

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
1100 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, MN

July 19, 2026

10:00 a.m.

LAKE SUPERIOR SUNDAY/BAPTISMS IN THE LAKE
CELEBRATION OF SUMMER

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

The assembly stands

GATHERING *Garden*

This - tled ground__ tomb of my love__ heart torn a - part__
Love you said__ poured out like wine__ bro - ken like bread__

Com - ing God, soft-en the soil__ tend now the scars__
Wa - ken us, en - li - ven our minds__ un - earth the dead__

Rend this heart of stone, mend it in - to flesh, let your love bring me to life.__

Yield this hard-ened earth, 'till a gar-den stirs, let your love bring us to life.__

O - pen your love breaks us o - pen

O - pen your love breaks us o - pen, res - ur - rects a

gar - den.__ A gar - den.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
in whom we grow, blossom and bear fruit.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of light and life,

**We are like oak leaves that wither
and like gardens without water.** [Isaiah 1:30]

**We have neglected to nurture the new growth
you cause to sprout within us and our neighbors.**

**We have failed to protect those tender and vulnerable
from the choking weeds of greed and the heat of hatred and indifference.**

**Forgive us. Water us with your grace-
Be our shade from the heat and a shelter from the storm. Amen.**

Hear God's response to our sin:

You shall again live beneath my shadow; you shall flourish as a garden;
you shall blossom like the vine; your fragrance shall be like the wine of Lebanon. [Hosea 14:7]

In the name of Jesus Christ ☩ our sins are forgiven
and we are free to bloom again. **Amen.**

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

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

READING Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Word of Life.

Word of God— speak, would you pour down like rain,— wash-ing my eyes

5
— to see— Your maj - es-ty.— To be still and know— that You're in this place,

8
— please let me stay and rest in Your ho - li- ness. Word of God speak.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Pastor Dianne O. Loufman

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

HYMN OF THE DAY *Blessed Be Your Name*

5 Bless-ed be Your name in the land that is plen - ti - ful, where Your
Bless-ed be Your name when the sun's shin - ing down on me, when the

9 streams of a - bun - dance flow, bless - ed be Your name.
world's all as it should be, bless - ed be Your name.

13 Bless-ed be Your name when I'm found in the des - ert place, though I
Bless-ed be Your name on the road marked with suf - fer - ing, though there's

17 walk through the wil - der-ness, bless - ed be Your name.
pain in the of - fer - ing, bless - ed be Your name.

22 Ev-'ry bless-ing You pour out I'll turn back to praise. When the dark-ness
Chorus

27 clos-es in, Lord, still I will say, Bless-ed be the name of the Lord, bless-ed be Your
name. Bless-ed be the name of the Lord, bless-ed be Your glo- ri-ous name.

32 1. 2.
You give and take a- way, You give and take a-
(to chorus)

38 way, my heart will choose to say, Lord, bless-ed be Your name.

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

'SPRINGS OF WATER'

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 HYMN *Come to the Table*



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

The assembly stands.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together:

Loving God,

we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,

so that all creation can taste your abundance.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,

through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. 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.

Nurtured by Jesus' words, 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

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

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 HYMN *How Can I Stay*

**The voice that spoke the earth to be
Is the same voice that's calling me
His words with all authority
Said the harvest is ready**

**When You say go
How can I stay
The only way to live
Is to give my life away**

**The Holy God who walked in flesh
Is dwelling now inside my chest
With His power and authority
I become His hands and feet**

**I wanna go where You go Jesus
I wanna love like You love Jesus
I wanna lay down my life Jesus
I wanna go where You go**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together:

Compassionate God,

through the gifts of bread and wine

our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.

Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,

may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,

through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. 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 *Down to the River to Pray*

As I went down to the ri-ver to pray, stu-dy-ing a - bout that good old_

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way and who shall wear the star - ry crown, good Lord show me the way.

way and who shall wear the robe and crown, good Lord, show me the way.

way and who shall wear the star - ry crown, good Lord, show me the way.

O sis - ters let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

O bro - thers let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

O sin - ners let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

O sis - ters let's go down, down to the ri - ver to pray.

O bro - thers let's go down, down to the ri - ver to pray.

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

**PRESENTATION OF SOLON JOSEPH LATIMORE, ANNIE JO ELIASON, CAMILLE MICHELLE RONAYNE, KASON
PATRICK RONAYNE**

BAPTISMAL PROMISES

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

BLESSING OF THE WATERS

Brothers and sisters, let us ask the Lord our God to breathe his restless Spirit upon this water, gift of God's hand and sign of our baptism, and upon us, that we may be faithful to the new life we have received.

O come to the waters, you who thirst come to me. Listen, listen and you shall live.

We praise you, our creating God, for fresh water, sparkling mirror of your glory;

For humble water, out of which life first sprang, and upon which the first path to new life was charted;

For the parting waters of Exodus, clearing freedom's highway out of the house of slavery;

For the waters of repentance, flowing straight into the hearts of your people at the word of John the Baptist;

For the Living Water, your Son, pouring himself out like a flood, quenching our thirst with his love.

O come to the waters, you who thirst come to me. Listen, listen and you shall live.

God of Promise, take this, our water, once more as your own, make it really alive, as in the beginning;
You who are Creator, brood over it in love, as tender Mother;
and fashion us anew in the image of Jesus who is alive forever.

O come to the waters, you who thirst come to me.

Listen, listen and you shall live.

BAPTISM OF Solon Joseph Latimore, Annie Jo Eliason, Camille Michelle Ronayne, Kason Patrick
Ronayne

BAPTISMAL GARMENT

Receive this as a sign that you have been clothed with Christ.

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING

CANDLE

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify God in heaven.

WELCOME

Let us welcome the newly baptized:

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: growing in faith, spreading
God's love, and gathering in community.**

DISMISSAL

Go forth planting seeds of peace and grace.

Thanks be to God.

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