

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Crookston, MN

June 21st, 2026 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

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WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/SHARING THE PEACE

OPENING WORDS/CALL TO WORSHIP

In the name of the Father,

and of the ✠ Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

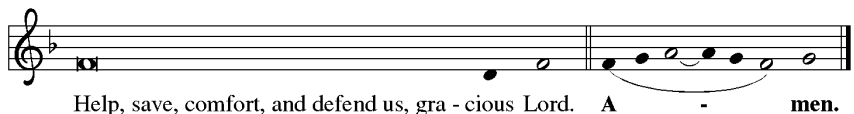
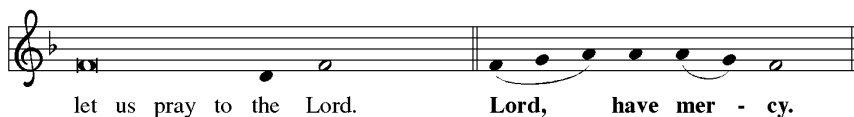
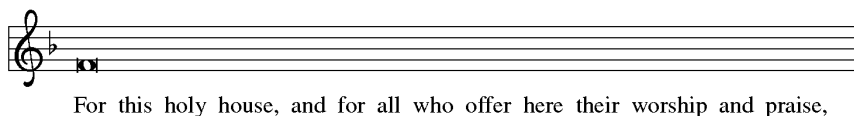
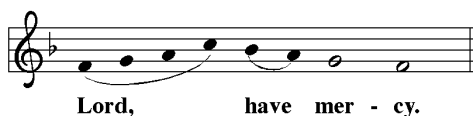
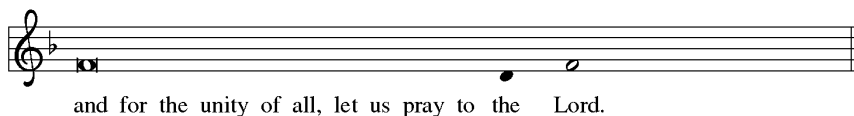
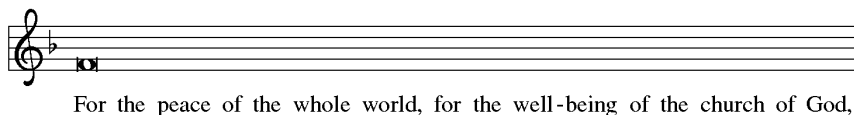
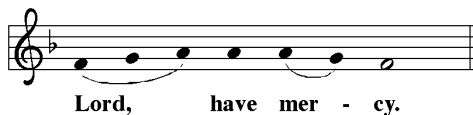
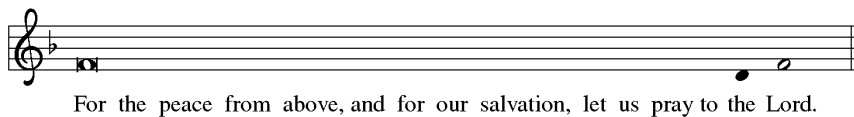
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: #876 Let the Whole Creation Cry

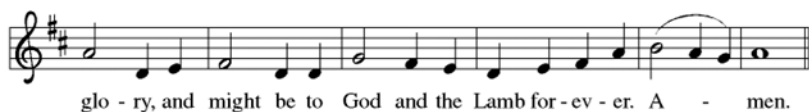
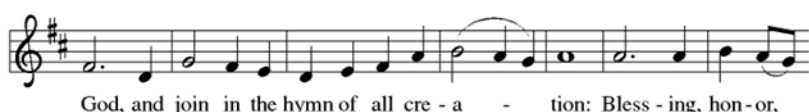
GREETING (p. 203)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE (p. 138)



CANTICLE OF PRAISE (p. 140)





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 21:8-21 (CEB)

Sarah demands that Abraham send Hagar and her son, Ishmael, away. Abraham is distressed because he is Ishmael's father. Sarah wants to ensure that her son, Isaac, will be the one to inherit God's blessing. God, however, hears Hagar's cry and promises to also make of Ishmael a great nation.

