

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1100 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, MN

May 24, 2026

10:00 a.m.

DAY OF PENTECOST

*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** *God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind* - arr. Paul Manz                      Trevor Engstrom, trombone

*The assembly stands.*

**WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

As we gather together in this place,  
we remember the disciples waiting to be clothed with power from on high  
**We, too, pray for the power of your Spirit.**

We remember God breathing forth the Spirit  
and dancing flames heralding the arrival of something new  
**We, too, pray to be set ablaze.**

The voices of many languages all understood  
a community reborn of Your breath and Your fire  
**We, too, pray for your Spirit of rebirth.**

**GATHERING HYMN ELW #400** *God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind*

**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. Amen**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

“O eternal fire, kindle, ignite our hearts. Let the heavenly flames flare up and penetrate them,  
for we wish to be thy temple.” *from J.S. Bach's Pentecost cantata*  
In the name of the One who is flame, light and fire. **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 Numbers 11:24-30**

*The Spirit comes upon the elders of Israel*

Word of God.  
**Word of Life.**

**SECOND READING Acts 2:1-21**

*Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds*

Word of God.

**Word of Life.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ACS 945 *When You Send Forth Your Spirit* (sing 2x)**

*Refrain – All*

When you send forth your Spir - it, we are re -  
 newed, we are re-newed. When you send forth your  
 Spir - it, we are re - newed, we are re-newed.

**GOSPEL John 7:37-39**

*The Spirit will provide living water*

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

SERMON

Pastor Dianne O. Loufman

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY *O God of Fire, O Word of Flame* text: Susan Palo Cherwien; sung to tune *O Waly Waly***

**O God of Fire, O Word of Flame, that calls each creature's precious name,  
 as once you came, come now, inspire, that we become on earth your fire.**

**Pour out your Spirit on all flesh; ignite in us enlightened speech,  
 that, thus enkindled by your spark we speak the language of each heart.**

**Remove from us all dross and fear, and with your burning love draw near,  
 that as your first-fruits we emerge refined, transfigured from your forge.**

**Enfold us in your warm embrace, that we become your dwelling place,  
 and as your holy mortal home, a welcome hearth to all become.**

**So change us, charge us, that we move as sanctuaries of your love,  
 and in these latter days inspire, that we become on earth your fire.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH ACS #980 *Come, Holy Spirit*

\*Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, de - scend on us, de -

scend on us. We gath - er here in Je - sus'

name. (hm)

- \*Additional verses ad lib:
- Come, Breath of heaven, . . .
- Come, Word of mercy, . . .
- Come, Fire of judgment, . . .
- Come, great Creator, . . .
- Come to unite us, . . .
- Come to disturb us, . . .
- Come to inspire us, . . .

**PEACE**

The peace Jesus breathed upon his disciples, be with you all.

**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*

**'SPRINGS OF WATER'**

Rev. Sally Maxwell

**OFFERING**

You are invited to use our digital offering plate. Text **"fcduluth"** 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** *Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me*

arr. K. Lee Scott; Soli Deo Gloria Choir

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be; Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;  
And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal; and with actions bold and meek, for Christ my Savior, speak..

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be; Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;  
And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear; and, with actions sisterly, speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be; Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;  
Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good. And whatever I can be, give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit dwell with me, I would mighty be; Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee;  
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield; Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.

*The assembly stands.*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together: Holy One

**we dedicate our time and treasure to you**

**for the good of your whole creation,**

**which even now you are still enacting.**

**We pray that you will multiply these humble gifts**

**toward a future of greater justice, flourishing, and joy. 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.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people  
of every nation and tongue. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with all of 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, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

*The thanksgiving continues with the Words of Institution*

In the night ...

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **Amen.**

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **Amen.**

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **Amen.**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.

O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.

O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.

O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly,

O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life  
with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.

Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,  
life in you, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

**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**

All are welcomed to this table where the Spirit makes us one.

*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.*

**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.

COMMUNION HYMNS: ACS #944 *O Spirit All Embracing*



1 O Spir - it all - em - brac - ing and coun - sel - or all - wise,  
2 O Beau - ty ev - er blaz - ing in flow - er, field, and face,  
3 Come, pas - sion's pow - er ho - ly, your in - sight here im - part,



un - bound - ed splen - dor grac - ing a shore - less sea of skies:  
you show your - self a - maz - ing in un - ex - pect - ed place.  
and give your ser - vants low - ly an un - der - stand - ing heart



un - fail - ing is your trea - sure, un - fad - ing your re - ward;  
We see you and re - mem - ber what once our dreams had been;  
to know your care more clear - ly when faith and love are tried,



sur - pass - ing world - ly plea - sure, the rich - es you af - ford.  
you fan the glow - ing em - ber and kin - dle hope with - in.  
to seek you more sin - cere - ly when false i - deals have died:



Come, stream of end - less flow - ing, and res - cue us from death;  
Come, fire of glo - ry gra - cious, bless all who trust in you;  
for vi - sion we im - plore you, for wis - dom's pure de - light;



come, wind of spring - time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.  
un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your church a - new.  
in prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.

**ELW #403 *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song***

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray together: God of fire, Word of flame,

**Let this meal set our hearts ablaze.**

**Transform us for the work of your love.**

**Restore us with the hope that the Holy Spirit is – even now –**

**igniting new possibilities for our shared life, faith, and thriving. Amen.**

**SENDING**

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

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

**TRAIL BLESSING**

**BLESSING**

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

**SENDING HYMN ELW #723 *Canticle of the Turning***

+ additional verse and refrain: text by Paul Jacobson, written for the 2026 EcoFaith Summit

**With our hearts on fire, filled with fierce desire, fed by fuel from a God of love,  
Joining hand and hand, hearts aflame, we stand, full of faith coming from above.  
Oh, Holy One, our life, our sun - shine down on us, we pray.  
Come and shine your light in this earth's dark night to Creation's newborn day.**

Refrain:

**Creator, Guide, stay by our side, in this world we caused to fall.  
For you are like a refining fire, our eternal hope, our all.**

Closing refrain:

**Our hearts now burn, causing us to yearn for a world that is free from strife.  
May the ears of all hear your fiery call for creation's health and life.**

**DISMISSAL**

Go forth this day clothed with power from on high  
ignited for God's work in the world.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *Prelude in F Major - J.S. Bach*

Lauren Fuchs, organ

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<b>Reader</b>	Shirley Wuchter
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