

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
1100 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, MN

February 8, 2026

11:00 a.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY: HEALING SERVICE

Tradition has it that St. Luke was the first Christian physician on record. The Fest Day of St. Luke (October 18) is a traditional day for healing services. This is the prayer assigned for the day: Almighty God, who inspired your servant Luke the physician to set forth in the gospel the love and healing power of your Son: graciously continue in your church this love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of your name: through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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.

Let us open our lives to God's searching gaze.

God of mercy and compassion,

We acknowledge that we are not all that we would like to be;

We carry wounds and regrets,

some of which are of our our design,

and some of which we have received from others.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Of all our sin,

Forgive us, O God.

In all our weakness,

Strengthen us, O God.

From all our diseases,

Heal us, O God. 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

By your great power, O God, Jesus healed the sick and gave new hope to the hopeless.
Though we cannot command or possess your power, we pray for those who want to be healed.
Mend their wounds, soothe fevered brows, and make broken people whole again.
Help us to welcome every healing as a sign that, though death is against us, you are for us,
and have promised new and arisen life in Jesus Christ the Lord. **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 *(from the apocrypha)* **Ecclesiasticus 38:1-4,6-10,12-14**

Honor physicians for their services,
for the Lord created them;
for their gift of healing comes from the Most High,
and they are rewarded by the king.
The skill of physicians makes them distinguished,
and in the presence of the great they are admired.
The Lord created medicines out of the earth,
and the sensible will not despise them.
And The Lord gave skill to human beings
that God might be glorified in their marvelous works.
By them the physician heals and takes away pain;
the pharmacist makes a mixture from them.
God's works will never be finished;
and from God health spreads over all the earth.
My child, when you are ill, do not delay,
but pray to the Lord, and the lord will heal you.
Give up your faults and direct your hands rightly,
and cleanse your heart from all sin.
Then give the physician their place, for the Lord created them;
do not let them leave you, for you need them.
There may come a time when recovery lies in the hands of physicians,
for they too pray to the Lord
that the lord grant them success in diagnosis
and in healing, for the sake of preserving life.

Word of God.

Word of Life.

SECOND READING **1 Corinthians 2:1-12**

Word of God.

Word of Life.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

GOSPEL **Matthew 5:13-20**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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 *I Will Follow*



1. All your ways are good. All your ways are sure. I will
2. Light un - to the world, Light un - to my life, I will



trust in You a lone. High - er than my sight, high a - bove my life. I will
live for You a lone. You're the one I seek. Know - ing I will find all I

Chorus



trust in You a - lone. Where You go, I'll go.
need in You a - lone.



— Where you stay, I'll stay. When You move, I'll move. I will fol low You.



— Who You love, I'll love. How You serve, I'll serve.



— If this life I lose, I will fol - low You.



— Yeah I will fol - low You, Yeah.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in God
The Creator of all that we see and all that we do not see.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
God become flesh;
In death the forgiver of sinners
In rising the healer of the broken.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
God within us;
Comforter, Strengthened and Friend.

REQUESTS

Come to us again, O God
Fill our prayers with power,
and our hearts with faith.

We pray for every place in our world where the wounds of war have left their mark.

In Your mercy, heal us O God.

We pray for every scar of hatred that remains in our nation.

In Your mercy, heal us O God.

We pray for every person who is sick in body, mind or spirit.

In Your mercy, heal us O God.

We pray for all who work for the healing of our world.

In Your mercy, heal us O God

INVITATION TO THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

Everyone is invited to come forward for the laying on of hands and if so desired, anointing. Those who remain seated are invited to surround those receiving and administering the laying-on of hands with prayer.



You do not car-ry this all a-lone. No
you do not car-ry this all a-lone. This is way too big for you to
car-ry this on your own, so, you do not car-ry this all a-lone.

At end of prayers for healing:

Let Your healing flow among us and within us.
For Christ's sake. **Amen.**

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 grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.**

**Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.**

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. 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

The joy of the Lord is our strength.

Come, eat this meal of gladness.

COMMUNION *Great, Are You Lord*

You give life

You are love

You bring light to darkness

You give hope

You restore every heart that is broken

And great are You, Lord.

**(chorus) It's Your breath in our lungs,
so we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise.**

**It's Your breath in our lungs,
so we pour out our praise to You only.**

**And all the earth will shout Your praise.
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,
Great are You, Lord**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together:

We thank You, God

That you have fed us with Your life,

Embraced us with Your love,

Touched us with Your healing

And filled us with Your Spirit. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

BLESSING OF CARE BAGS

BLESSING

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing. Amen.

SENDING *I Could Sing of Your Love Forever*



O - ver the moun - tains and _ the sea Your riv - er runs _ with love _ for me,



and I will o - pen up my heart, _ and let the Heal - er set _ me free.



I'm hap - py to _ be in _ the truth, and I will dai - ly lift _ my hands,



for I will _ al - ways sing of when Your love came down, yeah. _ I could sing of Your love _



_ for - ev - er, _ I could sing of Your love _ for - ev - er, _



I could sing of Your love _ for - ev - er, _



I could sing of Your love _ for - ev - er. _

DISMISSAL

Touched by Your grace,

We take Your grace to the world.

Healed by Your love,

We take Your love to the world.

Renewed by Your Spirit,

We go in the Spirit's power to be agents of Your healing.

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	Mark Papke-Larson
Reader	Rachel Johnson
Musicians	The Rising Sound
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