⁸ The boy grew and stopped nursing. On the day he stopped nursing, Abraham prepared a huge banquet. ⁹ Sarah saw Hagar's son laughing, the one Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham. ¹⁰ So she said to Abraham, "Send this servant away with her son! This servant's son won't share the inheritance with my son Isaac."

¹¹ This upset Abraham terribly because the boy was his son. ¹² God said to Abraham, "Don't be upset about the boy and your servant. Do everything Sarah tells you to do because your descendants will be traced through Isaac. ¹³ But I will make of your servant's son a great nation too, because he is also your descendant." ¹⁴ Abraham

got up early in the morning, took some bread and a flask of water, and gave it to Hagar. He put the boy in her shoulder sling and sent her away.

She left and wandered through the desert near Beer-sheba. ¹⁵ Finally the water in the flask ran out, and she put the boy down under one of the desert shrubs. ¹⁶ She walked away from him about as far as a bow shot and sat down, telling herself, I can't bear to see the boy die. She sat at a distance, cried out in grief, and wept.

¹⁷ God heard the boy's cries, and God's messenger called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "Hagar! What's wrong? Don't be afraid. God has heard the boy's cries over there. ¹⁸ Get up, pick up the boy, and take him by the hand because I will make of him a great nation." ¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well. She went over, filled the water flask, and gave the boy a drink. ²⁰ God remained with the boy; he grew up, lived in the desert, and became an expert archer. ²¹ He lived in the Paran desert, and his mother found him an Egyptian wife.

Psalm: Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 (CEB)

¹ Lord, listen closely to me and answer me,
because I am poor and in need.

² Guard my life because I am faithful.

Save your servant who trusts in you—you! My God!

³ Have mercy on me, Lord,
because I cry out to you all day long.

⁴ Make your servant's life happy again

because, my Lord, I offer my life to you,

⁵ because, my Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of faithful love for all those who cry out to you.

⁶ Listen closely to my prayer, Lord;

pay close attention to the sound of my requests for mercy.

⁷ Whenever I am in trouble, I cry out to you,
because you will answer me.

⁸ My Lord! There is no one like you among the gods!

There is nothing that can compare to your works!

⁹ All the nations that you've made will come
and bow down before you, Lord;
they will glorify your name,

¹⁰ **because you are awesome
and a wonder-worker.**

You are God. Just you.

¹⁶ Come back to me! Have mercy on me!
Give your servant your strength;
save this child of your servant!

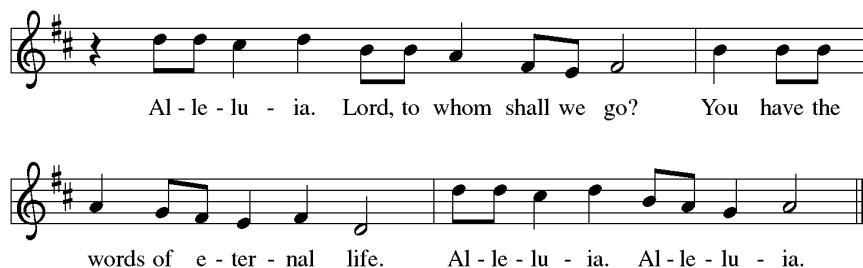
¹⁷ **Show me a sign of your goodness
so that those who hate me will see it and be put to shame—
show a sign that you, Lord,
have helped me and comforted me.**

Second Reading: Romans 6:1b-11 (CEB)

In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.

