

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
1100 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, MN

January 11, 2026

11:00 a.m.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY: BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

GATHERING

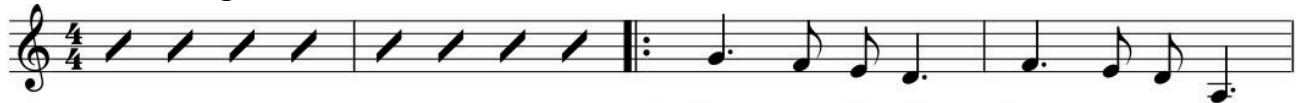
The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

The assembly stands.

GATHERING HYMN *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?



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.



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



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



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



praise the Lord of liv-ing wat-ers. —

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.
For Gichigami, for Chester, Amity, Miller, Buckingham and Tischer Creeks,
for the Lester, Cloquet, Brule, Cascade and St. Louis Rivers, for the St. Louis estuary, for
Twin Ponds.

**Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow.
Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you.
You are the fountain of resurrection.**

Praise to you for your saving waters:
Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well.
The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock.
Naaman washes his leprosy away,
and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

**Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word
that saves us in this sacrament.
Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation.
Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears.
Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.**

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

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 God of Living Waters, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed
him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your heirs,
and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Dianne O. Loufman

FIRST READING Isaiah 42:1-9

The servant of the Lord brings justice

Word of God.

Word of Life.

SECOND READING Acts 10:34-43

Jesus' ministry after his baptism

Word of God.

Word of Life.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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1. 2.

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia. lu, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL Matthew 3:13-17

Revelation of Christ as God's servant

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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 *Take Me to the River*



There's a place rich with life where ev-'ry wave will pur-i - fy;—
There's a place deep with hope to sat - u - rate the wea ry soul;
As I wait in the swell, You sweep a - way what's of my- self;

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Take me there to be with You, take me to the riv - er.

9



Lead my soul to qui - et - ness and trust;—

13



All I know is You will be e- nough.

17



Take me to the riv - er, pull me off the shore;

21



Here with-in Your free-dom I have found my rea-son; I am Yours.

25



Let the wa-ter rise, far a-bove my head;

29



Bap-tize me in won-der; Spir-it, take me un - der once a - gain.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism?

If so, please join in reaffirming our baptismal promises.

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. 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:

God of majesty,

no eye has seen, no ear has heard

what you have prepared for those who love you,

yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.

Use what we have gathered

to feed all with the reign of God come near,

Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

We pray together the prayer Jesus taught to help illumine our path:

**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

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table; taste and see.

COMMUNION HYMN *Oceans*

You call me out upon the waters/ The great unknown where feet may fail

And there I find You in the mystery/ In oceans deep my faith will stand

(Refrain) **And I will call upon Your name**

And keep my eyes above the waves

When oceans rise

My soul will rest in Your embrace

For I am Yours and You are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters/ Your sov'reign hand will be my guide

Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me/ You've never failed and You won't start now *(refrain)*

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders

Let me walk upon the waters, wherever You would call me

Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander

And my faith will be made stronger in the presence of my Savior

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together:
Radiant God,
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In the sacrament of his body and blood
you have drawn us to your heart.
Send us from this table with delight,
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

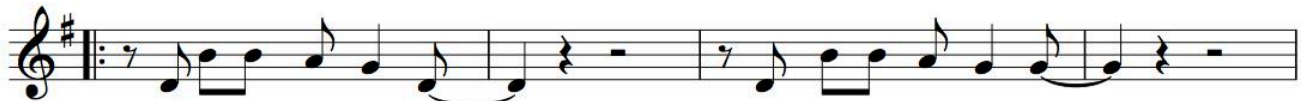
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

BLESSING

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing. Amen.

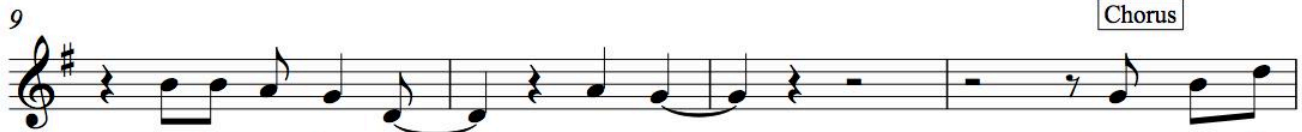
SENDING HYMN *The Well*



I lay my bur-dens down.____
I will thirst no more,____

My yoke is eas - y now.____
'cause you re-fresh my soul.____

9 Chorus



What a friend I've found____ in You.____
Liv-ing wa - ters flow____ from You.____

'cause You're the

13



well that won't run dry.____

On-ly You can sat-is - fy____

through ev-'ry

17



sea-son of my life,____

You are the well____ that won't run dry.____

21



You have giv - en me free - dom. You have giv - en me joy.____

23



You have tak - en my bur - dens.____

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Ministers	All People of First Lutheran Church
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