

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Crookston, MN

June 14th, 2026 Third 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.

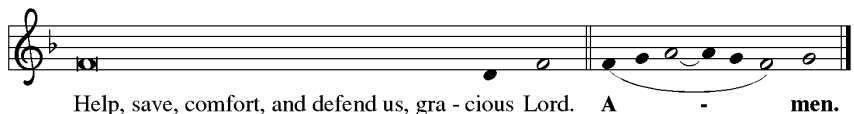
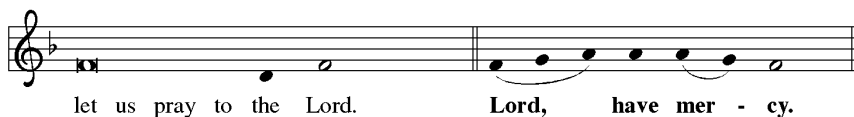
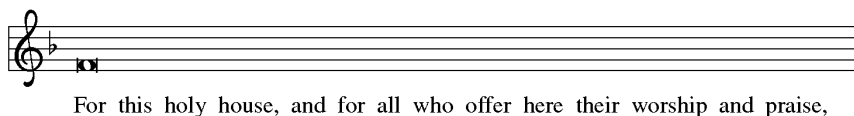
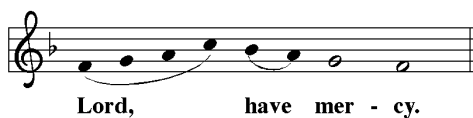
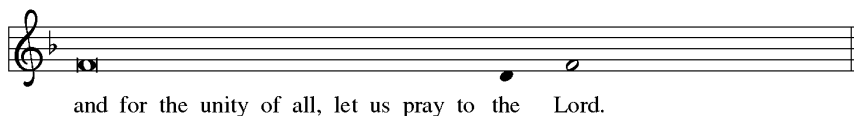
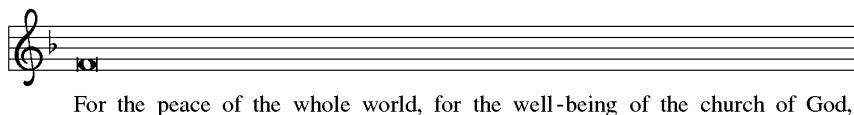
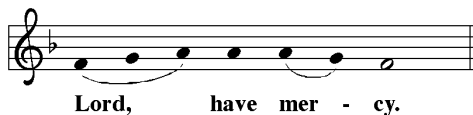
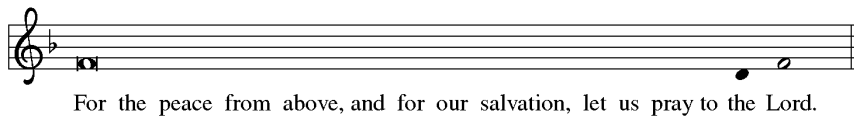
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the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

HYMN: #883 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

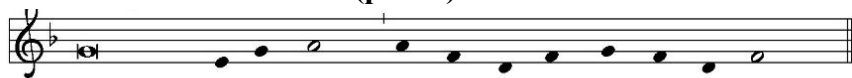
GREETING (p. 203)

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)



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and

faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC Tim Knotek “Amazing Grace”

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-15 (CEB)

God, in the form of three messengers, announces to Sarah and Abraham that they will have a child. Sarah, because of her advanced age, laughs at this seeming impossibility. But nothing is impossible for God, and in due course Isaac is born (Gen. 21:1-7). Now, Sarah confesses, everyone will share in her joyous laughter.

¹ The Lord appeared to Abraham at the oaks of Mamre while he sat at the entrance of his tent in the day’s heat. ² He looked up and suddenly saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them, he ran from his tent entrance to greet them and bowed deeply. ³ He said, “Sirs, if you would be so kind, don’t just pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought so you may wash your feet and refresh yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me offer you a little bread so you will feel stronger, and after that you may leave your servant and go on your way—since you have visited your servant.” They responded, “Fine. Do just as you have said.”

