

# St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Crookston, MN

August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026      Tenth 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.**

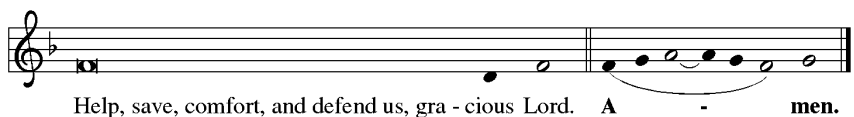
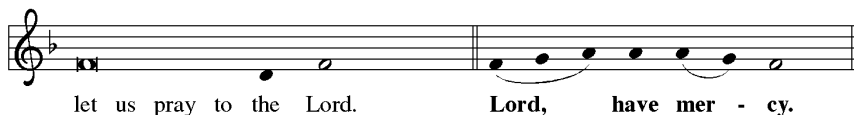
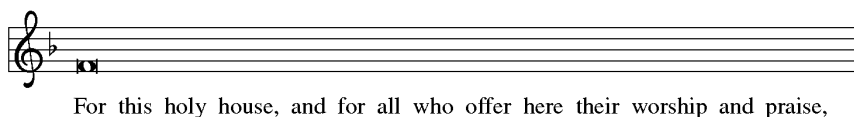
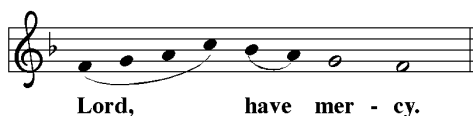
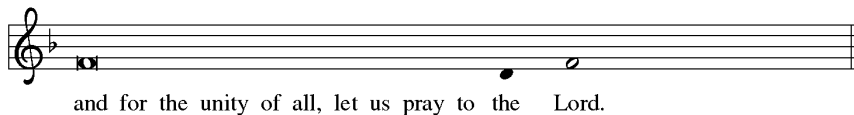
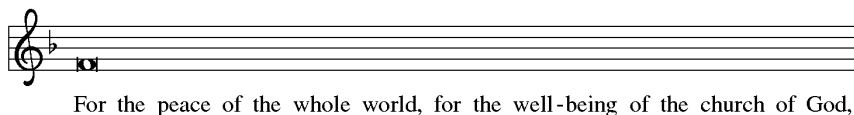
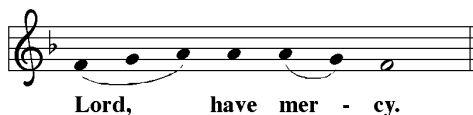
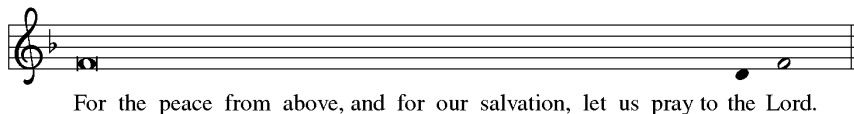
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the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

**GATHERING HYMN: #658 O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts**

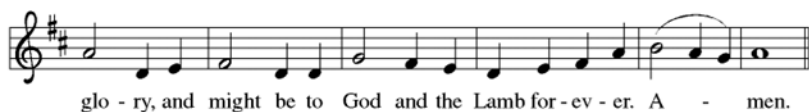
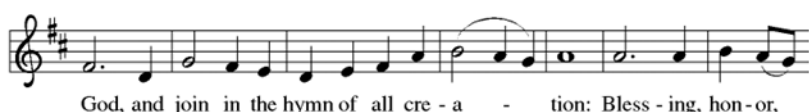
## GREETING (p. 203)

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)



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

### First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31(CEB)

*Jacob wrestled all night with God, and when God wanted to get away as dawn was breaking, Jacob would not let God go until God had blessed him. Jacob's name is changed to Israel to mark his new relationship with God as he enters the land. Jacob is astonished that he remains alive after seeing God face-to-face.*

<sup>22</sup> Jacob got up during the night, took his two wives, his two women servants, and his eleven sons, and crossed the Jabbok River's shallow water. <sup>23</sup> He took them and everything that belonged to him, and he helped them cross the river. <sup>24</sup> But Jacob stayed apart by himself, and a man wrestled with him until dawn broke. <sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he couldn't defeat Jacob, he grabbed Jacob's thigh and tore a muscle in Jacob's thigh as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup> The man said, "Let me go because the dawn is breaking."

