

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Crookston, MN

June 7th, 2026 Second 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.

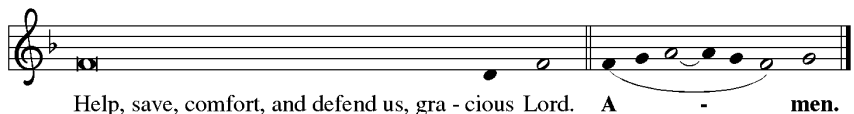
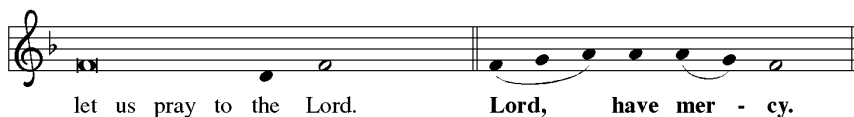
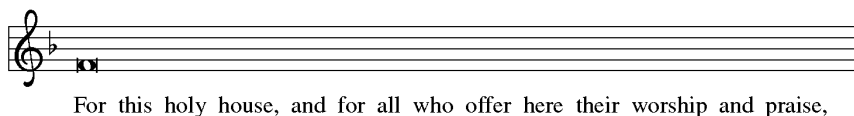
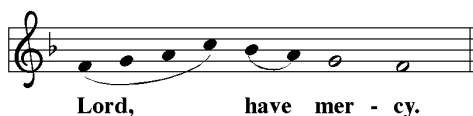
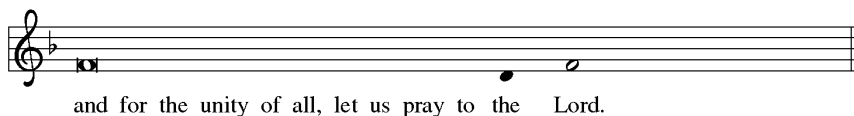
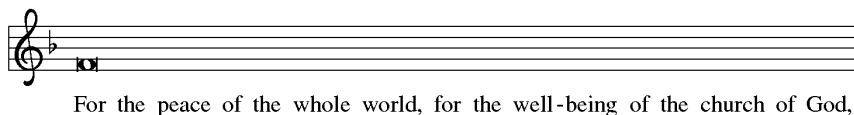
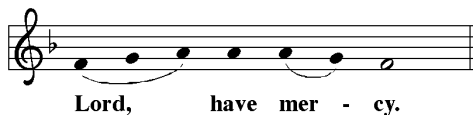
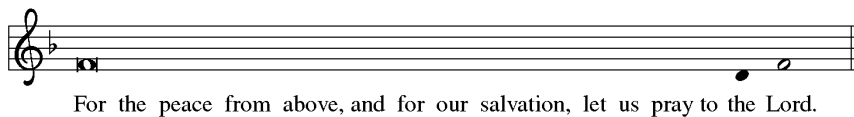
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the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

HYMN: #858 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

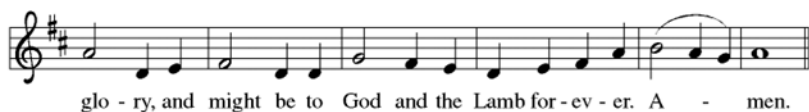
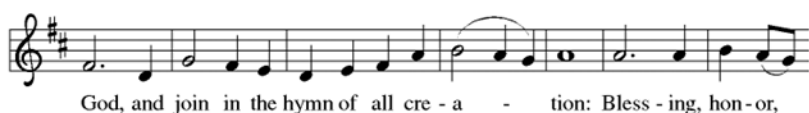
GREETING (p. 203)

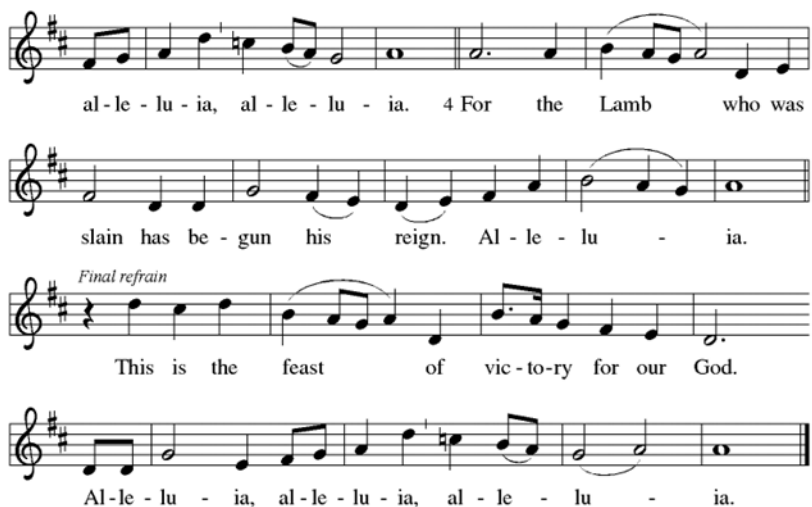
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE (p. 138)



CANTICLE OF PRAISE (p. 140)





PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-9 (CEB)

God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation. As they journey, they inaugurate sacrificial worship at every stopping point.

