



13 OCTOBER 2019

18TH 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 be in charge of snow removal!

GATHERING

PRELUDE "Praise to the Lord, The Almighty" Martha Davis

WELCOME Rev. Rob Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP Bob Shepard

One: God of the exiled, the alien, the stranger
All: you are our God and we are your people.

One: God of the hungry, the poor, the widowed
All: you are our God and we are your people.

One: God of the vulnerable, the powerless, the side-lined
All: you are our God and we are your people.

One: God of mercy, justice, faithfulness
All: you are our God and we are your people.

One: Where you stay, we will stay; where you go, we will go,
All: you are our God and we are your people.

One: Let us worship God.

OPENING SONG "I Will Trust in the Lord"

TIME WITH CHILDREN "Change for Change" bucket offering Vickie Fischer

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION Bob Shepard

One: Loving and travelling God of all places and all people, on this road we meet you and walk with you. Loving God, as we cross borders, as we move from one place to another, learning and growing along the way. Help us to cross borders knowing and sharing your love, the love that travels with us. And as we let go of past places and head for new ones, O Loving God, may we discover you stepping alongside us lifting the burdens with us, letting go of the past with us, and reorientating our journey with us.

All: Travelling God, may we continually discover the breadth of your love, the diversity of your community as we pick up and walk alongside others who are also searching for renewal and long for forgiveness. So hear our prayer, Love that journeys with us and never lets us go, who dares to cross borders arriving in unexpected places, seeking the good of others. Forgive

us for a world with plenty, knowing many do not have enough food, or clean water, or adequate shelter. Forgive our contribution and complicity to systems that increasingly leverage advantage for a few at great cost for so many others. Help lead our feet, one foot in front of the other in a journey together that gives a richer blessing for all. Loving God, go with us and be our companion always in every step we take.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GRACE Rev. Rob Smith

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Rob Smith

RESPONSE HYMN "The Summons" (#726, v 1 & 5)

ANTHEM "Song of Ruth" by David Childs Women's Choir

HEARING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Bob Shepard

SCRIPTURE Ruth 1: 1-17 Bob Shepard

SERMON "Elements of Loyalty" Rev. Rob Smith

RESPONDING

SERMON RESPONSE "I Will Follow" (CCLI #5806878) Lisa Smith, Mary Brause

CALL TO OFFERING Bob Shepard

OFFERTORY "The Power of Your Love" by Geoff Bullock Martha Davis

PRAYER OF DEDICATION "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow (Doxology)" #606
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

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 thy 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.

COMMISSIONING OF CROP HUNGER WALK WALKERS & VOLUNTEERS

Pastor Rob: May you walk safely, remaining mindful of all who struggle to find enough to eat.

Walkers: We walk because they walk. May each step remind us of the daily journeys of millions of our sisters and brothers who have no choice but to walk for food, water, employment, safety.

Pastor Rob: Would all those who have helped support a walker please stand, as you are able.

Walkers: We give thanks to God for the generosity of all those who sponsored us.

Pastor Rob: Let us give thanks for the work of Church World Service and all addressing hunger in our world. This work is our hands and our feet reaching out to a world in need.

Congregation: May the ministry of the Crop Hunger Walk work towards all God's people to have enough to eat, clean water to drink and a safe place to call home.

Pastor Rob: We also pray for Rosemount Community Resource Center, our local hunger-fighting agency.

Congregation: May the hungry of our community be nourished in body and spirit through their outreach.

Pastor Rob: Today, we recall the unfinished task of building a world of peace and justice where hunger has no home.

Congregation: May our lives reflect our values and our vision. Let us walk with the world, today and every day, so that all God's children might have enough to live in dignity. Amen.

SENDING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

CLOSING HYMN "O God, You Send Us Out to Walk"

CHARGE & BENEDICTION Rev. Rob Smith

POSTLUDE Martha Davis

Volunteers for today, October 13, 2019:

Lay Leader: Bob Shepard

Audio Visual: Eric Scott

Children's sermon: Vickie Fischer

Ushers/Greeters: Deon Ford

OCTOBER CAREGIVER - Chris Sachs

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, October 20, 2019,

Lay Leader: Oghomwen Amadasun

Audio Visual: Eric Scott

Children's sermon: Chris Sachs

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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.

2019 Per Capita is \$35.70.

Announcements ...

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

Throughout the month, we collect change and then bring it on the second Sunday (October 13) to give in the “**Change for change**” **bucket offering**. 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!

