

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Crookston, MN

September 20th, 2026 Seventeenth Sunday
after Pentecost



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

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SPECIAL MUSIC St. Paul's Choir, "Surely the Presence"

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/SHARING THE PEACE

OPENING WORDS/CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the Lord! The Lord hears the cries of the people.
Give thanks to the Lord. The works of the Lord are great.
Remember what God has done. **Give thanks to the Lord.** God has
done miracles, and the Lord always remembers God's covenant.
Give thanks to the Lord. Glory and praise are due to the Lord!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, we have sought after things, but we have not sought after you. We have expected generosity, but we have not shown generosity. We have not been gracious or grateful. We have failed to remember all that you have done. Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude. Help us to share our gifts and strengthen our legs so that we can run after you, O God. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

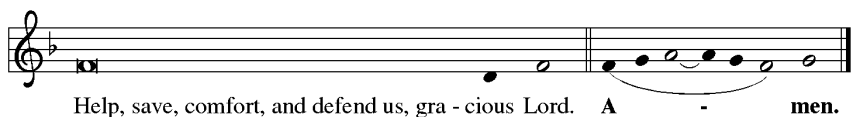
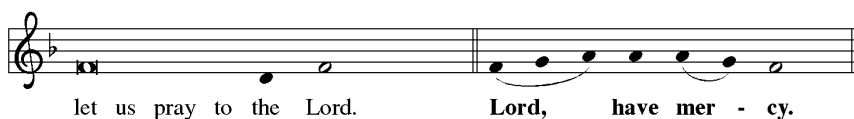
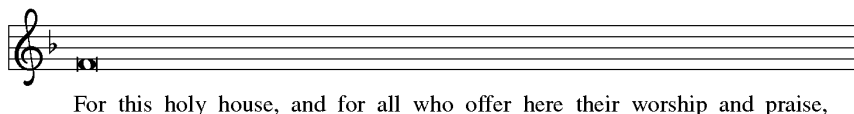
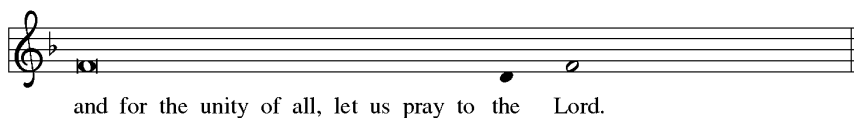
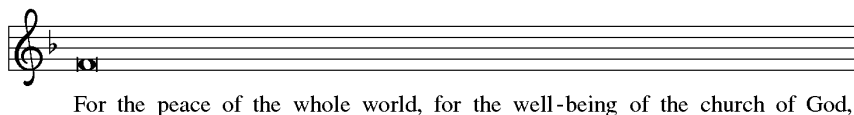
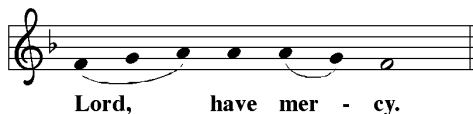
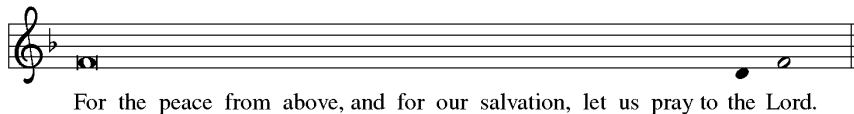
People of God, our sins are forgiven; we are reconciled to God. Let us therefore love one another with gratitude in our hearts and praise on our lips. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: #694 Sing to the Lord of Harvest

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)

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

The musical notation is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. A slur covers the next three notes: a quarter note G4, an eighth note F#4, and an eighth note E4. This is followed by a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, and a quarter note A3. The melody then continues with a quarter note G3, a quarter note F#3, a quarter note E3, and a quarter note D3. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God who knows our every need before we can even ask, you provide all our needs and some of our wants. You bless us all. Make us truly thankful and empower us to bless others from the gifts you have given us, for the glory of your name. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC St. Paul's Choir, "Praise You Lord"

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-15 (CEB)

Faced with hunger in the wilderness, the Israelites longed for life back in Egypt and wished they had never left. Then God miraculously and graciously gave them quails and manna to eat.