⁶ So Abraham hurried to Sarah at his tent and said, “Hurry! Knead three seahs of the finest flour and make some baked goods!” ⁷ Abraham ran to the cattle, took a healthy young calf, and gave it to a young servant, who prepared it quickly. ⁸ Then Abraham took butter, milk, and the calf that had been prepared, put the food in front of them, and stood under the tree near them as they ate.

⁹ They said to him, “Where’s your wife Sarah?” And he said, “Right here in the tent.”

¹⁰ Then one of the men said, “I will definitely return to you about this time next year. Then your wife Sarah will have a son!” Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were both very old. Sarah was no longer menstruating. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, thinking, I’m no longer able to have children and my husband’s old.

¹³ The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Me give birth? At my age?’” ¹⁴ Is anything too difficult for the Lord? When I return to you about this time next year, Sarah will have a son.”

¹⁵ Sarah lied and said, “I didn’t laugh,” because she was frightened. But he said, “No, you laughed.”

Psalms: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (CEB)

¹ I love the Lord because he hears
my requests for mercy.

² **I’ll call out to him as long as I live,
because he listens closely to me.**

¹² What can I give back to the Lord
for all the good things he has done for me?

¹³ **I’ll lift up the cup of salvation.
I’ll call on the Lord’s name.**

¹⁴ I’ll keep the promises I made to the Lord
in the presence of all God’s people.

¹⁵ **The death of the Lord’s faithful
is a costly loss in his eyes.**

¹⁶ Oh yes, Lord, I am definitely your servant!
I am your servant and the son of your female servant—
you’ve freed me from my chains.

¹⁷ **So I’ll offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to you,
and I’ll call on the Lord’s name.**

¹⁸ I’ll keep the promises I made to the Lord
in the presence of all God’s people,

¹⁹ **in the courtyards of the Lord’s house,
which is in the center of Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!**

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8

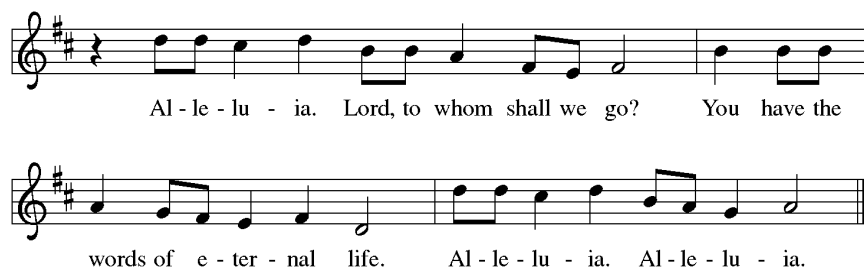
We are no longer God’s enemies but have peace with God because we were brought into a right relationship with God through Christ’s death.

¹ Therefore, since we have been made righteous through his faithfulness, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² We have access by faith into this grace in which we stand

through him, and we boast in the hope of God's glory. ³ But not only that! We even take pride in our problems, because we know that trouble produces endurance, ⁴ endurance produces character, and character produces hope. ⁵ This hope doesn't put us to shame, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶ While we were still weak, at the right moment, Christ died for ungodly people. ⁷ It isn't often that someone will die for a righteous person, though maybe someone might dare to die for a good person. ⁸ But God shows his love for us, because while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

Gospel: Matthew 9:35—10:8

The mission of Jesus' followers is to continue the mission of Jesus himself. Here, he instructs his first disciples as to how they might proclaim the gospel through their words and deeds.

³⁵ Jesus traveled among all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, announcing the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were troubled and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The size of the harvest is bigger than you can imagine, but there are few workers. ³⁸ Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest."

10 He called his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to throw them out and to heal every disease and every sickness. ² Here are the names of the twelve apostles: first,

Simon, who is called Peter; and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee; and John his brother; ³ Philip; and Bartholomew; Thomas; and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus; and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean; and Judas, who betrayed Jesus.

⁵ Jesus sent these twelve out and commanded them, “Don’t go among the Gentiles or into a Samaritan city. ⁶ Go instead to the lost sheep, the people of Israel. ⁷ As you go, make this announcement: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those with skin diseases, and throw out demons. You received without having to pay. Therefore, give without demanding payment.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON: “The Overflow of Grace”

HYMN: #575 In Christ Called to Baptize

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 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.

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.

