

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
1100 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, MN

October 26, 2025

11:00 a.m.

REFORMATION SUNDAY

You are invited to light a candle in prayer on the Tree of Life during the service.

The candle-lighter is hanging on the wall; you may need to take a candle out to light it.

Please pass the Friendship Notebook along your row and greet those around you that you may not know.

We welcome children in worship. There is a family room across from the right front sanctuary doors and a few steps to the left a staffed nursery for any who wish to use them.

Hearing assist receivers are available at the ushers' station.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

The assembly stands.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Words of Martin Luther (1483-1546)

This life, therefore, is not righteousness,

Not health, but healing,

Not being, but becoming,

Not rest, but exercise.

We are not yet what we shall be,

But we are going towards it.

The process is not yet finished,

But it is going on.

This is not the end,

But it is the road.

All does not yet gleam in glory,

But all is being purified.

GATHERING HYMN *Praise is Rising*

Praise is ris - ing, eyes are turn - ing to You; — we turn to You;
 Hear the sound of hearts re - turn - ing to You; — we turn to You;

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— Hope is stir - ring hearts are yearn - ing for You; —
 — In Your King - dom bro - ken lives are made new; —

14

we long for You; — cause when we see — You, we find strength
 You make us new; —

18

— to face the day; — in Your pres - ence all our fears

22

— are washed a - way — washed a - way. — Ho - san - na, ho -

27

san - na, — You are the God — who saves us, wor - thy of all — our prais - es;

32

— Ho - san - na, ho - san - na — come have Your way

37

— a - mong us; we wel - come You here, Lord Je - sus. —

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 *Presentation of Bibles*

Spark Story Bible: Livy Papke-Larson, Madelyn Johnson, Rocky Remark, Evelyn Merth, Kason Ronayne

Spark Bible (3rd graders): Linden Westphal, Calvin Karlgaard, Sam Madison,
Lila Marynik, Minnie Peterson, Weston Anderson

FIRST READING Psalm 84:1-7 *(read responsively)*

How dear to me is your dwelling,

O Lord of hosts!

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;

my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young,

by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house!

They will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you,

whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs,

for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height,

and the God of gods will be seen in Jerusalem.

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

The good fight of faith

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 18:9-14

A Pharisee and tax collector pray together

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Dianne O. Loufman

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

HYMN OF THE DAY *Mighty to Save*



1. Ev-'ry - one needs com - pas - sion, love that's nev - er fail -
 2. So take - me as You find - me, all my fears and fail -



- ing. _ Let mer - cy fall on - me. _ Ev - 'ry-one needs for - give -
 - ures. _ Fill my life a - gain. _ I give _ my life to fol -



- ness, _ the kind - ness of a Sav - iour. _ The hope of na - tions. _
 - low, _ ev - 'ry-thing I be - lieve _ in. _ Now I sur - ren - der. _

CHORUS



_ Sav - iour, He can move the _ moun - tains. My God is



might - y to save. _ He is might - y to save. _ For - ev - er, Au - thor of sal -



- va - tion. He rose and con - quered the grave. _ Je - sus con - quered the grave. _



Shine your light, and let the whole world _ see. We're sing - ing



for the glo - ry of the ris - en _ King. _ Je - sus. |



Shine your light, and let the whole world _ see. We're sing - ing



for the glo - ry _ of the ris - en _ King. _

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 "**flcduluth**" 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 *Holy Spirit*

**There's nothing worth more that could ever come close
Nothing can compare, You're our living hope
Your presence, Lord**

**I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone
Your presence, Lord**

(chorus) **Holy Spirit, You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory, God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord**

**Let us become more aware of Your presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness**

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.

For all that God can do within us,
for all that God can do without us,

Thanks be to God!

For all in whom Christ lived before us,
for all in whom Christ lives beside us,

Thanks be to God!

For all the Spirit wants to bring us,
for where the Spirit wants to send us,

Thanks be to God!

The blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with you and on your way together, now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN *Desert Song*



This is my prayer in the des-ert, when all that's with-in me feels dry.
 This is my prayer in the fi-re, in weak-ness or tri-al or pain.
 9 This is my prayer in the har-vest, when fav-or and prov-i-dence flow.



This is my prayer in my hung-er and need. My
 There is a faith proved of more worth than gold. So
 11 I know I'm filled to be emp-tied a-gain. The



God is the God who pro-vides. I will bring
 re-fine me Lord, through the flame.
 13 seed I've re-ceived I will sow.



praise. I will bring praise. No weap-on formed a-gainst me shall re-main. I will re-joice.



17 I will de-clare, God is my vic-to-ry and God is here.

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
- Program Staff** Karen Sande, Director of Music
 Michael Fuchs, Director of Choral Activities
 Bryan Gatten, Director of Contemporary Worship
- Assisting Minister** Karen Zimmerman
- Reader** Cindy Monroe
- Musicians** The Rising Sound
- Audio/Video Team** Shania Krause, Sam Weston, Eric Gatten

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