² The whole Israelite community complained against Moses and Aaron in the desert. ³ The Israelites said to them, "Oh, how we wish that the LORD had just put us to death while we were still in the land of Egypt. There we could sit by the pots cooking meat and eat our fill of bread. Instead, you've brought us out into this desert to starve this whole assembly to death."

⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, "I'm going to make bread rain down from the sky for you. The people will go out each day and gather just enough for that day. In this way, I'll test them to see whether or not they follow my Instruction. ⁵ On the sixth day, when they measure out what they have collected, it will be twice as much as they collected on other days." ⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "This evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt. ⁷ And in the morning you will see the LORD's glorious presence, because your complaints against the LORD have been heard. Who are we? Why

blame us?”⁸ Moses continued, “The LORD will give you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning because the LORD heard the complaints you made against him. Who are we? Your complaints aren’t against us but against the LORD.”

⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole Israelite community, ‘Come near to the LORD, because he’s heard your complaints.’”¹⁰ As Aaron spoke to the whole Israelite community, they turned to look toward the desert, and just then the glorious presence of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

¹¹ The LORD spoke to Moses,¹² “I’ve heard the complaints of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat. And in the morning you will have your fill of bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³ In the evening a flock of quail flew down and covered the camp. And in the morning there was a layer of dew all around the camp.¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the desert surface were thin flakes, as thin as frost on the ground.¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” They didn’t know what it was.

Moses said to them, “This is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

Psalm: Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 (CEB)

¹ Give thanks to the LORD;
call upon his name;
make his deeds known to all people!

² Sing to God;
sing praises to the Lord;
dwell on all his wondrous works!

³ **Give praise to God’s holy name!**
Let the hearts rejoice of all those seeking the LORD!

⁴ Pursue the LORD and his strength;
seek his face always!

⁵ **Remember the wondrous works he has done,**
all his marvelous works, and the justice he declared—

⁶ you who are the offspring of Abraham, his servant,
and the children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

³⁷ **Then God brought Israel out, filled with silver and gold;**
not one of its tribes stumbled.

³⁸ Egypt celebrated when they left,
because the dread of Israel had come upon them.

³⁹ **God spread out clouds as a covering;
gave lightning to provide light at night.**
⁴⁰ The people asked, and God brought quail;
God filled them full with food from heaven.
⁴¹ **God opened the rock and out gushed water—
flowing like a river through the desert!**
⁴² Because God remembered his holy promise
to Abraham his servant,
⁴³ **God brought his people out with rejoicing,
his chosen ones with songs of joy.**
⁴⁴ God gave them the lands of other nations;
they inherited the wealth of many peoples—
⁴⁵ **all so that they would keep his laws
and observe his instructions.**

Praise the LORD!

Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30 (CEB)

Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.

²¹ Because for me, living serves Christ and dying is even better. ²² If I continue to live in this world, I get results from my work. ²³ But I don't know what I prefer. I'm torn between the two because I want to leave this life and be with Christ, which is far better. ²⁴ However, it's more important for me to stay in this world for your sake. ²⁵ I'm sure of this: I will stay alive and remain with all of you to help your progress and the joy of your faith, ²⁶ and to increase your pride in Christ Jesus through my presence when I visit you again.

²⁷ Most important, live together in a manner worthy of Christ's gospel. Do this, whether I come and see you or I'm absent and hear about you. Do this so that you stand firm, united in one spirit and mind as you struggle together to remain faithful to the gospel. ²⁸ That way, you won't be afraid of anything your enemies do. Your faithfulness and courage are a sign of their coming destruction and your salvation, which is from God. ²⁹ God has generously granted you the privilege, not only of believing in Christ but also of suffering for Christ's sake. ³⁰ You are having the same struggle that you saw me face and now hear that I'm still facing.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16 (CEB)

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ² After he agreed with the workers to pay them a denarion, he sent them into his vineyard.

