

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1100 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, MN

August 16, 2026

10:00 a.m.

TWELFTH 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.\_\_\_\_

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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

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through 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 Genesis 45:1-15

*Joseph reconciles with his brothers*

Word of God.

**Word of Life.**

**Psalm 67** (*read responsively*)

May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

**Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,**

**for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.**

May God give us blessing,

**and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Word of God, Speak*

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

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— 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.

The musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece is divided into three lines of music, with measure numbers 5 and 8 indicated at the start of the second and third lines respectively. The lyrics are: 'Word of God— speak, would you pour down like rain,— wash-ing my eyes' (first line), '— to see— Your maj - es-ty.— To be still and know— that You're in this place,' (second line), and '— please let me stay and rest in Your ho - li- ness. Word of God speak.' (third line).

**GOSPEL Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Dianne O. Loufman

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea; there's a  
 9 There is grace 'nough for\_ thou-sands, of new worlds as great as this; there is  
 kind-ness in God's just-ice, which is more than lib - er - ty. There is wel-come for the  
 14 room for fresh cre - a-tions, in that up - per home of bliss. For the love of God is  
 sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good; there is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; there is  
 19 broad-er than the meas-ures of our mind; and the heart of the Et - er - nal is most  
 heal-ing in his blood. But we make this love too nar-row, by false lim-its of our  
 25 won-der - ful-ly kind.  
 own; and we mag-ni - fy its strict-ness, with a zeal God will not own.

**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 **"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 *All the Poor and Powerless*

All the poor\_ and pow-er - less, and all the lost and lone-ly, and  
All the hearts who are\_ con-tent, and all who feel un - wor-thy and

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all the thieves will come con-fess and know that You are ho - ly. And  
all who hurt\_ with noth - ing left will know that You are ho - ly.

9  
all will sing out, Hal-le - lu - jah! And we will cry out, Hal-le - lu - jah! And all will sing out,

14  
Hal-le - lu jah! And we will cry out, Hal-le - lu- jah!\_\_\_

#### 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 *Your Grace is Enough*

Great is Your faith - ful - ness, oh God.\_\_\_\_  
Great is Your love\_\_\_\_ and jus - tice, God.\_\_\_\_

5  
You wres - tle with\_\_\_\_ the sin - ner's heart.\_\_\_\_  
You use the weak\_\_\_\_ to lead the strong.\_\_\_\_

9  
You lead us by still wat - ers, in - to mer - cy.  
You lead us in the song of Your sal - va - tion.

13  
And noth - ing can keep us a - part.\_\_\_\_ So re -  
And all Your peo - ple sing a - long.\_\_\_\_

17  
mem - ber Your peo - ple, re - mem - ber Your child - ren. Re -

21  
mem - ber Your prom - ise oh God.\_\_\_\_ Your

25  
grace is e - nough, Your grace is e - nough, Your

29  
grace is e - nough,\_\_\_\_ for\_\_\_\_ me.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace planting seeds of peace and grace.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

|                           |                                                                                                                                  |
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| <b>Ministers</b>          | All People of First Lutheran Church                                                                                              |
| <b>Pastor</b>             | The Rev. Dianne O. Loufman                                                                                                       |
| <b>Associate Pastor</b>   | The Rev. Andrea Bonneville DeNaples                                                                                              |
| <b>Program Staff</b>      | Karen Sande, Director of Music<br>Michael Fuchs, Director of Choral Activities<br>Bryan Gatten, Director of Contemporary Worship |
| <b>Assisting Minister</b> |                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Reader</b>             |                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Musicians</b>          | The Rising Sound                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Audio</b>              | Vernon Williams                                                                                                                  |

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