

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1100 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, MN

June 14, 2026

10:00 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
CELEBRATION OF JUNETEENTH

*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 *Adoration* - Florence Price (1887-1953)

WELCOME

*The assembly stands.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.  
Blessed be God who creates, redeems and liberates.*

**And blessed be God's kingdom of justice and love now and forever. Amen.**

Blessed are you, holy and living One.

**You come to your people and set them free.**

GATHERING HYMN ACS #985 *Let Us Enter In*



1 Let us en-ter in to the song of thanks - giv - ing and free - dom.  
2 Let us en-ter in to the place where our God has pre - ced - ed.  
3 Let us en-ter in to the heart of a world that is bro - ken.



Let us en-ter in to the long line of peo - ple in need.  
Let us en-ter in to the face of the fear and the pain.  
Let us en-ter in to the start of a hope we can share.



Let us en-ter in to the strong mind that God is still liv - ing.  
Let us en-ter in to the grace of the love when it's need - ed.  
Let us en-ter in to the part where we call one an - oth - er



Heal - ing, for - giv - ing— Let us en - ter in.  
Death is de - feat - ed! Let us en - ter in.  
sis - ter and broth - er. Let us en - ter 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**

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 Leviticus 25:1-11a**

Word of God.

**Word of Life.**

**SECOND READING Galatians 5:1, 13-14**

Word of God.

**Word of Life.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL John 8:31-36**

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 ACS #1038 *God, We Gather as Your People***



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -  
2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be  
3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and  
4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.  
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,  
shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.  
wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we  
that they nev - er have a rea - son to  
May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your  
As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.  
doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.  
love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.  
join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



long. May that wel - come be our song.

**INSTALLATION OF VISION COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*after each petition, we pray ...* **Hear us, O God, as we accept the call to be bearers of peace.**

*after last petition ...* **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** *Deep River* - arr. Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)

*The assembly stands.*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray: Creator God,

**in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
and the harvest is plentiful.**

**Strengthen us with these gifts of the earth and our labor,  
that we may work for the good of all;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

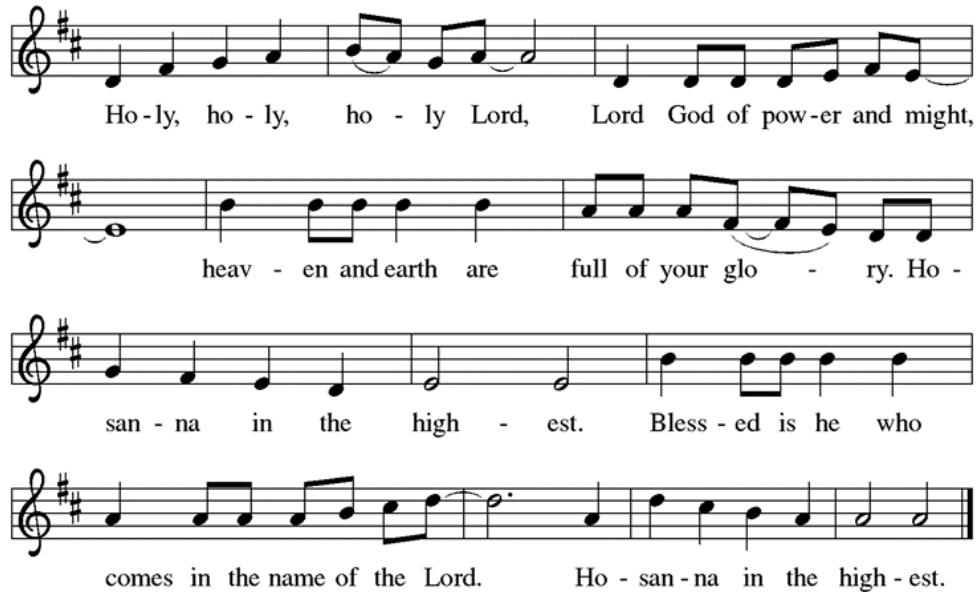
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels, cherubim and seraphim and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

## 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.

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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray: "Our Father" from *The New Zealand Prayer Book*

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The reign of God has broken in.  
Come and share in its joy.

*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.*

## 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 HYMN ELW #661 *I Love to Tell the Story*

COMMUNION HYMN ELW #770 *Give Me Jesus*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray: Creator God,

**May we who have been strengthened by this sacrament, strengthen those in weakness. We who have been fed, feed those in hunger. We who have been welcomed, welcome others. We who have been seen and known, see and know the needs of others. Give us your grace to respond always in loving service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Written by Rev. Gemma Sampson, Diocese of Durham*

## SENDING

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

### OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

#### BLESSING

*A Four-Fold Franciscan Blessing by The Very Rev. Kim L. Coleman*

And now, may God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, exploitation of people, so that we may continue to work for justice, freedom, and peace. **Amen.**

May God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war, so that we may reach out our hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy. **Amen.**

May God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this work, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done. **Amen.**

And the Blessing of God Almighty, the One who Creates, Redeems and Sanctifies, be upon you and all you love, this day, and forever more. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN ELW #841 *Lift Every Voice and Sing***

**DISMISSAL**

Let us go forth, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *We Shall Overcome* - Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)

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