But Jacob said, "I won't let you go until you bless me."

<sup>27</sup> He said to Jacob, “What’s your name?” and he said, “Jacob.” <sup>28</sup> Then he said, “Your name won’t be Jacob any longer, but Israel, because you struggled with God and with men and won.”

<sup>29</sup> Jacob also asked and said, “Tell me your name.”

But he said, “Why do you ask for my name?” and he blessed Jacob there. <sup>30</sup> Jacob named the place Peniel, “because I’ve seen God face-to-face, and my life has been saved.” <sup>31</sup> The sun rose as Jacob passed Peniel, limping because of his thigh.

**Psalm: Psalm 17:1-7, 15 (CEB)**

<sup>1</sup> Listen to what’s right, Lord;  
pay attention to my cry!  
Listen closely to my prayer;  
it’s spoken by lips that don’t lie!

<sup>2</sup> **My justice comes from you;  
let your eyes see what is right!**

<sup>3</sup> You have examined my heart,  
testing me at night.  
You’ve looked me over closely,  
but haven’t found anything wrong.  
My mouth doesn’t sin.

<sup>4</sup> **But these other people’s deeds?  
I have avoided such violent ways  
by the command from your lips.**

<sup>5</sup> My steps are set firmly on your paths;  
my feet haven’t slipped.

<sup>6</sup> **I cry out to you because you answer me.  
So tilt your ears toward me now—  
listen to what I’m saying!**

<sup>7</sup> Manifest your faithful love in amazing ways  
because you are the one  
who saves those who take refuge in you,  
saving them from their attackers  
by your strong hand.

**15 But me? I will see your face in righteousness;  
when I awake, I will be filled full by seeing your image.**

### **Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5 (CEB)**

*This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.*

<sup>1</sup> I'm speaking the truth in Christ—I'm not lying, as my conscience assures me with the Holy Spirit: <sup>2</sup> I have great sadness and constant pain in my heart. <sup>3</sup> I wish I could be cursed, cut off from Christ if it helped my brothers and sisters, who are my flesh-and-blood relatives. <sup>4</sup> They are Israelites. The adoption as God's children, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the Law, the worship, and the promises belong to them. <sup>5</sup> The Jewish ancestors are theirs, and the Christ descended from those ancestors. He is the one who rules over all things, who is God, and who is blessed forever. Amen.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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

### **Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21 (CEB)**

*After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.*

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus heard about John, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. When the crowds learned this, they followed him on foot from the cities. <sup>14</sup> When Jesus arrived and saw a large crowd, he had compassion for them and healed those who were sick. <sup>15</sup> That evening his disciples came and said to him, "This is an isolated place and it's getting late. Send the crowds

away so they can go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”

<sup>16</sup> But Jesus said to them, “There’s no need to send them away. You give them something to eat.”

<sup>17</sup> They replied, “We have nothing here except five loaves of bread and two fish.”

<sup>18</sup> He said, “Bring them here to me.” <sup>19</sup> He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves of bread and the two fish, looked up to heaven, blessed them and broke the loaves apart and gave them to his disciples. Then the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup> Everyone ate until they were full, and they filled twelve baskets with the leftovers. <sup>21</sup> About five thousand men plus women and children had eaten.

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

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON: “Peniel at the Dinner Table”**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: #515 Break Now the Bread of Life**

## **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:

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)**

#### **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:

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

### 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 Hymn: #480 O Bread of Life from Heaven

### 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: #689 Praise and Thanksgiving

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

# SUNDAY BULLETIN

St. Paul's Lutheran, Crookston, MN

Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In today's first reading Jacob wrestles with God and receives a blessing. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

### **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](mailto:marianbakken@gmail.com).

## MISSION

### To bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people

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### THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!

Ushers

Kathie Barnes and Paulette Wagner

Scripture Reader

Kathy Normandin

Communion Server

Kathy Normandin

Acolyte

Offering Counters

Kathie Barnes and Penny Blokzyl

Altar Guild

Paulette Wagner

Fellowship

WELCA

Livestream

Anna Peterson

### AUGUST WORSHIP SERVICE TEAM

Our servers this month are the **Terrific August Team**! Thank you for your participation. PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD for slots that still need filling. Thank you very much!