³ "Then he went out around nine in the morning and saw others standing around the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴ He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I'll pay you whatever is right.' ⁵ And they went.

"Again around noon and then at three in the afternoon, he did the same thing. ⁶ Around five in the afternoon he went and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you just standing around here doing nothing all day long?'

⁷ "Because nobody has hired us,' they replied.

"He responded, 'You also go into the vineyard.'

⁸ "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the workers and give them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and moving on finally to the first.' ⁹ When those who were hired at five in the afternoon came, each one received a denarion. ¹⁰ Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more. But each of them also received a denarion. ¹¹ When they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² 'These who were hired last worked one hour, and they received the same pay as we did even though we had to work the whole day in the hot sun.'

¹³ “But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I did you no wrong. Didn’t I agree to pay you a denarion?’ ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I want to give to this one who was hired last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Don’t I have the right to do what I want with what belongs to me? Or are you resentful because I’m generous?’ ¹⁶ So those who are last will be first. And those who are first will be last.”

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON “New Horizons: Beyond Grumbling and Grudging”

HYMN OF THE DAY: #588 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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

Great is God’s mercy toward us. Let us offer a portion of what God has given with humble and grateful hearts.

Offering Song: #186 Create in Me a Clean Heart

Offering Prayer: Lord, giver of all good gifts, thank you for the resources gathered here. Use these gifts for the advancement of your kingdom; in Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

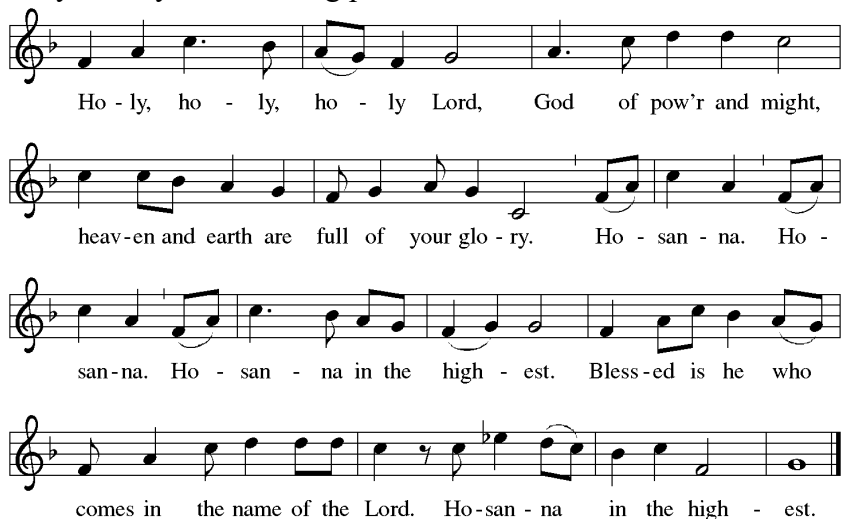
GREAT THANKSGIVING / HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (p. 144)

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.**

We lift our hearts to you, gracious God, because you made the dazzling creation out of nothing, yet made us to share eternity with you. In covenant love you called your chosen people to an imagination as plentiful as the stars in the sky and the sands of the desert. Your Son Jesus transformed our hearts from the scarcity of mammon to the wondrous abundance of manna, and through the church you gather us to share in the holy feast where your grace abounds for all, forever. His cross and resurrection turn the emptiness of sin into the fullness of everlasting life. And so we join with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

