

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1100 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, MN

January 25, 2026

11:00 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY: CELEBRATION OF WINTER SEASON

*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 prunes and nourishes and forgives. **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of wintering,

the leaves fall from the trees giving us a new view

in which to see your world

**and yet, we are still blind. Forgive us.**

We have rejected your invitation to lie dormant for a season or a day

**to prune our cluttered lives.**

So that we might grow more faithfully, strengthened for each season of our lives,

**ready to bloom when the time comes.**

As the north wind blows us indoors, we examine our own lives:

**We ask your Spirit to blow away all that piles up blocking our path to you.**

As the snows fall gently to blanket the earth, by the grace of Jesus Christ ☩ our sins are covered and we are freed to walk into a new day. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN *Light of the World*



5 Light of the World, Treasure of Heaven,  
Light of the World, from the be - gin - ning the

9 bril - liant like the stars in the win - ter - y sky. From  
trag - e - dies of time were no match for Your love. From

13 Joy of the Fa - ther, reach through the dark - ness,  
great heights of glo - ry, You saw my sto - ry.

20 shine a - cross the earth, send the shad - ows to flight.  
God You en - tered in and be - came one of us.

27 Sing hal - le - lu - jah, sing hal - le - lu - jah. Sing hal - le - lu - jah for the things He has

33 done! Come and a - dore Him, bow down be - fore Him. Sing hal - le -

lu - jah to the Light of the World.

**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**

God of all seasons, for the gift of winter drawing us inward and into darkness like the seeds that lie dormant before bursting forth with life. Raise us up to meet your beckoning Light and share your life with those who cannot see the offered beauty and hope. **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 9:1-4**

*Light shines for those in darkness*

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

**GOSPEL Matthew 4:12-23**

*Revelation of Christ as a prophet*

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** *Wake Up*



We have seen the pain that shaped our  
All that You re - veal with light in



hearts, and in our shame we're still breath - ing. 'Cause  
us will come to life and start breath - ing.



we have seen the hope\_ of Your heal - ing. Ris - ing from our souls\_ is the feel - ing



we are draw - ing close.\_ Your light is shin - ing\_ through.



Wake up, wake up, \_ wake up all you sleep - ers.



Stand up, stand up, \_ stand up all you dream - ers.



Hands up, hands up, \_ hands up all be - liev - ers.



Take up your cross, \_ car - ry it on.

**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: O Gracious Provider for all,  
**You bless us with darkness and light,  
with the warmth of the sun, and the needed cold of the night.  
As the sap rises in the trees pouring forth its sweetness,  
we offer our gifts pouring forth for the sake of your world. 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.**

Resting in Jesus’ words, 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.**

