



# 15 SEPTEMBER 2019

## 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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**W E L C O M E** 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:** Hymnals, large print bulletins & children’s activity bags are available at the usher station, or you may ask an usher. We also offer nursery upstairs during worship and Sunday school.

**\*We would like to draw your attention to an important housekeeping note:** Should your phone ring during rehearsals or worship, you will be asked to pet sit for Lucy (Pastor Rob & Lisa’s dog).

### GATHERING

**PRELUDE** “Rejoice, the Lord is King” arr by Cindy Berry **Martha Davis**

**WELCOME** **Rev. Rob Smith**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** **Jeff Mortimer**

One: Friends! Let us draw close to God and live, laugh, and love!  
**All: Living in the fullness of the life we have been granted. Laughing with joy at the blessings we have been given. Loving this day, this place, these people around us.**  
One: In the name of our living, laughing, loving God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Let us worship God.

**OPENING SONG** “10,000 Reasons” (ccli #6016351)

**TIME WITH CHILDREN** **Rachel Elliot**

**PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION** **Jeff Mortimer**

**MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE** **Rev. Rob Smith**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE** **Rev. Rob Smith**

**RESPONSE HYMN** “Deep in the Shadows of the Past” (#50, v 1)

**ANTHEM** “By Faith” by Keith & Kristyn Getty **Women’s Choir**

### HEARING

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION** **Jeff Mortimer**

**SCRIPTURE** Genesis 18: 1-15; 21: 1-7 **Jeff Mortimer**

**SERMON** “Elements of Community” **Rev. Rob Smith**

### RESPONDING

**SERMON RESPONSE HYMN** “I Will Be Your God” (#51)

**CALL TO OFFERING** **Jeff Mortimer**

**OFFERTORY** “Comfort the People” by Roger Summers **Martha Davis**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** “Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow” #606

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**  
**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** “Trading Sorrows” (ccli #2574653)

**BENEDICTION IN SONG** “Alleluia” by Larry Gatlin of the Gatlin Brothers **Choir**

**CHARGE** **Rev. Rob Smith**

**POSTLUDE** **Martha Davis**

**Volunteers for today, September 15, 2019,**  
**Lay Leader:** Jeff Mortimer  
**Audio Visual:** Eric Scott  
**Children’s sermon:** Rachel Elliott  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Denise Lewis, Howard and Sue Mayers, Chris Sachs

**SEPTEMBER CAREGIVER - Ruth Ewule**

***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*

### Volunteers for next Sunday, September 22, 2019,

**Lay Leader:** Austin Ambe  
**Audio Visual:** Alfred Hicks  
**Children’s sermon:** Vickie Fisher  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Denise Lewis, Becky Brandt, Chris Sachs

**2019 Per Capita is \$35.70.**

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It’s that time of year again, time to start thinking about ordering poinsettias and greens for the holiday season. Advent begins December 1st, that is the day we will decorate the sanctuary. We will be taking your holiday orders September 15th through October 6th. Gertens actually grows the plants to fulfill each specific order, which is why they need to be ordered so early. You are welcome to order plants to take home and/or leave at Spirit of Life as holiday décor. Use the bulletin insert to place your order.

The Worship and Music Committee is looking for a youth who might be interested in music and also be willing to be part of the committee. The group meets every other month (next meeting is September 10). Feel free to talk with any of the committee members to learn more.

### **SPIRIT OF LIFE STAFF**

**Pastor:** Rev. Rob Smith **Email:** [pastorrob@spiritoflifeav.org](mailto:pastorrob@spiritoflifeav.org)  
**Parish Lay Pastor:** Loretta Hunt  
**Clerk of Session:** Denise Lewis  
**Pianist:** Martha Davis  
**Nursery Caregiver:** Trista Hansen  
**Office Administrator:** Shari Shaw

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10:00 AM—3:00 PM MON-THURS  
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# Announcements ...

**Please be sure to submit your announcement to the church office** so we may include them in the printed bulletin. All announcements received at [spirit@spiritoflifeav.org](mailto:spirit@spiritoflifeav.org) by noon Wednesday will be included in the Sunday bulletin. Those received later than, will be included the following Sunday. ~Thank you.

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

**Today, September 15 is the first date of Sunday school classes.** Children's K - 5th grade will be dismissed shortly after worship begins and have class during worship. Kids 6th grade and older will meet for Sunday school following worship. Adult Sunday school class will also meet following worship. (see info below)

The **adult Sunday School class** will be highly participatory and highly flexible. Two daily devotional books will be featured one that focuses on thoughts that might be of greater interest to men and one that may be more appealing to women but of course will be interchangeable. Or if you have a favorite daily devotional that you would like to share your thoughts about, that would be encouraged as well. Participants will be asked to choose one of the week’s daily devotionals and share why it was the most meaningful or raised the most questions in their minds. By sharing our experiences it is hoped that we continue to grow our understanding of how God works in our lives. The schedule will be flexible as there are several Sundays this fall when other activities are planned immediately after service. These discussions will be easy to pick up on as each session will be independent of previous or succeeding sessions. All adults are encouraged to join the class when you are able.