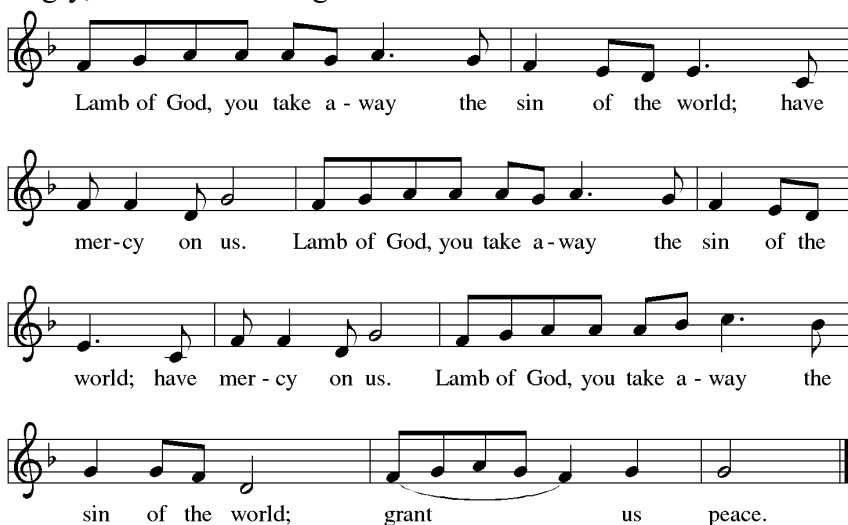
(p. 145) ...Great is the mystery of faith. **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

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)

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come! 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: #462 Now We Join In Celebration

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Beloved, may God continue to bless and keep you. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: #765 Lord of All Hopefulness

CHARGE: Rest in the knowledge that God always provides. Therefore, give and love with a generous heart, for this honors God who is most generous and loving. **Thanks be to God.**

SUNDAY BULLETIN

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Crookston, MN

September 20th, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. Just three days after crossing the Red Sea, the Israelites are hungry in the desert, forget how God has saved them, and long to return to Egypt. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

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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Emily Giannetta

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Offering Counters

Kathie Barnes and John Vallager

Altar Guild

Barb Erdman

Fellowship

Parish Fellowship

Livestream

Anna Peterson

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SERVICE TEAM

Thank you, Super-Duper September Team, for filling up the calendar! You're the bomdiggity. **Thank you** very much!

Cole and Kelli Bertils

Norma Hoppe

Emily Giannetta

Judy Gustafson

Dan and Brandi Halland

Connie Wilkens

Jeff and Ingrid Remick

Bob and Becky Cameron

AWESOME OCTOBER TEAM: Your sheet is ready on the BB!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

Readings for September 27th, 2026

18th Sunday After Pentecost

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9am- 2pm, and Tuesday 12-5 pm. 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, September 20 17th Sunday After Pentecost

8:45 am	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
10:00 am	Worship and Communion
11:00 am	Fellowship

Monday, September 21

8:30 am	LWR Quilting
5:30 pm	CYF meeting

Tuesday, September 22

7:00 am	Men's Coffee Fellowship
7:00 pm	AA meeting

Wednesday, September 23

8:30 am	Senior Quilts
7:00 pm	Confirmation
7:00 pm	Choir practice

Thursday, September 24

Friday, September 25

Pastor's Day off	Church office closed
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Sunday, September 27 18th Sunday After Pentecost

8:45 am	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
10:00 am	Worship
11:00 am	Fellowship

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

September 13th, 2026

Attendance: 92

Our gifts towards Budget:

Sunday Envelopes	\$2,264.72
Loose Offering	\$ 37.00
Over and Above Benevolence	\$ 10.00
General Treas/No Benevolence	\$ 30.00

Other (non-budget) Receipts:

Improvement Fund	\$ 40.25
Noisy Offering	\$ 42.50

Needed weekly towards 2026 Budget:

	\$4,675.42
Total received towards Budget	\$2,341.72
Total (non-budget) Receipts	\$ 82.75
Total Received	\$2,424.47

Thank you, Church, for the support you always provide!

Leviticus 1-6 highlights the five offerings of the Old Testament; a fresh way to view our own giving.