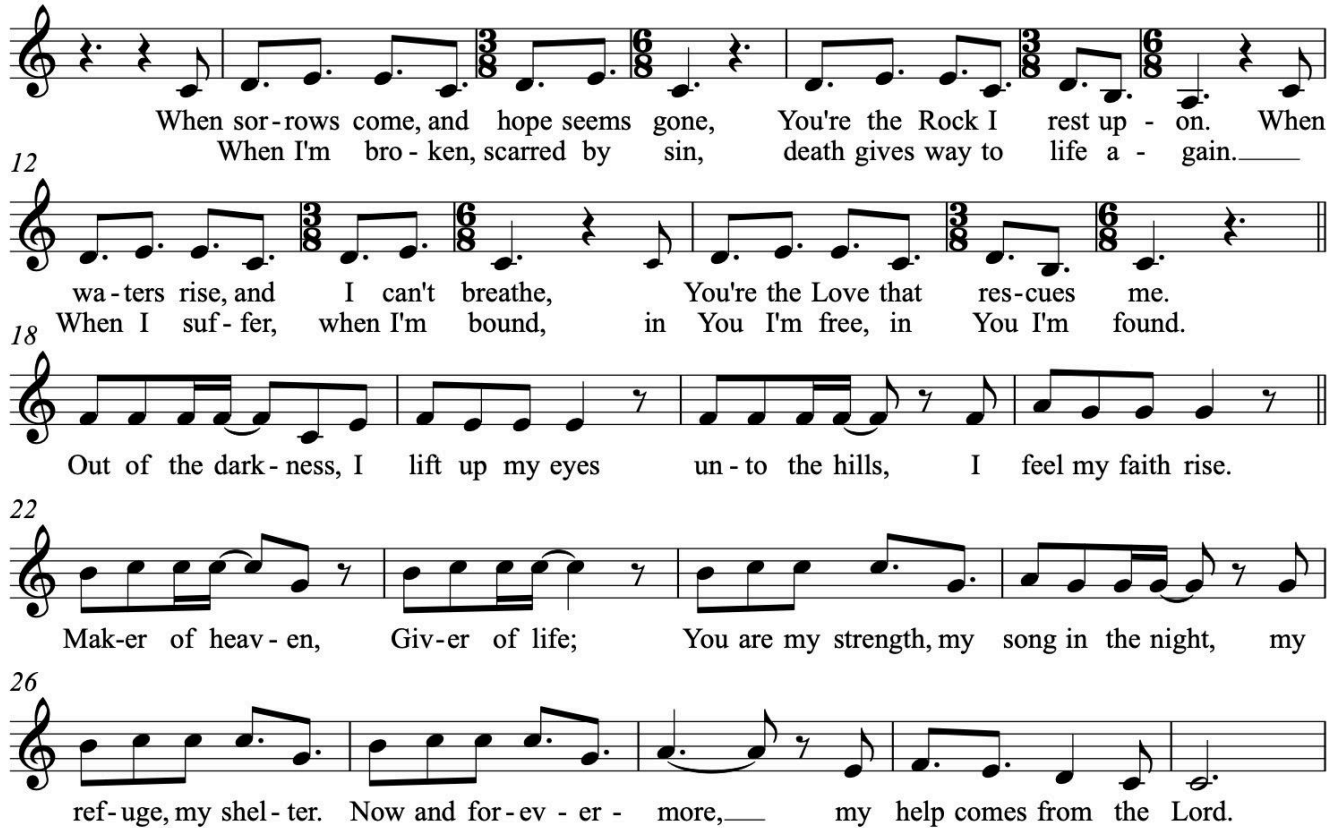
*The assembly is seated.*

*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

Come and be warmed by the love of Christ poured out for all.

COMMUNION HYMN *My Help Comes From the Lord*



When sor-rows come, and hope seems gone, You're the Rock I rest up - on. When  
12 When I'm bro - ken, scarred by sin, death gives way to life a - gain.\_\_\_\_

wa - ters rise, and I can't breathe, You're the Love that res - cues me.  
18 When I suf - fer, when I'm bound, in You I'm free, in You I'm found.

Out of the dark - ness, I lift up my eyes un - to the hills, I feel my faith rise.  
22

Mak - er of heav - en, Giv - er of life; You are my strength, my song in the night, my  
26

ref - uge, my shel - ter. Now and for - ev - er - more,\_\_\_\_ my help comes from the Lord.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray together: Gracious God,  
**we give thanks for your pruning and nurture.**  
**We rejoice that you have used your creation to reach us and to feed us.**  
**Lead us as we go from this meal, warmed and strengthened**  
**for living lives of service reflective of your Light. Amen.**

SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

**BLESSING OF SKIS AND SNOWSHOES**

**BLESSING**

*The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing. Amen.*

SENDING HYMN *Endless Light*



From the high - est\_\_ throne,\_\_ to the earth be - low,\_\_ You laid down Your life  
From the moun - tain\_\_ heights\_\_ to the val - leys. low,\_\_ all cre - at - ed\_\_ things



8  
\_\_ for the likes of us.\_\_ Great is the love of the Sav - ior.  
\_\_ giv - en life to show.\_\_ Je - sus we live for Your glo - ry.



13  
From a wound - ed\_\_ heart,\_\_ to a life made whole.\_\_ Ev - 'ry hu - man heart.  
From the ris - ing\_\_ sun\_\_ to the still of\_\_ night.\_\_ Ev - 'ry wak - ing\_\_ mo -



16  
\_\_ will de - clare as one.\_\_ Great is the love of the Sav - ior. Lord of  
- ment for Your de - light.\_\_ Je - sus we live for Your glo - ry.



21  
end - less light,\_\_ let Your glo - ry shine for - ev - er. All the earth,\_\_ all the earth,



26  
\_\_ sing Your praise.\_\_ Hope of ev - 'ry heart,\_\_ let Your name



31  
\_\_ be lift - ed high - er. All our hearts,\_\_ all our hearts,\_\_ sing Your praise.\_\_

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. The living word dwells richly within you.

**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**  
**Reader** Bailey Johnson  
**Musicians** The Rising Sound  
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