

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
1100 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, MN

May 10, 2026

11:00 a.m.

SIXTH 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.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us:

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.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness

who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,

and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING *Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly*

It all comes down to this, — what You re - quire of me:
It all comes down to this, — to be Your hands and feet,
8 Years from now_ we'll see — the fruit our_ hands have sown.

— Love my neigh-bor_ as_ my-self, — and You a - bove all things.
— good news to_ all_ the world, — the truth will set_ us free._
12 — Faith just like_ a seed, — the on - ly_ way_ it grows.

— Act just-ly, — love mer-cy, — walk hum-bly_ — with You, God. In
17 —

all things. in all ways. — walk hum-blv_ — with You. 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

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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 Acts 17:22-31

Word of God.
Word of Life.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 3:13-22

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 14:15-21

The Holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Kelly Cossey

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

HYMN OF THE DAY *Available*



1. Nar - row as the road may - seem, — I'll
 2. Here I am with o - pen - hands —
 3. For the one who gave me - life —



fol - low where Your spir - it — leads. — Bro - ken as my life may - be, —
 count - ing on Your grace a - gain. — Less of me and more of — You, —
 noth - ing is a sac - ri - fice. — Use me how You want to, — God. —



— I will give You ev - 'ry — piece. — (I) I —
 — I just wan - na see You — move. —
 — Have Your throne with - in my — heart. —

§ **CHORUS**



— hear You — call; I — am a - vail - a - ble. I —



— say, "Yes, — Lord." I — am a - vail - a - ble. —

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 “**fjcduluth**” 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.*

SPRINGS OF WATER MOMENT

OFFERTORY MUSIC

The assembly stands.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together:

Merciful God,

accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.

**You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day
when we will hunger and thirst no more.**

Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,

that goodness and mercy may follow us

and bless the world you love.

In the name of Jesus, 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.

With praise and thanksgiving, we pray as Jesus taught:

**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 *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:

Holy One,

**through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.**

**Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies,**

and to bring your healing to the nations.

In the name of Jesus, 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 *Send Down Your Spirit*



1. Though I wage war _ with - in, _ my bro - ken heart.
 2. Though I fail to _ be - lieve, _ my wan-d'ring heart.

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_ can - not _ be - gin to un - der - stand who _ You are, _ and how You love.
 _ ~ longs _ to see and com - pre - hend who _ You are, _ and know Your mer -

§ CHORUS

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_ me. _ Lord, _ send down Your Spir - it, let me re - ceive.
 - cy. _

16



_ Your peace. _ Lord, _ send down Your wis - dom, let _ my trust.



_ in You _ in - crease.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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
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