

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
1100 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, MN

May 3, 2026

11:00 a.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who plants grace in our midst
and showers us with mercy.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of new life,

**It is hard to clear out the debris from our lives
so that there is room in us for the planting of your Word.**

**Forgive us for not tending to our spiritual lives
nor to the world's needs.**

**Forgive us for expecting blossoms
without nurturing the seed.**

As you awaken the earth to a new season of growth,

**Forgive us for our slumbering ways,
and awaken us to the green blades of hope sprouting in our midst.**

Love comes again like wheat arising green.

We are forgiven ☩ and raised up in Christ's name.

Amen.

GATHERING *God of Wonders*

Lord of all cre - a - tion, of wa - ter, earth and sky,
Ear - ly in the morn - ing, I'll cel - e - brate the light.

9
the heav - ens are Your tab - er - na - cle; glo - ry to the Lord on high.
When I stum - ble in the dark - ness, I will call Your name by night.

13
God of Won - ders be - yond our gal - ax - y, You are ho - ly, ho - ly, the

17
u - ni - verse de - clares Your maj - es - ty. You are ho - ly, ho - ly;

21
Lord of heav - en and earth, Lord of heav - en and earth.

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

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he 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 Proverbs 4:10-18

Word of God.
Word of Life.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2:2-10

Word of God.
Word of Life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

GOSPEL John 14:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to John.
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 *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

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— 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. —

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:

**Gracious God, we give thanks for new life springing forth
from field and vine and from our renewed lives.
May these gifts that begin as shoots and buds,
blossom into life for us and the world;
through the Risen One we pray. 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.

The thanksgiving continues with the Words of Institution, concluding with the Lord’s Prayer.

Rooted as trees planted by streams of water, 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

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.

COMMUNION *Maker of the Moon*

**Hello maker of the moon
Your creation has inspired my every move
You're the science in the stars
There is beauty there is fire in your eyes**

**Here we are face to face
Lost in wonder at the God of time and space
The universe declares your praise
Singing holy holy is your name**

**Hello tamer of the tides
Every day you're moving deeper in my life
You're the wildness in the wind
And I feel you so much closer than my skin**

**I can feel your heartbeat beating
I can hear my God is speaking
King of creation breathe upon me
You can feel my heartbeat beating
You can hear my spirit screaming
King of creation you amaze me**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together:

**Nurturing God, for using the harvest of field and vineyard
to renew and sustain us.**

**Lead us from this life-giving meal
into lives of grateful service to you and your cherished creation;
through the One who is the Vine. Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

ANGLER BLESSING

BLESSING

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

Amen.

SENDING *The Earth is Yours*

Your voice, — it thun-ders, the oaks — start twist-ing;
Your voice, — it thun-ders, the ground — is shak-ing;

the for - est sounds with ce - dars break-ing.
the might - y moun-tains now — are trem-bling.

The wa - ters see You and start — their writh-ing; from
Cre-a - tion sees You and starts — com - pos - ing; fields

— the depths a song — is ris-ing. Now it's ris-ing from the ground.
— and trees they start — re-joic-ing.

— Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.

— The earth is Yours, — and sing - ing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.

— The earth is Yours, — the earth is Yours. —

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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