

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
1100 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, MN

August 23, 2026

10:00 a.m.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

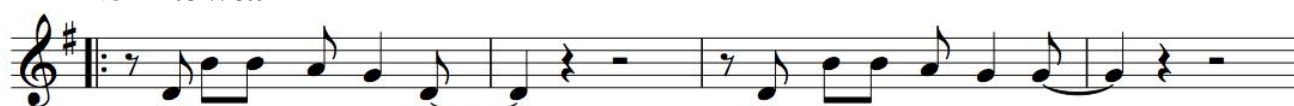
The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

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.

Our help is in the One ☩ who made heaven and earth,
confident in this ever-gracious, never failing help,
we come before God, confessing our brokenness and seeking forgiveness.

Merciful One:

we confess that we are conformed to this world.

**We conform to this world's frantic pace,
too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide.**

**We conform to this world's reckless waste,
exploiting what you entrust to our care.**

**We conform to this world's values,
oblivious to the diversity of gifts needed for the whole to function.**

**We conform to this world's impatient attitudes,
preferring the latest instead of the lasting.**

Forgive our conformity and transform us into your image. Amen.

We present ourselves trusting that
in the name of Jesus ☩
we are forgiven and transformed
conformed no longer to the world
but to Christ.

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, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, 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 Exodus 1:8-2:10

Word of God.

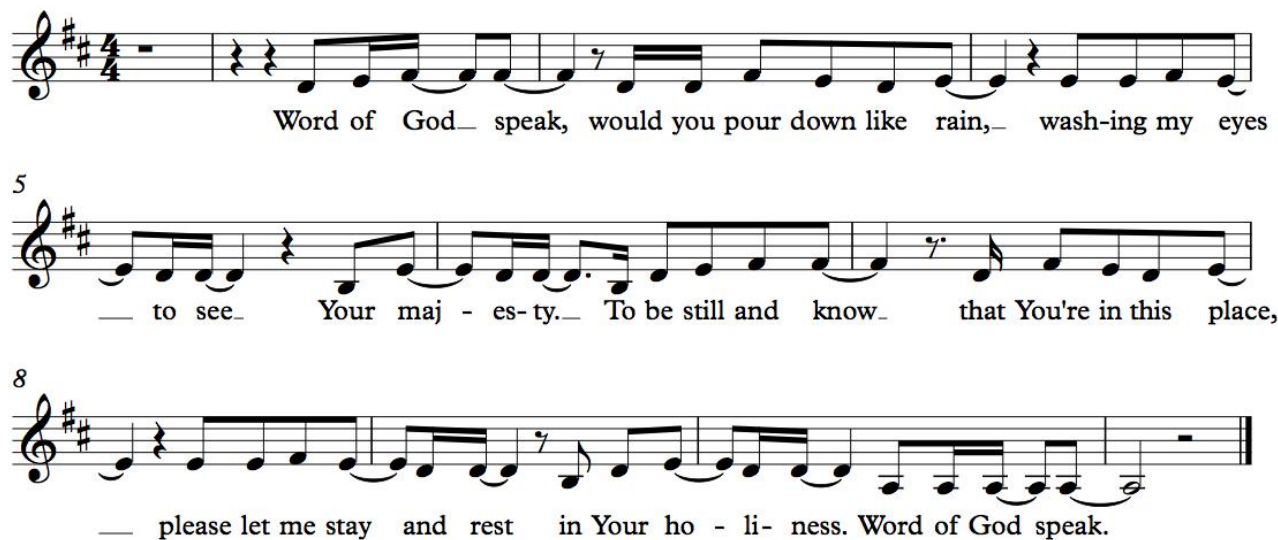
Word of Life.

SECOND READING Romans 12:1-8

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 16:13-20

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 *Build My Life*



Wor-thy of ev-'ry song we could ev-er sing. Wor-thy of all the praise
Je - sus the name a- bove ev -'ry oth-er name. Je - sus the on-ly one

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— we could ev - er bring. Wor - thy of ev -'ry breath
— who could ev - er save.

10

— we could ev-er breathe, we live for You. We live for You.

13

Ho - ly, there is no one like You, there is none be - side You. O - pen up my eyes in won-der and

17

show me who You are and fill me with Your heart and lead me in Your love to those a-round me.

21

I will build my life up - on Your love; it is a firm foun - da - tion.

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I will put my trust in You a - lone, and I will not be shak - en.

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. 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 *My Help Comes From the Lord*

When sor-rows come, and hope seems gone, You're the Rock I rest up - on. When
12 When I'm bro - ken, scarred by sin, death gives way to life a - gain._____

wa - ters rise, and I can't breathe, You're the Love that res - cues me.
18 When I suf - fer, when I'm bound, in You I'm free, in You I'm found.

Out of the dark - ness, I lift up my eyes un - to the hills, I feel my faith rise.

22 Mak - er of heav - en, Giv - er of life; You are my strength, my song in the night, my

26 ref - uge, my shel - ter. Now and for - ev - er - more,____ my help comes from the Lord.

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 *Everlasting God*

Strength will rise as we wait— up-on the Lord. Wait— up-on the Lord, we will wait

— up-on the Lord. Strength will rise as we wait— up-on the Lord wait

—up-on the Lord we will wait—up-on the Lord. Our God,— You reign— for-ev-

- er; our Hope, our strong— De-liv - er- er.—

Chorus

You are— the ev - er-last-ing God,— the ev - er-last-ing God.— You do

not faint, You won't grow wear - y. You're the— de- fend - er of the weak,

— You com - fort those in need.— You lift—

— us up on wings like ea - gles.

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	
Reader	Brenda Schrader
Musicians	The Rising Sound
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