^{1b} Should we continue sinning so grace will multiply? ² Absolutely not! All of us died to sin. How can we still live in it? ³ Or don't you know that all who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore, we were buried together with him through baptism into his death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too can walk in newness of life. ⁵ If we were united together in a death like his, we will also be united together in a resurrection like his. ⁶ This is what we know: the person that we used to be was crucified with him in order to get rid of the corpse that had been controlled by sin. That way we wouldn't be slaves to sin anymore, ⁷ because a person who has died has been freed from sin's power. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we have faith that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ has been raised from the dead and he will never die again. Death no longer has power over him. ¹⁰ He died to sin once and for all with his death, but he lives for God with his life. ¹¹ In the same way, you also should consider yourselves dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Before: The holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39 (CEB)

Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴ “Disciples aren’t greater than their teacher, and slaves aren’t greater than their master. ²⁵ It’s enough for disciples to be like their teacher and slaves like their master. If they have called the head of the house Beelzebul, it’s certain that they will call the members of his household by even worse names. ²⁶ “Therefore, don’t be afraid of those people because nothing is hidden that won’t be revealed, and nothing secret that won’t be brought out into the open. ²⁷ What I say to you in the darkness, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, announce from the rooftops. ²⁸ Don’t be afraid of those who kill the body but can’t kill the soul. Instead, be afraid of the one who can destroy both body and soul in hell. ²⁹ Aren’t two sparrows sold for a small coin? But not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father knowing about it already. ³⁰ Even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ Don’t be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows.

³² “Therefore, everyone who acknowledges me before people, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven. ³³ But everyone who denies me before people, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

³⁴ “Don’t think that I’ve come to bring peace to the earth. I haven’t come to bring peace but a sword. ³⁵ I’ve come to turn a

man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.³⁶ People's enemies are members of their own households.

³⁷ "Those who love father or mother more than me aren't worthy of me. Those who love son or daughter more than me aren't worthy of me."³⁸ Those who don't pick up their crosses and follow me aren't worthy of me.³⁹ Those who find their lives will lose them, and those who lose their lives because of me will find them.

After: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON: "Leaving the Camp to Find the Well"

HYMN OF THE DAY: #798 Will You Come and Follow Me

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

OFFERING

Offering Song: #186 Create in Me a Clean Heart

Offering Prayer: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through

the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING / HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (p. 144)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

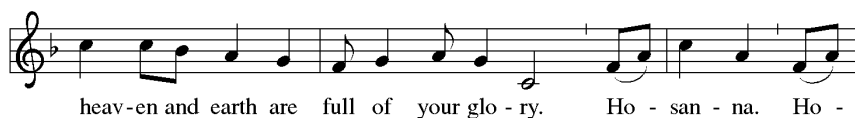
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION/EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

(p. 145)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (p. 145)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD (p. 146)

Taste and see that the Lord is good. Let us sing:



COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Each group at the altar rail will be dismissed with a blessing. Please give a family Communion card to an usher. Please follow the guidance of the ushers as you come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

Distribution Hymns: #796 How Firm a Foundation

#501 Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: #769 If You But Trust in God to Guide You

CHARGE: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SUNDAY BULLETIN

St. Paul's Lutheran, Crookston, MN

June 21st, 2026

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

For those who need healing in body, mind, or spirit:

Julie Love	Eunice Sondrol	Judy Luettjohann
Darleen Jackson	Katie Bakken	Julian Bertils
Marlo Moren	Evie Gunderson	Nancy Eia
Mike Ophus	Loiland family	Trevin Monahan
Nash Erdman	Stuart Hanson	Mark Peterson
Glorrayne Casmey	Lucile Torkelson	Delores Sandager
Carol Chaffee	Kari L Trudeau	Mary Ann Knotek
Leah Knotek Ellefson	Luanne Devos	

For our missionaries: Steve & Kelly Solheim
City of Joy Rwanda

For our servicemen: Brandon Johnson D.J. Brace

Please keep them in your prayers this week.

If you have prayer requests, please contact the church office at 218 281-3638 or our prayer chain coordinator, Marian Bakken: (h) 218-281-1584, (c) 218-275-3143, marianbakken@gmail.com.

MISSION

To bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people

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THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!

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Kathy Barnes and Candace Brouse

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Anna Peterson

JUNE WORSHIP SERVICE TEAM

Thank you, **Incredible June Worship Team**, for your time to serve this month. Please check out the bulletin board to add your name to the calendar; there are many opportunities remaining.