Kathie Barnes

Marlys Demarais

Kathy Normandin

Paulette Wagner

Laurie Bruley

Dave and Karin Danforth

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Genesis 37:1-4,12-28

Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33

Readings for August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026

11<sup>th</sup> 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](https://facebook.com/stpaulscrookstonmn)**

### ***Sunday, August 2***

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

### ***10th Sunday After Pentecost***

**Adult Bible Study  
Worship and Communion  
Fellowship**

### ***Monday, August 3***

**8:30 am  
5:30 pm**

**LWR Quilting  
Stewardship Meeting**

### ***Tuesday, August 4***

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

**Men's Coffee Fellowship  
AA**

### ***Wednesday, August 5***

**8:30 am**

**Senior Quilting**

### ***Thursday, August 6***

### ***Friday, August 7***

**Church office closed**

**Pastor's Day off**

### ***Sunday, August 9***

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

### ***11<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost***

**Adult Bible Study  
Worship  
Fellowship**

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

**July 26, 2026**

**Attendance: 46**

### **Our gifts towards Budget:**

|                                        |            |
|----------------------------------------|------------|
| Sunday Envelopes                       | \$2,551.35 |
| Loose Offering                         | \$ 106.00  |
| Over and Above Benevolence             | \$ 10.00   |
| General Treas/No Benevolence           | \$ 60.00   |
| General Fund (Thrivent Choice Dollars) | \$ 276.00  |

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| Improvement Fund | \$ 10.00 |
| Boiler Fund      | \$ 50.00 |
| Food Shelf       | \$ 30.00 |

### **Needed weekly towards 2026 Budget:**

|                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Total received towards Budget | \$3,003.35 |
| Total (non-budget) Receipts   | \$ 90.00   |
| Total Received                | \$3,093.35 |

The Council did not meet in July. 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 June 28 or contact Tammy in the office and she can provide a copy.

## SPECIAL MESSAGES

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR** served by WELCA today in support of the Solheim Ministry.

### **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 **August 17**.

## **HELP SHAPE OUR NEW “PARENTS’ NIGHT” SERIES!**

Following the wonderful turnout for our recent online safety presentation with the Polk County Sheriff's Office, we are excited to make these educational nights a regular offering for parents, grandparents, and caregivers in our community. Our next event is already in the works for this fall, featuring a dietician from Riverview Clinic who will share practical, stress-free ways to feed kids healthy meals between school, sports, and busy schedules.



To help brainstorm, plan, and organize future topics, we are forming a dedicated **Parents' Night Planning Team**. If you have a heart for supporting families and equipping the adults in our community, we would love your input!

**GET INVOLVED!** Please contact Pastor Curt or the church office to join the team.

## **NIGHT TO UNITE**

Crookston's annual **Night to Unite** is in two days, **Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026!** This annual community-building campaign promotes strong police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make local areas safer, more caring places to live



in. From 4:30 – 7:30 pm, anyone and everyone will enjoy area vendors, food trucks, petting zoo, interactive learning, prizes, bubbles, bouncy houses, and more.

**Please consider participating** by being a host/hostess for our booth: sharing brochures, bookmarks, and other fun items, telling visitors

about St. Paul's, and simply visiting with attendees. Several **volunteers are still needed for the 6:30 – 7:30 pm** time frame. You will find a sign-up sheet on the Kiosk to participate or contact the office! Thank you in advance!

## **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 218-281-4382.**

## **SCHOOL KIT DONATION TIME**

Each year, our dedicated WELCA ladies put together school kits for Lutheran World Relief, thanks to the generous support of our church family. It is a wonderful time to begin purchasing supplies for the kits as school supply sales are beginning!

Each kit contains:

- 70-sheet spiral bound notebooks (4) wide or college ruled paper
- 30-centimeter ruler (or a ruler with both centimeter and inches)
- Pencil sharpener
- Blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- #2 pencils (5) (unsharpened with erasers)
- Black or blue ballpoint pens (5) (no gel ink)
- Box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 2 ½ inch eraser

Donations can be brought to the Fellowship Hall and placed in the tote on the welcome table.  
THANK YOU in advance for your generous support every year!