¹ The Lord said to Abram, “Leave your land, your family, and your father’s household for the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation and will bless you. I will make your name respected, and you will be a blessing.

³ I will bless those who bless you,
those who curse you I will curse;
all the families of the earth
will be blessed because of you.”

⁴ Abram left just as the Lord told him, and Lot went with him. Now Abram was 75 years old when he left Haran. ⁵ Abram took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all of their possessions, and those who

became members of their household in Haran; and they set out for the land of Canaan. When they arrived in Canaan, ⁶ Abram traveled through the land as far as the sacred place at Shechem, at the oak of Moreh. The Canaanites lived in the land at that time. ⁷ The Lord appeared to Abram and said, “I give this land to your descendants,” so Abram built an altar there to the Lord who appeared to him. ⁸ From there he traveled toward the mountains east of Bethel, and pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and worshipped in the Lord’s name. ⁹ Then Abram set out toward the arid southern plain, making and breaking camp as he went.

Psalm: Psalm 33:1-12 (CEB)

¹ All you who are righteous,
shout joyfully to the Lord!

It’s right for those who do right to praise God.

² **Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre!**

Sing praises to him with the ten-stringed harp!

³ Sing to him a new song!

Play your best with joyful shouts!

⁴ **Because the Lord’s word is right,
his every act is done in good faith.**

⁵ He loves righteousness and justice;
the Lord’s faithful love fills the whole earth.

⁶ **The skies were made by the Lord’s word,
all their starry multitude by the breath of his mouth.**

⁷ He gathered the ocean waters into a heap;
he put the deep seas into storerooms.

⁸ **All the earth honors the Lord;
all the earth’s inhabitants stand in awe of him.**

⁹ Because when he spoke, it happened!
When he commanded, there it was!

¹⁰ **The Lord overrules what the nations plan;
he frustrates what the peoples intend to do.**

¹¹ But the Lord’s plan stands forever;
what he intends to do lasts from one generation to the next.

**¹² The nation whose God is the Lord,
the people whom God has chosen as his possession,
is truly happy!**

Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25 (CEB)

Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.

¹³ The promise to Abraham and to his descendants, that he would inherit the world, did not come through the Law but through the righteousness that comes from faith. ¹⁴ If they inherit because of the Law, then faith has no effect and the promise has been canceled. ¹⁵ The Law brings about wrath. But when there is not any law, there isn't any violation of the law. ¹⁶ That's why the inheritance comes through faith, so that it will be on the basis of God's grace. In that way, the promise is secure for all of Abraham's descendants, not just for those who are related by Law but also for those who are related by the faith of Abraham, who is the father of all of us. ¹⁷ As it is written: *I have appointed you to be the father of many nations.* So Abraham is our father in the eyes of God in whom he had faith, the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that don't exist into existence. ¹⁸ When it was beyond hope, he had faith in the hope that he would become the father of many nations, in keeping with the promise God spoke to him: *That's how many descendants you will have.* ¹⁹ Without losing faith, Abraham, who was nearly 100 years old, took into account his own body, which was as good as dead, and Sarah's womb, which was dead. ²⁰ He didn't hesitate with a lack of faith in God's promise, but he grew strong in faith and gave glory to God. ²¹ He was fully convinced that God was able to do what he promised. ²² Therefore, it was credited to him as righteousness.

²³ But the scripture that says *it was credited to him* wasn't written only for Abraham's sake. ²⁴ It was written also for our sake, because it is going to be credited to us too. It will be credited to

those of us who have faith in the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. ²⁵ He was handed over because of our mistakes, and he was raised to meet the requirements of righteousness for us.

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 9:9-13, 18-26 (CEB)

Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.

⁹ As Jesus continued on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at a kiosk for collecting taxes. He said to him, "Follow me," and he got up and followed him. ¹⁰ As Jesus sat down to eat in Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners joined Jesus and his disciples at the table.

¹¹ But when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

¹² When Jesus heard it, he said, "Healthy people don't need a doctor, but sick people do. ¹³ Go and learn what this means: *I want mercy and not sacrifice*. I didn't come to call righteous people, but sinners."