*Marian Bakken

*Doug and Barb Erdman

*Kathy Normandin

*David and Sandy Morgan

*Mark and Anna Peterson

*Dave and Karin Danforth

*Penny Blokzl

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Genesis 22:1-14

Psalms 13

Romans 6:12-23

Matt. 10:40-42

Readings for June 28th, 2026

5th Sunday After Pentecost

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9am- 2pm

Please leave a message after 2 pm on the answering machine/drop something in the mailbox (north side of building)/call ahead. Pastor Curt is usually in the building but may be out on other church business. Worship via Facebook: facebook.com/stpaulscrookstonmn

Sunday, June 21

**8:45 am
10:00 am
11:00 am**

4th Sunday After Pentecost

**Adult Bible Study
Worship and Communion
Fellowship**

Monday, June 22

**8:30 am
6:30 pm**

**LWR Quilting
Church Council mtg**

Tuesday, June 23

**7:00 am
7:00 pm**

**Men's Coffee Fellowship
AA**

Wednesday, June 24

Thursday, June 25

5:00-9:00 pm

**Summer Faith sPark pizza party and
final program at St. Paul's**

Friday, June 26

Church office closed

Pastor's Day off

Sunday, June 28

**8:45 am
10:00 am
11:00 am**

5th Sunday After Pentecost

**Adult Bible Study
Worship
Fellowship**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

June 14th, 2026

Attendance: 66

Our gifts towards Budget:

Sunday Envelopes	\$2,504.72
Loose Offering	\$ 35.00
Over and Above Benevolence	\$ 10.00
General Treas/No Benevolence	\$ 30.00

Other (non-budget) Receipts:

Improvement Fund	\$ 35.25
Parish Fellowship	\$ 20.00
Memorials	\$ 165.00

Needed weekly towards 2026 Budget:

Total received towards Budget	\$2,579.72
Total (non-budget) Receipts	\$ 220.25
Total Received	\$2,799.97

The most recent Treasurer's Report was approved at the last Church Council meeting. You can review it in the bulletin or web bulletin from May 31st or contact Tammy in the office and she can provide a copy.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR SUMMER TRAVELERS

We know many of our members travel during the summer or have other commitments. Your consistent support is vital to our church and mission, especially during the summer months. If you think you will miss church services this summer, consider setting up **recurring giving**. It takes just a few moments to get started, and your regular donations will help sustain us throughout the year. Visit stpaulscrookstonmn.com/giving to set up a secure, recurring contribution from your bank account, credit card, or debit card. We sincerely thank you for your generosity to our church community and various ministries!

SPECIAL MESSAGES

THANK YOU

Thank you from the Parish Fellowship Committee to those who volunteered last week to help serve meals with the Summer Food Service Program! Many area children benefit from your service.

SUMMER SALAD LUNCHEONS

Wesley United Methodist Church is hosting Summer Salad Luncheons open to the community. For dine in or take out, they are offering a variety of salads, homemade desserts, and beverages. Lunch will be served from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm on Thursdays, June 25, July 23, and August 27. Thirteen dollars is the cost.

SUMMER FAITH sPARK

This Thursday evening, Summer Faith sPARK concludes right here at St. Paul's with a pizza party and our final program for parents, grandparents, and families. We are looking forward to sharing everything we have learned this month about "Jesus Strong & Kind!"



ST. PAUL'S WOMEN'S BOOK READ

St. Paul's Women's Book Read has announced our Summer Read - "*Lone Dog Road*" by Kent Nerburn. We will discuss this book at our Fall Kick-off Gathering on September 20th, 2026. We extend a warm welcome to all who may be interested. Join us for lively discussions and Christian fellowship!

CROOKSTON CARE AND SHARE CENTER'S DONATION ROOM AND NEW HOPE FOOD SHELF

The Crookston Care and Share Center's Donation Room and New Hope Food Shelf is open every Monday and Wednesday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., and every Friday from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. The donation room is open to anyone, and there is never a fee for any item. For more information or to donate, call 218-277-0000.