

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
1100 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, MN

August 30, 2026

8:30 a.m.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*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 *O God, Beyond All Praising*

tune *Thaxted* by Gustav Holst, arr. D.H. Pettit
Bob Boman, trumpet; Karen Sande, organ

WELCOME

The assembly stands

GATHERING HYMN ACS #1043 *Spirit, Open My Heart*

Refrain

Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing
and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

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, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us
by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING Jeremiah 15:15-21

God fortifies the prophet against opposition

Word of God.

Word of Life.

SECOND READING Romans 12:9-21

Live in harmony

Word of God.

Word of Life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Matthew 16:21-28

The passion prediction and rebuke to Peter

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Andrea Bonneville

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

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #808 *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF AVA __ PAPKE-LARSON

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 AVA

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.

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 **"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 *Bist du bei mir, geh ich mit Freuden* (If you are with me, I go with joy)

Bob Boman, trumpet

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels, with all of creation,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed 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.

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.

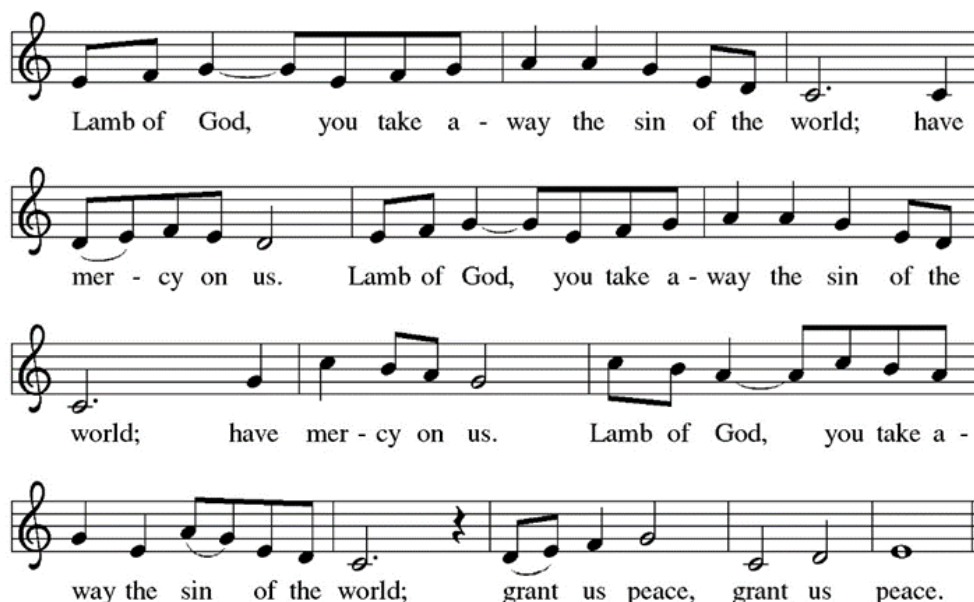
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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,*

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 HYMNS ELW #460 *Now the Silence*

ELW #798 *Will You Come and Follow Me*

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 HYMN ELW #546 *To Be Your Presence*

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *To Be Your Presence*

tune: Engelberg, arr. Kevin Hildebrand

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