

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1100 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, MN

November 23, 2025

11:00 a.m.

LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: THE REIGN OF CHRIST

*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.*

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,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God,

**you have shown us the ways of your heart,  
yet we stray from your paths.**

**We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression  
and do not embrace the freedom  
of your faithful promises.**

**We ignore our neighbors.**

**We exploit the earth.**

**We reject your abundance,  
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.**

**Repair our relationships,  
restore what we have broken,  
renew our hearts,  
and bring us to new life. Amen.**

Hear the good news:

God the Faithful One loves you,

† in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,

and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN *Your Love Goes On Forever*



Praise Him all you shin - ing stars. Praise the Lord in all the earth.  
All the crea - tures of the sea, child - ren of the Sav - ior,

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— Ev -'ry crea - ture near and far, praise the Lord.  
— yearn - ing hearts and o - ceans deep, praise the Lord.

9



Storm - y winds and clouds of white, val - leys clothed in splen - dor,  
For the mer - cy in His hands, for the heal - ing in His scars,

13



burn - ing sun and moon - lit light, praise the Lord. Heav - en and  
for the grace in His com - mands, praise the Lord.

17



all the u - ni - verse, pro - claim Your pow - er and Your worth. Hal - le - lu -

21



- jah, Your love goes on for - ev - er. God of life and Lord of love,

26



— Who was and is and is to come. Hal - le - lu -

29



- jah, Your love goes on for - ev - er.

**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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## WORD

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

### TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Andrea Bonneville

#### READING Psalm 46 *read responsively*

God is our refuge and strength,

**a very present help in trouble.**

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,

**and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

though its waters rage and foam,

**and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

**the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;

**God shall help it at the break of day.**

The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;

**God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

The LORD of hosts is with us;

**the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

Come now, regard the works of the LORD,

**what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;

**who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.**

“Be still, then, and know that I am God;

**I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

The LORD of hosts is with us;

**the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

Word of God.

**Word of Life.**

#### READING Colossians 1:11-20

*Hymn to Christ, firstborn of all creation; peace through his blood*

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 23:33-43

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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

HYMN OF THE DAY *Living Waters*



- 1. Are you thirst -y? Are you emp -ty?
- 2. Christ is call -ing, find re -fresh -ing
- 3. Spir - it mov -ing, mer - cy wash -ing;
- 4. Are you thirst -y? Are you emp -ty?

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Come and drink these liv - ing	wat - ers. ____	Tired and bro - ken,	peace un - spo - ken,
at the cross of liv - ing	wat - ers. ____	Lay your life down,	all the old gone,
Heal - ing in these liv - ing	wat - ers. ____	Lead your chil - dren	to the shore - line,
Come and drink these liv - ing	wat - ers. ____	Love, for - give - ness,	vast and bound - less,

1.	2, 3, 4.
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rest be - side these liv - ing	wat - ers. ____	wat - ers.	There's a
rise up in these liv - ing		wat - ers.	
life is in these liv - ing		wat - ers.	
Christ, He is our liv - ing			

**CHORUS**

13



riv - er \_\_ that flows with mer - cy \_\_ and love, bring - ing joy to the cit - y of our

16



God; \_\_\_\_\_ There our hope is se - cure, do not fear an - y - more,

19



praise the Lord of liv - ing wat - ers. \_\_\_\_



## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

## COMMUNION *Come As You Are*

**Come out of sadness from wherever you've been  
Come, brokenhearted, let rescue begin.  
Come find your mercy. O sinner, come kneel;  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal,  
earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.**

**(chorus) Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame.  
All who are broken lift up your face.  
O wanderer, come home; You're not too far.  
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are.**

**There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed;  
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace.  
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures.  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure.**

**Come as you are. Come as you are.  
Fall in His arms. Come as you are.**

**There's joy for the morning. O sinner, be still.  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together: God of field and flower, wheat and grape,  
**you have nourished us with the bread of heaven  
that gives life to the world.  
Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,  
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who  
hunger and thirst,  
and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's 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 *Shout for Joy*

Verse



Pour out your fervent praise, there's a  
We stood on sinking sand, You reached

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song to raise like a banner high.  
out Your hand, brought us to Your side.

9



Lift up your grate - ful heart to the  
We turned our hearts a - way, You were

13



Mor - ning Star He's a - live and here with us.  
strong to save, now our Sav - ior reigns in us.

Chorus

19



Shout for joy! — for the Son of God is the

23



Sav - ing One He's the Sav - ing One.

27



Shout for joy! — see what love has done He has

31



come for us, He's the Sav - ing One

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.  
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

**Ministers** All People of First Lutheran Church  
**Pastor** The Rev. Dianne O. Loufman  
**Associate Pastor** The Rev. Andrea Bonneville DeNaples  
**Program Staff** Karen Sande, Director of Music  
Michael Fuchs, Director of Choral Activities  
Bryan Gatten, Director of Contemporary Worship  
**Assisting Minister** Steve Cvek  
**Reader** Bailey Johnson  
**Musicians** The Rising Sound  
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