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: #669 Rise Up, O Saints of God!

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

SUNDAY BULLETIN

St. Paul's Lutheran, Crookston, MN

June 14th, 2026

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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Abraham and Sarah offer generous hospitality to unexpected guests and receive God's impossible promise of new life. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with 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	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.

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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Karin and Dan Danforth

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Altar Guild

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Kathy Normandin

Livestream

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 Blokz

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Genesis 21: 8-21

Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17

Romans 6:1b-11

Matt. 10:24-39

Readings for June 21st, 2026

4th 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 14

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

Third Sunday After Pentecost

**Adult Bible Study
Worship
Fellowship**

Monday, June 15

8:30 am

LWR Quilting

Tuesday, June 16

**7:00 am
9:30 am
1:30 pm
7:00 pm**

**Men's Coffee Fellowship
Circle: Joanna Naomi
Lydia Rachel
AA**

Wednesday, June 17

Thursday, June 18

5:30-8:00 pm

**Summer Faith sPark at
Ray Ecklund Park**

Friday, June 19

Church office closed

Pastor's Day off

Sunday, June 21

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

4th Sunday After Pentecost

**Adult Bible Study
Worship and Communion
Fellowship**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

June 7th, 2026

Attendance: 55

Our gifts towards Budget:

Sunday Envelopes	\$2,242.77
Loose Offering	\$ 17.00
Over and Above Benevolence	\$ 10.00
General Treas/No Benevolence	\$ 600.00

Other (non-budget) Receipts:

Improvement Fund	\$ 240.50
Memorials	\$ 210.00

Needed weekly towards 2026 Budget:

Total received towards Budget	\$2,869.77
Total (non-budget) Receipts	\$ 450.50
Total Received	\$3,320.27

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.



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 will be 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.

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!

SUMMER FAITH sPARK

Last week at Schuster Park, our Summer Faith sPARK kids had a blast playing parachute games and tug-of-war while learning that "Jesus is Strong" through the story of Him calming the storm! Join us this Thursday for Week 3 at Ray Ecklund Park, where our theme will be "Jesus is Kind" as we explore the story of Jesus healing the ten lepers. We will put that kindness into action by singing for the residents of Villa St. Vincent and delivering the special cards we made for them.



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!

HIA HOSPICE CAREGIVER CONNECT

HIA Hospice offers a monthly Caregiver Connect virtual support group to help caregivers manage the stress and joys of being a caregiver. This group is for anyone who is actively providing care or support to another person, and led by professionals who provide education, practical advice, and support to caregivers.

The support group is free and open to the public. It is virtual and occurs the third Thursday of each month, from 1:00 – 2:00 pm.

Preregistration is required. To register, email

caregiverconnect@hiahealth.org, or call 800-237-4629 and ask to speak to Staci Metzger.

REFLECTION AND PRAYER

Who in your life is difficult to show grace to right now? What would it look like to offer them grace without expecting an apology or changed behavior in return? Identify one specific place this week where you can freely give grace—showing ridiculous patience, offering unexpected help, or forgiving someone.

How does shifting your mindset from "*I have to serve*" to "*I get to serve*" change the way you view your responsibilities at home, at work, or in your neighborhood? Jesus tells the disciples, "You received without having to pay. Therefore, give without demanding payment."

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy Presence, let me be with you today. Awaken my senses to the wonders of your creation, and fill me with compassion for every person I meet. Protect me from those who would hurt me; make me watchful so that I do not harm anyone. Fill my inward being with the love of Christ, and inasmuch as it is possible, let others know your presence through me. In this way let me glorify you, Holy One, Holy Three. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Maker of day and night, creator of sun, moon, and all planets and stars, thank you for your protection during the hours I have passed in your light. Guard me, I pray, through the coming dark. As I settle into sleep, recall to my mind each blessing you gave me while I was awake so that I can rejoice in your goodness. Grant me peace, rest, and renewal as I close my eyes in your presence.

Watch over me while I am helpless in the world. If it is your will to speak to me in dreams while my mind is quieted and still, grant that I may be attentive to your Word and guided by your Spirit when I awake to a new day. Let me arise and join my voice with all the faithful in giving you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ, the Light. Amen.

