

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
1100 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, MN

February 8, 2026

8:30 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.

Hearing assist receivers are available at the ushers' station.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE *Healer of Our Every Ill* - arr. Diane McAninch; Jubilation Ringers

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 ELW #532 *Gather Us In*

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**

God's wisdom revealed through the Spirit

Word of God.

Word of Life.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Matthew 5:13-20

The teaching of Christ: salt and light

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

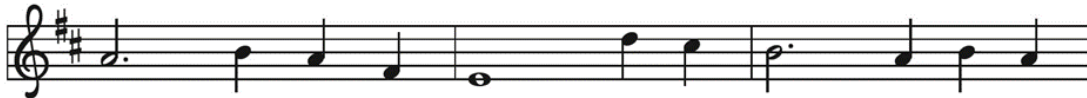
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The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY ACS #1017 *Come to Me, O Weary Traveler*



1 "Come to me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; come to
 2 "Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not
 3 "Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my
 4 "Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; rest in



me with your dis - tress; come to me, you heav - y -
 fear, my bur - den's light; do not fear the path be -
 yoke and come with me. Take my yoke, I am be -
 me and do not fear. Rest in me, my heart is



bur - dened; come to me and find your rest."
 fore you; do not run from me in fright."
 side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty."
 gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care."

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, Strengthener 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.

HYMN ELW #612 Healer of Our Every Ill

SONG *You Do Not Carry This All Alone* - Alexandra "Ahlay" Blakely

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.

ACS #1018 *Deep Peace*

Deep peace of the run - ning waves, deep peace of the
flow - ing air, deep peace of the shin - ing stars to
you, deep peace of the qui - et earth. earth.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has two staves: a treble clef staff with a vocal line and a bass clef staff with piano accompaniment. The second system also has two staves. The third system has two staves and includes a repeat sign with a first ending labeled 'To repeat' and a second ending labeled 'Last time'. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

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 ANTHEM *Touch the Hem of His Garment*

words: Janice Lovoos (1903-2007); music Margaret Bonds (1913-1972); Soli Deo Gloria Choir

Touch the hem of his garment, let his love make you whole.
Hear the voice of the shepherd and he will lead you into the fold.
Touch the hem of his garment, leave the darkness of sin.
Feel the strength of his presence, and you will know the power within.
In loving arms he will take you, and never leave or forsake you,
and if you trust he will make you rejoice and lay your burdens at his feet.
Touch the hem of his garment, leave the darkness of night.
Feel the might of his glory and he will guide you into the light.

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 us 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, our Good Samaritan, who tends the wounds of body and spirit with the oil of consolation and the wine of hope; the Sun of righteousness, who raises us to life on his healing wings.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with all creation, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 station is available.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The joy of the Lord is our strength.
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

HYMN ACS #1014 *When We Must Bear Persistent Pain*

1 When we must bear per - sis - tent pain and suf - fer
2 Sup - port us as we learn new ways to care for
3 We thank you for the bet - ter days when we may
4 In ease or pain, in life and death, to you our
with no cure in sight, come, Ho - ly Pres - ence,
bod - ies new - ly frail. Help us en - dure, and
smile to greet the sun, to do your work with
frag - ile lives be - long, and so we trust you
breathe your peace with gifts of warmth and heal - ing light.
live and love. Hear our com - plaint when pa - tience fails.
clear - ing mind, and bless your name when day is done.
in all things. You are our hope, our health, our song.

HYMN ELW #793 *Be Thou My Vision*

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

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW #611 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

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 *If You But Trust in God to Guide You* - J.S. Bach

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