rob Smith
<b><u>RESPONSE SONG</u></b>	"Set a Fire" (CCLI #5911299)

**HEARING**

<b><u>PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION</u></b>	Odosia Amadasun
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<b><u>SCRIPTURE</u></b>	I John 1: 1-4 John 1: 14-16	Bob Shepard Rev. Rob Smith
<b><u>SERMON</u></b>	"From the Beginning"	Rev. Rob Smith

**RESPONDING**

<b><u>SERMON RESPONSE SONG</u></b>	"10,000 Reasons" (CCLI #6016351)
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<b><u>CALL TO OFFERING</u></b>	Bob Shepard
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<b><u>SPECIAL MUSIC</u></b>	Cole Smith
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<b><u>PRAYER OF DEDICATION</u></b>	Bob Shepard
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**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.**

<b><u>PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER</u></b>	Rev. Rob Smith
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**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**

<b><u>CLOSING SONG</u></b>	"Hakuna Mungu"
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<b><u>CHARGE &amp; BLESSING</u></b>	Rev. Rob Smith
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**Volunteers for today, July 8, 2018:**

**Lay Leader:** Bob Shepard  
**Audio Visual:** Alfred Hicks  
**Children's Sermon:** Karen Johnson  
**Usher:** Deon Ford & Alvine Ekame  
**Greeter:** Deon Ford & Alvine Ekame

**JULY CAREGIVER - Ruth Shepard**

**Volunteers for next week, Mission Trip Sunday, July 15:**

**Lay Leaders:** mission team youth and leaders  
**Audio Visual:** Eric Scott  
**Children's Sermon:** mission trip team  
**Ushers:** Duane Sweep & Rosellen Fairall  
**Greeters:** Duane Sweep & Rosellen Fairall

**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](mailto: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 26-29<sup>th</sup>: Rob Vacation with his family. July 29: Rev. Denise Dunbar-Perkins.

August 6-12<sup>th</sup>: Rob—Continuing Education—worship and sermon planning through Advent. August 12<sup>th</sup> Bob Shepard.

August 23-26<sup>th</sup>: Michaela Brause Wedding

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.

**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](mailto:dlewis9476@comcast.net)) to confirm if the crew will be out there!

**Everyone is welcome to join us for the weekly study on Wednesdays, 10 -11:30am,** with Pastor Rob leading. Our next study begins 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.)

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

Today we receive the **“Change for change” bucket offering**. 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!

**Our next midweek potluck & devotion night is Thursday, July 11.**

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 additional nights are: Wednesdays, July 25, Aug 1 & 15. **We need volunteers** for the following: set up, grill master, and cleanup. If you are willing and available to volunteer, please email [spirit@spiritoflifeav.org](mailto:spirit@spiritoflifeav.org) or call the church office with the date(s) you're available. Thank you!

**The Spirit of Life 2018 Garage Sale will be July 19-21!** Sign-up sheets are at the back of the sanctuary and we hope everyone will participate! **We need volunteers to assist in receiving the donations, work with set-up and pricing, as well as clean-up on Saturday. We also need your donations!** Everyone has “stuff” to get rid of so clean out your closets, your basement, your attic, and garage. No need to price items before delivering. All items will be “priced to sell” at the church. Please also don't donate items you have an attachment to. All remaining items will be donated after the sale! To help stay organized, **we will accept items on Sunday, July 15 immediately following the Youth Mission Trip Stockholder luncheon (approx. 1-5pm) AND Monday, July 16 (10am-8pm).** (Please no: dirty, moldy, filthy items; broken items; tube TVs; gas, kerosene, oil nor their containers; lawn chemicals nor sprayers; baby cribs, baby baths, car seats, baby gates, baby swings, baby high chairs, babies, Pack n Plays; electrical fixtures; large old appliances, large old spouses.) Questions: Please contact Duane Brause @ (612)816-5337 or Bob Shepard @ (507)589-5793.

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](http://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.

We will be **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)

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](mailto:wbarta@gmail.com).

**SPIRIT OF LIFE STAFF**

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**OFFICE**

10:00 AM—3:00 PM MON-THURS

FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES PLEASE CALL ROB @ 952.807.4413

# “From the Beginning”

July 8, 2018

Rev. Rob Smith

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