Pastor Rob has set a scheduled time to be available for anyone who might wish to connect with him. **Pastor Rob’s NEW “office hours”** are at the Dunn Bros., 15265 Galaxie Ave, Apple Valley, on **Mondays, 9-11am**. 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.

At **Meet in the Middle (M+M)** we do many of the same things we did at summer kids camp. Kids can be dropped off at 4:30pm on Wednesdays. From 4:30-6pm, kids will be playing games, making arts and crafts, eating snacks, singing, Bible lessons and more! Parents join the kids for dinner at 6pm (provided by the church but free will offering received). Please contact Nikki at [nikkiharves@gmail.com](mailto:nikkiharves@gmail.com) to register or with questions. **We also need people to sign up to provide desserts.** There’s a sign up in the kitchen (on the refrigerator).

**Cookie hostesses** needed! We need cookie hostesses for worship in October. Please contact Rosellen Fairall ([rlfairall@gmail.com](mailto:rlfairall@gmail.com)) or Loretta Hunt ([huntgeo@msn.com](mailto:huntgeo@msn.com)) to sign up. Thank you!

**Community Forum on our Changing Climate and Hunger,**  
presented by the South of the River CROP Walk  
**Monday evening, September 16, 6:00-7:30 pm, Burnhaven Library**  
Community Room, 1101 W County Road 42, Burnsville MN  
Presenting Climate Realities and Solutions for Food and Water Sustainability  
Featuring speakers Veda Kanitz, Citizen’s Climate Lobby; and, Rev. Dr. Paula Nordhem, co-coordinator of the South of the River CROP Hunger Walk.

We will explore the current realities of our changing climate and how

the climate affects the global food supply. Then, we will present the ways Church World Service has, for over seventy years, worked in challenging environments after a human made or natural disaster, finding solutions and adaptations. With collaborative partners on the ground around the world, they put that learning into creating adaptive programs. The climate is changing rapidly especially in our most vulnerable ecosystems and there are solutions already in place and working for sustainability and to alleviate hunger.

**CALLING FOR CHILI MAKERS!!** On September 22, beginning after worship, Community Service will sponsor a **chili cook off as a fundraiser for the South of the River CROP Hunger Walk**. We’ve had some great chili provided by church members in the past, and it has been a lot of fun to taste lots of different varieties of chili. To add to the fun, this year in honor of the 50th anniversary of CROP Hunger Walks nation wide, we are inviting chili makers from other SotR CROP Walk participating churches, so we may have a little competition for the best chili! **Let Denise Lewis know TODAY, September 15** if you will be providing chili. Cornbread and desserts will be provided by the Community Service committee.

Ready to learn more about **membership at Spirit of Life**? Pastor Rob and Lisa are hosting a New Member Class Kick-Off BBQ on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6-8pm. This meet and greet class is for those exploring new membership and visitors who may like to connect more. It will be a great opportunity to begin talking with Pastor Rob about what it means to be a member at *Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church*. Please RSVP to Pastor Rob for the BBQ by emailing [pastorrob@spiritoflifeav.org](mailto:pastorrob@spiritoflifeav.org) .

Everyone is invited to join Pastor Rob for the **midweek Bible study**. The study will be on Ephesians, focusing on faith community. We’ll meet **Wednesdays, 10am, beginning October 2nd**, at *Spirit of Life*. See Pastor Rob with questions.

The **South of the River CROP Hunger Walk** will be Sunday, October 13, at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Lakeville. You can participate in this effort to work towards an end to hunger by joining the team of walkers (sign up with Denise Lewis, or online at [www.crophungerwalk.org/burnsvilleMN](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/burnsvilleMN) and search for the Spirit of Life team); donating to the team’s fundraising, or by attending the chili cook off and voting with your dollars; participating in the food drive for the CROP Walk that will be coming up in early October. Contact either Denise Lewis or Peggy Roeske if you have any questions.

## Building Use this week:

Sun, Sept 15	8:45am choir 10:00am Worship	sanctuary sanctuary/kitchen
Mon, Sept 16	6:00 pm Cub Scouts/ Den 3	conf rm
Tues, Sept 17	1:00 pm staff mtg 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Troop 292 7:00 pm Troop Comm mtg	conf rm sanctuary conf rm
Wed, Sept 18	4:30pm M+M 6:00 pm FAMILY MEAL 7:00 pm choir	sanctuary/conf rm sanctuary/kitchen sanctuary
Sat, Sept 21	7:45 pm women’s choir 8:30pm NA	sanctuary sanctuary/kitchen

September 15, 2019

# “Elements of Community”

Rev. Rob Smith

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