

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
1100 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, MN

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10:00 a.m.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/PLEDGE SUNDAY



*We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give.*

Hymn text: William W. How (1823-1897)

PRELUDE *Prelude from Te Deum Laudamus (We Praise Thee, O God)*

Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643-1704)
Bob Boman, piccolo trumpet; Karen Sande, organ

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
in whom we are rooted
and bound together in beloved community.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy Spirit, Root of Life,
**we confess that we too often draw our hope and strength
from human things.**

**Our roots dry up;
they refuse to hold;
and we fall having failed to be drawn together in love
and in you.**

**Reroot us in the soil of your forgiveness
and awaken us to how our lives are intertwined
with one another and the rest of your creation. Amen.**

Beloved of God—in the name of + Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

Trust that you are deeply rooted together in Christ.

Stand firm on this promise.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN #695 *As Saints of Old*



1 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of or - chard, flock, and field
2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la - bor, love, and give;
3 In grat - i - tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to - day



to God, the giv - er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,
to make our life an of - fer - ing to God, that all may live.
to serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way.



so we to - day first - fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
The church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:
O God, who gave your - self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son,



of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.
teach us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Dianne O. Loufman

GOD EXTENDS AN INVITATION READINGS AND REFLECTIONS:

READING *Matthew 25:20-23*

²⁰ Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²² And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

REFLECTION

READING *1 John 4:11-12*

¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

REFLECTION

READING *1 Peter 4:10*

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

REFLECTION

READING *Colossians 3:12*

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

REFLECTION

READING *1 Timothy 4:4*

For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving.

*Reflections offered by Tim Climis, Barb and Dave LaMaster,
Kyle and Ashlee Marynik, and Nick and Sarah Shilman*

HYMN OF THE DAY #489 *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*



1 Ven-go a ti, Je - sús a - ma - do: lí - bra - me de mi pe -
 1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y haunts of
 2 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur - pass - ing
 3 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and dear - est



ca - do. Cal - ma, Re - den - tor, mi llan - to;
 sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's splen - dor,
 won - der that the bread of life is bound - less
 trea - sure, peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing,



he pe - ca - do tan - to, tan - to.
 there with joy your prais - es ren - der.
 though the souls it feeds are count - less;
 joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing:



Con la san - gre que ver - tis - te das con - sue - lo al al - ma
 Bless the one whose grace un - bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet
 with the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is
 hum - bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a -



tris - te; ham - bre tor - nas en har - tu - ra,
 found - ed; Christ, though heav'n - ly, high, and ho - ly,
 giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so - la - tion,
 dore you; wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you,



sal - va - ción me das se - gu - ra.
 deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
 pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
 and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

Refrain/Estribillo

¡Oh Cris - to!
Be thank - ful! ¡Oh Cris - to!
Be thank - ful!

Ge - ne - ros - o tú me o - fre - ces la sa - lud,
Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, and re - joice!

que a los tu - yos siem - pre das con ple - ni - tud.
Bless the one whose grace un - bound - ed is our joy.

THE 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 THE CHURCH

Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

or

Bless we the Lord,
Thanks be to God!

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY MUSIC *We All Are One in Mission*

tune: *Kuortane*, arr. Kevin McChesney
Sarah Climis, handbell solo; Karen Sande, piano

OFFERING PRAYER

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you,
gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings.
Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,
and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self
and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.
Amen.

FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

The LORD your God has blessed you in all the work of your hands. He has watched over your journey through this vast wilderness. These forty years the LORD your God has been with you, and you have not lacked anything. Deuteronomy 2:7

Today we remember that we root ourselves in You, our boundless God from whom we draw strength and hope. Although our roots may feel shallow, we trust that You hold us firm, and bind us together in beloved community through the Body of Christ.

In this season of harvest, we take bread, giving thanks for the earth's bounty and the work of human hands. We ponder the holy mystery that You, O Giver of Life, produce the soil for our crops and the ground for our very being. As we eat this bread, we pray for all who hunger for food and justice, humbly asking that we and our gifts might become bread for the world. **Amen.**

MUSIC FROM TAIZE *I Am Sure I Shall See*

I am sure I shall see the good-ness of the Lord in the

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "I am sure I shall see the good-ness of the Lord in the".

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The second system of musical notation continues the piece. The treble staff has a 2/4 time signature for the first two measures, which then changes to 4/4. The bass staff also has a 2/4 time signature for the first two measures, then changes to 4/4. The lyrics are: "land of the liv - ing. Yes, I shall see the".

good-ness of our God, hold firm, trust in the Lord.

Last time ☺

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. The treble staff has a 2/4 time signature for the first two measures, then changes to 4/4. The bass staff also has a 2/4 time signature for the first two measures, then changes to 4/4. The lyrics are: "good-ness of our God, hold firm, trust in the Lord." The system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. Above the final measure of the treble staff and below the final measure of the bass staff, the text "*Last time* ☺" is written.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Nourished by the living God and grounded in this community of faith, we pray:

**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.**

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

BLESSING

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN #826 *Thine the Amen*



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Now Thank We All Our God (*Nun danket alle Gott*)

17th century German chorale; setting by Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Karen Sande, organ

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Bryan Gatten, Director of Contemporary Worship
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Susanna Ojakangas, flute
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