¹⁸ While Jesus was speaking to them, a ruler came and knelt in front of him, saying, "My daughter has just died. But come and place your hand on her, and she'll live." ¹⁹ So Jesus and his disciples got up and went with him. ²⁰ Then a woman who had been bleeding for twelve years came up behind Jesus and touched the hem of his clothes. ²¹ She thought, If I only touch his robe I'll be healed.

²² When Jesus turned and saw her, he said, “Be encouraged, daughter. Your faith has healed you.” And the woman was healed from that time on.

²³ When Jesus went into the ruler’s house, he saw the flute players and the distressed crowd. ²⁴ He said, “Go away, because the little girl isn’t dead but is asleep”; but they laughed at him. ²⁵ After he had sent the crowd away, Jesus went in and touched her hand, and the little girl rose up. ²⁶ News about this spread throughout that whole region.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON: “Conduits, Not Cul-de-Sacs”

HYMN: #607 Come, Ye Disconsolate

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.

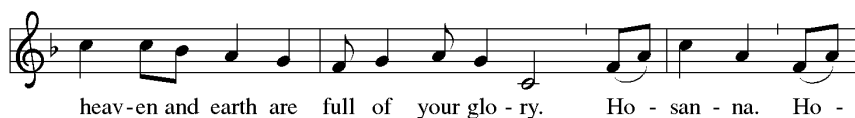
Lift up your hearts.

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: #468 Around You, O Lord Jesus

#487 What Feast of Love

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.

HYMN: #860 I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

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

SUNDAY BULLETIN

St. Paul's Lutheran, Crookston, MN

June 7th, 2026

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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.

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	Family of Dale Cameron	
Family of Dale Knotek		

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.

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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 Normandin

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Dave and Sandy Morgan

Fellowship

WELCA

Livestream

Anna Peterson

MAY AND JUNE WORSHIP SERVICE TEAMS

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.

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 18:1-15 [21:1-7]

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19

Romans 5:1-8

Matt. 9:35-10:8 [9-23]

Readings for June 14th, 2026

3rd 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 7

8:45 am

10:00 am

11:00 am

Second Sunday After Pentecost

Adult Bible Study

Worship and Communion

Fellowship

Monday, June 8

8:30 am

6:30 pm

LWR Quilting

Fellowship Mtg

Tuesday, June 9

7:00 am

7:00 pm

Men's Coffee Fellowship

AA

Wednesday, June 10

Thursday, June 11

5:30-8:00 pm

**Summer Faith sPark at
Schuster Park**

Friday, June 12

Church office closed

Pastor's Day off

Sunday, June 14

8:45 am

10:00 am

11:00 am

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Worship

Fellowship

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

May 31st, 2026

Attendance: 47

Our gifts towards Budget:

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,876.11
Loose Offering	\$ 20.00
Over and Above Benevolence	\$ 10.00
General Treas/No Benevolence	\$ 330.00
Vacation Bible School	\$ 20.00

Other (non-budget) Receipts:

Improvement Fund	\$ 10.00
Food Shelf	\$ 20.00

Needed weekly towards 2026 Budget:

	\$4,675.42
Total received towards Budget	\$4,256.11
Total (non-budget) Receipts	\$ 30.00
Total Received	\$4,286.11

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

As we pull into the parking lot and approach the church doors, it is likely that our eyes catch the blooming flowers and bushes. Just like our own homes, it requires time and energy but is always worth it. A big THANKS to those who work behind the scenes to create a beautiful entrance, featuring the Lord's handwork!

UNITED SUMMER FOOD SERVICE SIGN UP

St. Paul's has volunteered to cover the week of June 15-18th to help with the Summer Food Service Program. We need two volunteers to serve the food daily from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm at the Ray Ecklund Complex Lion's Shelter. **Sign up sheet is on the kiosk.**

Thank you from the Parish Fellowship Committee!

stpauls@midconetwork.com. Thank you!!

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.

EMAIL UPDATES PLEASE (Important)

If you have changed your email in the past few years, please jot it down on a communion card (or elsewhere). You may hand it to an usher, place it on the back table, or you can email me with it:

stpauls@midconetwork.com. Thank you!!

SUMMER FAITH sPARK

Our "ROCK SOLID" Summer Faith sPARK had an amazing kickoff last week with 50 kids gathering to celebrate that Jesus welcomes everyone! SPARK continues this Thursday, June 11th, at Schuster Park as we explore how "Jesus is Strong" through Bible stories, parachute games, and a friendly tug-of-war. We will also be making special crafts for the residents of Villa St. Vincent, so come ready for fun!

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR DALE KNOTEK

This Saturday, June 13th, Dale Knotek's funeral will be here at St. Paul's at 10:30 am. Visitation will be one hour before the service and Friday, June 12th, from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm, also at St. Paul's.