

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
1100 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, MN

August 9, 2026

10:00 a.m.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

The assembly stands

GATHERING *The Well*

I lay my bur-dens down.____ My yoke is eas - y now.____
I will thirst no more,____ 'cause you re-fresh my soul.____

9 Chorus

What a friend I've found____ in You.____ 'cause You're the
Liv-ing wa - ters flow____ from You.____

13

well that won't run dry.____ On-ly You can sat-is - fy____ through ev -ry

17

sea - son of my life,____ You are the well____ that won't run dry.____

21

You have giv - en me free - dom. You have giv - en me joy.____

23

You have tak - en my bur - dens.____

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,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love. **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

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith 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

FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:9-18

Word of God.

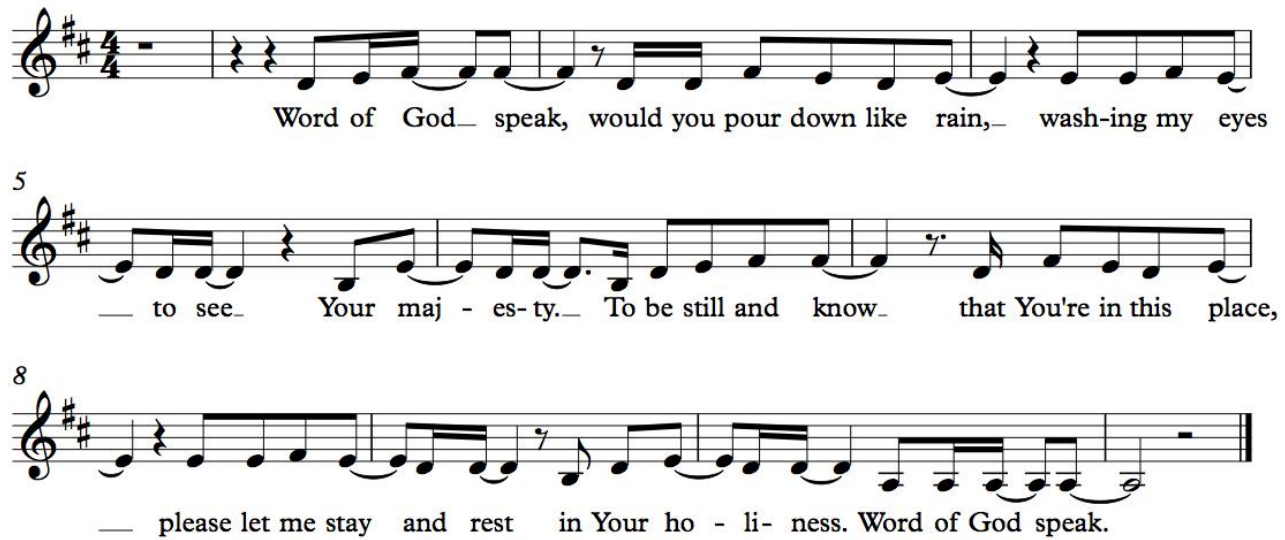
Word of Life.

SECOND READING Romans 10:5-15

Word of God.

Word of Life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Word of God, Speak*



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.

GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-23

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Will Mowchan

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

HYMN OF THE DAY *Hold On to Me*

When the best of me is bare - ly breath - ing, when I'm
When I don't feel like I'm worth de - fend - ing, when I'm
not some-bod - y I be - lieve in, hold on to me. When I
ti - red of all my pre - tend - ing, hold on to me. When I
miss the light the night has sto - len, when I'm slam - ming all the doors You've
start to break in des - per - a - tion, un - derneath the weight of ex - pec -
o - pened, hold on to me. Hold on to me.
ta - tion, hold on to me. Hold on to me.
Hold on to me when it's too dark to see You, when I am sure I have reached the end.
Hold on to me when I for - get I need
You. When I let go, hold me a - gain.

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 "**fleduluth**" 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*



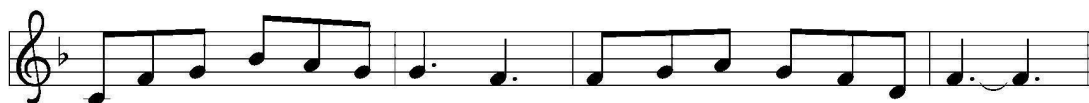
Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



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 *One Voice*

**This is the sound of one voice
One spirit, one voice
The sound of one who makes a choice
This is the sound of one voice
This is the sound of one voice**

**This is the sound of voices two
The sound of me singing with you
Helping each other to make it through
This is the sound of voices two
This is the sound of voices two**

**This is the sound of voices three
Singing together in harmony
Surrendering to the mystery
This is the sound of voices three
This is the sound of voices three**

**This is the sound of all of us
Singing with love and the will to trust
Leave the rest behind, it'll turn to dust
This is the sound of all of us
This is the sound of all of us**

**This is the sound of one voice
One people, one voice
A song for every one of us
This is the sound of one voice
This is the sound of one voice**

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 *Shout for Joy*

Verse

Pour out your fervent praise, there's a
We stood on sink - ing sand, You reached

5
song out to raise hand, like a ban - ner high.
out Your hand, brought us to Your side.

9
Lift up your grate - ful heart to the
We turned our hearts a - way, You were

13
Mor - ning Star He's a - live and here with us.
strong to save, now our Sav - ior reigns in us.

Chorus
19
Shout for joy! — for the Son of God is the

23
Sav - ing One He's the Sav - ing One.

27
Shout for joy! — see what love has done He has

31
come for us, He's the Sav - ing One

DISMISSAL

Go in peace planting seeds of peace and grace.

Thanks be to God.

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
Assisting Minister	Karen Zimmerman
Reader	Teresa Zupancich
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