

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
1100 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, MN

October 19, 2025

11:00 a.m.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

The assembly stands.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.
Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.
In the name of † Jesus, your sins are forgiven!
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *Breathe*



Breathe, breathe on me now, o - pen Your mouth and speak the word that heals
 Breathe, breathe on us now, o - pen Your mouth and speak the word that heals

4
 — this bro-ken ground. Say, say what You will, as we are still,
 — this bro-ken ground. Say, say what You will, show us Your will,

7
 — as we breathe in the ver - y breath of God.
 — as we breathe in the ver - y breath of God.

9
 Oh, Spir-it of God, here with us now, giv-ing us life a - gain.

13
 Breathe, breathe on us now, fill us with Your love,

15
 — send us with Your pow'r, Spir - it of God.

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

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

FIRST READING Genesis 32:22-31

Jacob's struggle with the angel: I'll not let go until you bless me

Word of God.

Word of Life.

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

In the presence of Christ the judge, proclaim the message

Word of God.
Word of Life.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL Luke 18:1-8

The widow begs for justice; God grants justice to those who cry to him

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

Beth Holst

HYMN OF THE DAY *Your Grace is Enough*

Great is Your faith - ful - ness, oh God.____
Great is Your love____ and jus - tice, God.____

5

You wres - tle with____ the sin - ner's heart.____
You use the weak____ to lead the strong.____

9

You lead us by still wat - ers, in - to mer - cy.
You lead us in the song of Your sal - va - tion.

13

And noth - ing can keep us a - part.____ So re -
And all Your peo - ple sing a - long.____

17

mem - ber Your peo - ple, re - mem - ber Your child - ren. Re -

21

mem - ber Your prom - ise oh God.____ Your

25

grace is e - nough, Your grace is e - nough, Your

29

grace is e - nough,____ for____ me.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Hear us, O God. or Bless we the Lord,
Your mercy is great. Thanks be to God.

PEACE

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

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. All are then seated for the offering.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERING

You are invited to use our digital offering plate. Simply text **"fleduluth"** to **73256**. You'll be sent a text with a link to give. Click on the link and enter your giving information. Thank you for supporting God's mission through FLC.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

The assembly stands.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together:

Lord of the harvest,

we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

**Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.**

**Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

The thanksgiving continues with the Words of Institution, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

We pray as Jesus taught:

**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.

The assembly is seated.

*We practice Eucharistic hospitality; all are welcome. Receive the bread and dip it into the wine (red)
or grape juice (white). Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

COMMUNION *We Are Hungry*

**We are hungry we are hungry
We are hungry**

Oh Lord

**Our daily bread our living water
We can't survive without You Lord
Our daily bread our living water
We're reaching out for something more**

**Come and feed us come and feed us
Come and feed us
Oh Lord**

**Our daily bread our living water
We can't survive without You Lord
Our daily bread our living water
We're reaching out for something more**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together: O God,
**through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.
Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need.
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

BLESSING

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN *You Are Good*

9 Lord, You are good, and Your mer - cy en - dures for - ev - er.

13 Lord, You are good, and Your mer - cy en - dures for - ev - er.

17 Peo - ple from ev - er - y na - tion and tongue, from gen - er - a - tion to gen - er - a - tion. We wor - ship You, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; We wor - ship You

22 for who You are; We wor - ship You, hal - le - lu - jah, hal

28 - le - lu - jah; We wor - ship You for who You are; 'cause You are good!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Ministers	All People of First Lutheran Church
Pastor	The Rev. Dianne O. Loufman
Presiding Minister	The Rev. Will Mowchan
Guest Preacher	Beth Holst
Program Staff	Karen Sande, Director of Music Michael Fuchs, Director of Choral Activities Bryan Gatten, Director of Contemporary Worship
Assisting Minister	Ben Zamojski
Reader	Teresa Zupancich
Musicians	The Rising Sound
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