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15TH 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

WELCOME

Rev. Rob Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

Becky Brandt

One: As we come this morning, from many places, many paths, different experiences, and a multitude of worries-

All: We also come seeking to be strengthened to better love one another, to grow in hope, and to increase in our trust that God is with us.

One: Together, may we help each other to become less so that God becomes more—may we know deep in our hearts that our treasure is already poured out in God's abundant grace.

All: Together, seeking first in all of our lives the kingdom of God.

One: Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN

"Seek Ye First" (CCLI # 1352)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Karen Johnson

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Becky Brandt

One: Dear God who astounds us with overflowing grace even pouring out your own life that we may live knowing that we already have enough—that in your forgiveness that we may live free, free to let go, free to trust, and free to love. Yet we get in our own way—as we cannot help but place our trust in ourselves—as we have trouble letting go—as we know all too well shame—and as we are forgetful of your call in our lives that the best way we share our love with you is in how we love one another...let us pray together,

giving thanks for your steadfastness of love for us, your people. We pray...

All: Dear Holy God, help us to seek first in the morning when we rise, your kingdom. Remind us in our work that you are at our side. Be first that comes to mind when we begin to fall placing our trust in ourselves. And when fall short, help our neighbor to be that influence in our life that we turn back around, and help each one of us share that in return. We pray all of this in Jesus precious name. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Rev. Rob Smith

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Rob Smith

RESPONSE SONG

"Lord I Need You" (CCLI #5925687)

HEARING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

(sung) "Sanctuary"

SCRIPTURE

Luke 12: 13-34

Becky Brandt

SERMON

"Gonna Need A Bigger Barn!"

Rev. Rob Smith

RESPONDING

SERMON RESPONSE

Apostles' Creed

CALL TO OFFERING

Becky Brandt

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

Rev. Rob Smith

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: (Prayer)

One: May the God of resounding joy be with you!

All: And also with you!

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

CLOSING HYMN

"Come Thou Fount" (CCLI #2272160)

CHARGE & BLESSING

Rev. Rob Smith

Volunteers for today Sunday, September 2, 2018:

Lay Leader: Becky Brandt

Children's Sermon: Karen Johnson

Audio Visual: Eric Scott

Ushers: Denise Lewis, Gladys Mbonifor, Patience Mbonifor

Greeter: Joan Emden

Communion:

Denise Lewis (Lead), Alvine Laura Ekame, Nicole Fischer

SEPTEMBER CAREGIVER - Loretta Hunt

Volunteers for next Sunday, Outdoor Jazz Worship Sunday school Fall Kick-Off, September 9, 2018:

Lay Leaders: Our Sunday school teachers!

Audio Visual: Alfred Hicks

Children's Sermon: Nikki Harves

Ushers: Denise Lewis, Gladys Mbonifor, Patience Mbonifor

Greeter: Joan Emden

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*

Per Capita for 2018 is \$34.50.

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Announcements ...

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!

Our nursery (2nd floor) is open during worship for children ages 1-6 years.

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!

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 is 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.)

Plan to join us next **Sunday, September 9th, for our fall kick-off.** We'll enjoy an **Outdoor Jazz Band worship service, and meet the Sunday school teachers!!** Following worship we'll enjoy a potluck, games and a bouncy house. Please use the bulletin insert today and sign up to participate.

Throughout the month, we collect our change, then bring it on the second Sunday of the month to 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! We receive our next **“Change for change” bucket offering** on Sunday, September 9.

There is a sign up at the back for people to **sign up to bring snacks and desserts for M&M.** You may also talk with Loretta Hunt to sign up.

Spirit of Life has an abundance of apples, so I would like to put out the **call to all bakers:** I'd like to do an “All Things Apple” bake sale, proceeds to go to the CROP Walk. SoL can provide the apples, so I'm looking for people interested in making baked goods, applesauce, apple butter or jam, or canned apples. Please contact Denise Lewis by September 9, if you'd like to help: dlewis9476@comcast.net, or 651-686-9476.

Whether you are ready to commit to membership at *Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church*, have questions, or you're new and need to connect, Pastor Rob would like to personally invite you and your family to the **new member class kick-off!** Come to Pastor Rob and Lisa's home at 709 Country Place, Burnsville, MN 55337, on Sunday, September 23, 5-7pm, for a cookout, including some of Pastor Rob's famous smoked meat and more. Please RSVP to the church office at spirit@spiritoflifeav.org or 952.423.2212.

Mark your calendars... Orchard Path Senior Living Community will be hosting a GRAND OPENING event September 21, from 4-7pm. You are invited for tours, great music and fall treats. Orchard Path is your senior living community neighbor, located less than a mile south, off of Pilot Knob Road and 157th Street. Save the date!”

Spirit of Life will again be participating in the **South of the River CROP Hunger Walk**, on Sunday October 7, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lakeville. You are invited to join the team of walkers/fundraisers (sign up, or talk to Denise Lewis), or you can participate by sponsoring a walker. You can do that by pledging a dollar amount per mile walked (4 mile route), or by pledging to match the walker's own fundraising efforts, up to a designated dollar amount. CROP Walks are organized to promote awareness and education about the issues of hunger locally and globally, as well as to raise money to create sustainable solutions to end hunger. Our Walk will provide 25% of the funds raised to 360 Communities, the CAP Agency, and the Open Door Pantry, and 75% to Church World Service. We learned at our recent hunger forum that 1 in 11 Minnesotans face hunger, including 1 in 8 Minnesota children. This affects health, productivity, and readiness to learn—things that we all pay for in the end when we don't prevent hunger in the first place. Let's do our part as a congregation, and raise \$2,000 for the 2018 South of the River CROP Walk!

Spirit of Life's Women's Book Club will resume in September. We will be reading "Everybody Always: Becoming Love in a World Full of Setbacks and Difficult People" by Bob Goff. Here is a link to purchase the book: https://www.amazon.com/Everybody-Always-Becoming-Setbacks-Difficult/dp/0718078136/ref=sr_1_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1535597103&sr=8-2&keywords=everybody+always+bob+gooff We will meet on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 7 pm at the home of Lisa Smith (709 Country Place, Burnsville). We will discuss the book and enjoy fellowship. All women are welcome! Bring a friend! Please contact Lisa at lisafugacciasmith@gmail.com with any questions or if you would be willing to bring a snack or beverage to share.

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