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13TH 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 alife 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 “O Worship the King” arr by Mark Hayes **Martha Davis**

WELCOME **Rev. Rob Smith**

CALL TO WORSHIP **Holly Bueno**

One: Here we are: A new season, a new beginning, excitement building as we work in this garden together.
All: Together, Creator and created, life-giver and life-given, maker and made!
One: Breathe deep and feel the life in your lungs! Open your eyes and see the wonders all around!
All: Listen! The Lord is here as we gather in the Spirit’s presence. Let’s worship together giving thanks for this day, this new beginning, this new program year.

OPENING SONG “Thou, O Lord Art Exalted” (ccli #1273)

TIME WITH CHILDREN **Nikki Harves**
“Change for Change” bucket offering

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION **Holly Bueno**
One: God of all creation, you created us in love, you created us for love and you invite us to enjoy relationship with one another and with you. You knew us as we were being formed and you love us with an everlasting love.

All: Forgive us, O God, when we fail to value relationships as you do or when we hoard love as though it were a scarce commodity. Forgive us when we seek to blame others for failings that are ours.
One: Remind us, God, that you neither blame nor shame, but love us without pause. Strengthen us in this new program year that our work be fruitful and life-giving, that our efforts be with purpose in your vision.
All: Knowing ourselves loved, forgiven and welcomed into your embrace, may we be freed from all that prevents us from building community, here in this place and wherever we are. In the name of God, Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **Rev. Rob Smith**

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

RESPONSE HYMN “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” (#286, v 1 & 2)

ANTHEM “Voices of Praise” by Charles Wesley, arr by Joseph M Martin (Choir with congregation)

HEARING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION **Holly Bueno**

SCRIPTURE Genesis 2: 4b-25 **Holly Bueno**

SERMON “Elemental Faith” **Rev. Rob Smith**

RESPONDING

SERMON RESPONSE HYMN “Praise Adonai” (ccli #2612742)

CALL TO OFFERING **Holly Bueno**

OFFERTORY “A Day Without Rain” by Enya **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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER HOWDIE! **Nikki Harves**

SENDING FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

CLOSING SONG “How Great is Our God” (ccli #4348399)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION **Rev. Rob Smith**

POSTLUDE **Martha Davis**

Volunteers for today, September 8, 2019,
Sunday School kick-off:

Lay Leader: Holly Bueno
Audio Visual: Alfred Hicks
Children’s sermon: Nikki Harves
Ushers/Greeters: Denise Lewis, Becky Brandt, and Walt Ullrich

Volunteers for next Sunday, 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

SPIRIT OF LIFE STAFF

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

OFFICE
10:00 AM—3:00 PM MON-THURS
FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES PLEASE CALL ROB @ 952.807.4413

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 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. Note: **today, September 8th, children will stay in worship.**

Today, **September 8th, is our fall program kick-off.** We'll meet the Sunday school teachers in worship!! Following worship we'll enjoy a cookout, games and a bouncy house. Please join us—grilling begins at 11am! **Note: September 15** will be 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.

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** (beginning September 9th). 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.

Plan to be here for **Meet in the Middle (M+M) (beginning September 11)!** 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 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) or Loretta Hunt (huntgeo@msn.com) to sign up. Thank you!

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.

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 by 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 22nd, 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 .

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. Order forms will be available starting September 15th.

Message from our music director, Martha:

Hi Everyone!
Choir Rehearsals have already begun!
I have lots of great music planned this fall and we are going to get going right away. Choir will sing this morning, Kick-Off Sunday.
Rehearsal schedule is finalized for the entire rest of the year. See me!
I want to invite all women to the Women's Choir which will be a wonderful addition to our music ensembles. If you would like to sing, let me know and I will get you music. We will also have a Praise Team, rehearsals starts Sept 11 and Bells will start later in September.
Invite a friend to come along! Thanks, Martha

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 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 8	8:45am choir	sanctuary
	10:00am Worship	sanctuary/kitchen
	cookout & games	picnic/lawn
Mon, Sept 9	7:00 pm Pack 292 leader mtg	conf rm
	6:00 pm Cub Scouts/ Den 3	conf rm
	6:30 pm Session mtg	conf rm
Tues, Sept 10	6:30 pm Boy Scouts Troop 292	sanctuary
	7:00 pm Worship/Music mtg	Dove rm
Wed, Sept 11	4:30pm M+M	sanctuary/conf rm
	6:00 pm FAMILY MEAL	sanctuary/kitchen
	6:30pm CE mtg	conf rm
	7:00 pm choir	sanctuary
Thurs, Sept 12	8:00 pm women's choir	sanctuary
	8:00 am Stewardship mtg	conf rm
	8:00 pm Tech mtg	sanctuary
Sat, Sept 14	8:30pm NA	sanctuary/kitchen

2019 Per Capita is \$35.70.

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