Children's K - 5th grade will be dismissed shortly after worship begins and have **Sunday school class** during worship. Kids 6th grade and older will meet for Sunday school following worship. Adult Sunday school class will also meet following worship. 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.

Today, Oct 13, is the **7th annual South of the River CROP Hunger Walk at St. John's Lutheran Church**, 20165 Heath Avenue, Lakeville! Registration and family friendly activities begin at 1:00 pm, with the walk starting at 2:00 pm. Feel free to bring your grocery bag contribution to the **annual South of the River CROP Hunger Walk food drive** or leave it in the foyer for our team to bring over to St. John's Lutheran Church.

Pastor Rob has set a scheduled time to be available for anyone who might wish to connect with him. **Pastor Rob's "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.

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**, at *Spirit of Life*. See Pastor Rob with questions.

Meet in the Middle (M+M) happens 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 December. Please contact Rosellen Fairall (rlfairall@gmail.com) or Loretta Hunt (huntgeo@msn.com) to sign up. Thank you!

Next Sunday, October 20, is ***Spirit of Life* "WORKshop"**! We will have a short worship service beginning at 10am and then, as a congregation, WORK around *Spirit of Life* will begin. We will be doing various fall cleaning jobs. We'll plan to work until 1:30/2pm. Wear your tennis shoes! Please also bring a dish to share for the "brunch" potluck (egg bakes, muffins, cinnamon rolls, fruit).

Women's book club will meet on Thursday, October 24 at 7pm at Lisa Smith's home. We will be discussing Wolfpack by Abby Wambach, available at: https://www.amazon.com/dp/1250217709/ref=cm_sw_r_em_api_i_c_6PyEDbQ09HYSR
All are welcome! Please join us!

Notice: To begin our congregational study of immigration issues, on **November 3**, following worship in the adult Christian Ed time, we will have a circle to share family immigration stories—the stories of children and grandchildren of

immigrants. This would be an opportunity to share how your family history played a role in developing your personal values, and how that story affects how you view immigration today. It is our hope that this will offer us a broad historical context for immigration in the US, hopefully capturing stories coming out of many waves of immigration over the years, Scandinavian, European, Hispanic, Asian, and African. Everyone is invited to attend this event whether or not you have a story to share, but if you want to share your family immigration story, please notify Joanne Boyd, Denise Lewis, or Bob Shepard, so we have an idea how many stories we will be starting with. As we move through our immigration study, we will shift our focus to current issues, but we felt it would be helpful to start with some historical context first.

We will be buying **Armful of Love** gifts for two families for Christmas this year. Community 360 will not be able to get us the names and list until November 18th and we need the gifts by December 6th. We want everyone to be aware of the short turnaround time to buy and wrap gifts. Questions—please see Wendy Barta.

From the Music Director:

Spirit of Life currently has a Mixed Voice Choir, Women's Choir, Youth Music Ensemble (singers and instrumentalists), and soon a Handbell Choir. If interested in joining any of these ensembles, please talk with Martha.

The choir will be sharing all kinds of praise music this fall - different styles and cultures but all will be about lifting our hearts, minds, and souls to praise God, no matter our imperfections and troubles.

A few people have said they can't commit to the choir because it's too much time. We will take you when you can come - it is an open invitation! If you can't commit to every week - welcome to the club!!! Please participate when you can come. We will have fun and learn some new things and I look forward to sharing some of the cool things that I have learned/experienced in my life with choral music. We also have childcare available at 8:45am on Sundays if we know ahead of time to plan accordingly.

Building Use this week:

Sun, Oct 13	8:45am women's choir	sanctuary
	9:10am choir	sanctuary
	10:00am Worship	sanctuary/kitchen
	11:14 youth group	upper level
Mon, Oct 14	6:00 pm Cub Scouts/ Den 3	conf rm
	6:30 pm Session mtg	dove rm
Tues, Oct 15	1:00 pm staff mtg	conf rm
	6:30 pm Boy Scouts Troop 292	sanctuary
	7:00 pm Troop Committee mtg	conf rm
Wed, Oct 16	10:00 am Ephesians Bible study	conf rm
	No M&M or family meal this week due to MEA	
Thurs, Oct 17	6:00 pm Pack 292 Lion Cub & Den mtgs	conf & Dove rm
Sat, Oct 19	8:30pm NA	sanctuary/kitchen

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10:00 AM—3:00 PM MON-THURS

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