1. Burnt Offering: Voluntary offering of an entire animal symbolizing total **dedication** to God.
2. Grain (meal) Offering: Flour, oil and sometimes frankincense expressing **thankfulness and devotion**.
3. Peace Offering: Voluntary offering of part of an animal, celebrating **fellowship and communion** with God.
4. Sin Offering: Requirement of animal's blood, symbolizing **cleansing and restoration of holiness**.
5. Trespass (Guilt) Offering: Animal sacrifice and sometimes additional compensation, reflecting God's concern for **moral and relational integrity**.

Regarding our own giving as dedication, thankfulness, communion, cleansing, and restitution/integrity, to and with God, promotes a beautiful, holy, and humble new approach to beholding our offering to God each week!

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 August 30 or contact Tammy in the office and she can provide a copy.

SPECIAL MESSAGES

THANK YOU

Please take a minute to thank your St. Paul's outdoor crew for the work they do all summer long, into the fall, to beautify the property! Always great work done. Thanks to all!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Stenshoel-Houske Funeral and Cremation Service is hosting a Grief Support Group on the third Monday of every month at the Crookston Public Library/Lake Agassiz Regional Library from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm. The group is open to anyone; it is helpful for people in all stages of the grief cycle, to find a place where they can feel comfortable and be with people who understand what they are going through. The next gathering will be on **Sept. 21**.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered, 12-step recovery program for anyone struggling with hurts, habits, or hangups of any kind. The belief is that healing is possible and you don't have to walk through it alone. It is a safe, nonjudgemental place to find community and freedom from the issues that are controlling our lives. Brochures are available on the table by the East door, or call: 218-277-0465.

PURSE BINGO NIGHT AT SCRUFFY TAILS

Join us for an enchanting evening of Bingo for a purpose. Scruffy Tails is hosting its 3rd Annual Purse Bingo Night on November 14th. The event will be held at the Eagles Club in Crookston: Doors open at 6:00 pm, and bingo begins at 7:00 pm. Tickets: \$50.00: Includes 10 Bingo games! Chance to win beautiful purses throughout the evening!

Also featuring: Raffles, 50/50 Drawing, Additional games and prizes. An online Silent Auction will be in the days leading up to the event, giving everyone a chance to bid on amazing items!



Scruffy tails is a No-Kill Animal Shelter.

FREE WORKSHOPS TO SUPPORT FARMERS IN TIMES OF STRESS

The MDA and partners in the Farm Suicide Prevention Campaign are offering free, two-hour workshops for people who live and work in agricultural communities. You don't need to be a mental health professional to participate. These workshops provide practical tools to recognize when someone may be struggling, start a caring conversation, and connect them with support.

QPR for Agriculture:



Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) for Agriculture teaches three steps anyone can take to recognize warning signs, have a supportive conversation, and connect someone at risk with appropriate care and resources.

- Oct. 1, 10 a.m.–noon, Fergus Falls
- Oct. 14, 10 a.m.–noon, Ada
- Oct. 22, 10 a.m.–noon, Thief River Falls

COMET:

Changing Our Mental and Emotional Trajectory (COMET) teaches participants how to start a caring conversation with someone who seems sad, withdrawn, or not quite themselves. Participants use a seven-question guide to help someone move away from a potential crisis and toward wellness.

- Oct. 30, 10 a.m.–noon, Crookston

Register for QPR for Agriculture and COMET Workshops on Eventbrite

MN ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Minnesota program is free and provides benefits of up to \$1,400, plus additional support to respond to emergencies.

Who qualifies?

Both renters and homeowners can qualify. Eligibility is based on income and household size. For example, a family of four could earn up to \$73,969 annually and qualify to receive financial assistance with energy bills. The Energy Assistance Application is available online at:

<https://energy-assistance.web.commerce.state.mn.us/>

THIS WEEK IN FAITH FORMATION

This morning, our Sunday School kids learned about the amazing story of the Holy Spirit arriving on Pentecost! Here is a quick look at what they discovered during class:

- The disciples were celebrating the festival of Pentecost when suddenly a strong wind blew through the house with an amazing noise.
- It looked like a flame of fire was touching each disciple, but no one was burned.
- The Holy Spirit had arrived just as Jesus promised, and the disciples miraculously began speaking and understanding different languages they had never even learned.
- Peter stood up to share the good news about Jesus, explaining that it was time to begin a new life guided by God's Spirit.
- The kids learned that this exciting, spirit-filled day marked the very beginning of the Christian church.

At-Home Connection: As part of today's lesson, the kids were encouraged to learn how to say "thank you" in different languages. Be sure to ask your kids to teach you the new ways they learned to say "thank you" today!

SMORGASBORD



Bethany Lutheran in Red Lake Falls is hosting their 78th Annual Smorgasbord on Sunday, October 11th, from 11:30 am – 2:30 pm. The menu includes homemade Scandinavian favorites: Swedish Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Lutefisk Casserole, Sot Suppe, Flat Bread, Lefse, Rommegrot and more.

Delivery is available only from 11:30 – 12:30 pm only. Please call ahead to schedule: 218-253-2589. Adults \$20.00; Children \$5.00.

Bethany Lutheran Church, 1315 6th St. NE, Red Lake Falls

CONFIRMATION

This coming Wednesday, our confirmation class will be exploring the **Season of Pentecost Holidays**. The students will be learning about the history, meaning, and traditions behind three important days in the church year:

- **Pentecost Sunday:** We will discuss the arrival of the Holy Spirit, the gift of speaking many languages, and why Pentecost is often called the Birthday of the Church.
- **Holy Trinity Sunday:** The class will focus on the concept of the Triune God—the Three-in-One—and will be reading and reflecting on the Athanasian Creed.
- **All Saints Sunday:** We will explore the history of the day and how we remember and give thanks for the Christians who have helped shape our faith.

Conversation Starter for Families: As part of this week's lesson, students are tasked with asking an adult for stories about the people they give thanks to on All Saints Sunday. They will be asking who taught you what it means to be a Christian and how they did that teaching. Please take some time this week to share your stories of faith with our youth!

QUESTIONS AND PRAYERS

In Matthew 20:1–16, what is the landowner's motivation for paying the workers the same wages? When has God provided for you?

Household Prayer: Morning

Dear God, thank you for this day. Help me hear others as I know that you always hear me. Open my heart and help me give myself with grateful praise to things you have set for me today. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Dear God, thank you for always being with me. Rest now in me, God, so that I will wake in the morning with praise and thanksgiving on my lips. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.



WELCOME BACK! (AND CATCHING UP ON SUMMER GIVING)

As summer winds down and familiar fall routines return, we are so glad to see everyone gathering back together! If travels, lake weekends, or busy summer schedules kept you away from church recently, please know you haven't missed your chance to be generous.

Your ongoing financial support is vital to how we carry out our mission to *share the gospel of Jesus Christ with all people*. Your gifts enrich lives right here at home through Sunday School, Confirmation, Parents' Education Nights, meaningful worship, pastoral visitation, and lifelong faith formation. They also allow us to extend our hands outward, supporting community partners like Care and Share and Lutheran Social Services, as well as global missions like Lutheran World Relief and ELCA World Hunger. Thank you for faithfully catching up on your summer giving and supporting our shared calling!

GRIEF SHARE

Grief Share at Concordia Lutheran Church in Fertile will start on September 29, starting at 6:30 pm. Grief Share will run every Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Contact Concordia Lutheran Church for sign-up or more information at (218) 945-6696.

A MATTER OF BALANCE CLASS

RiverView Health is offering, "Matter of Balance," a program designed to help older adults manage concerns about falls and stay active. The program meets once a week for eight weeks and is offered at no cost. Classes will be held every Monday through November 2, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in Conference Room 3 at RiverView Health, located at 323 South Minnesota Street in Crookston. (Tomorrow will be the second class). To register, call RiverView Rehab Services at 218-281-9463.