

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
1100 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, MN

September 20, 2026

11:00 a.m.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

The assembly stands

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,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

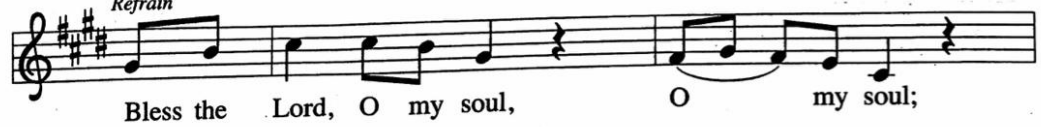
**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hear this good news:

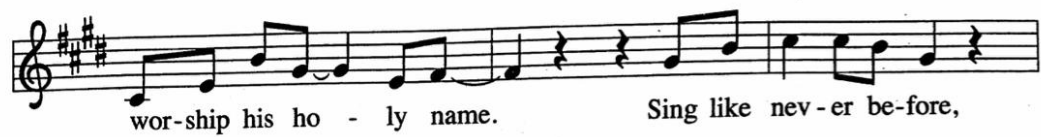
We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

GATHERING *10,000 Reasons*

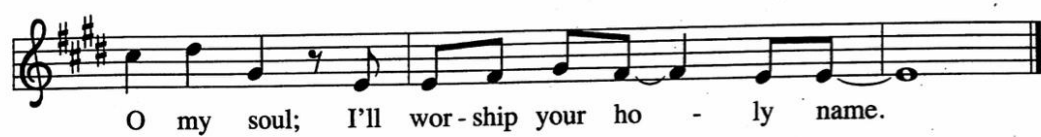
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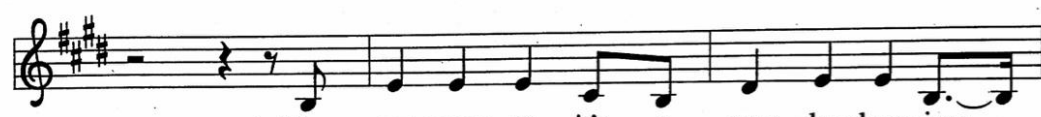
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;



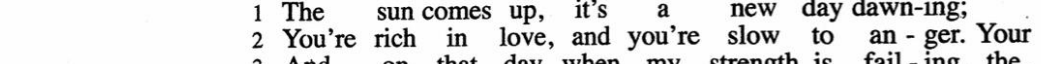
wor-ship his ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be-fore,



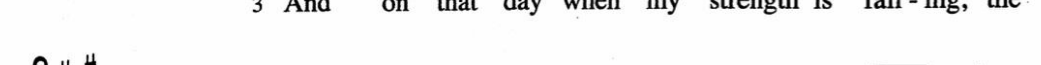
O my soul; I'll wor-ship your ho - ly name.



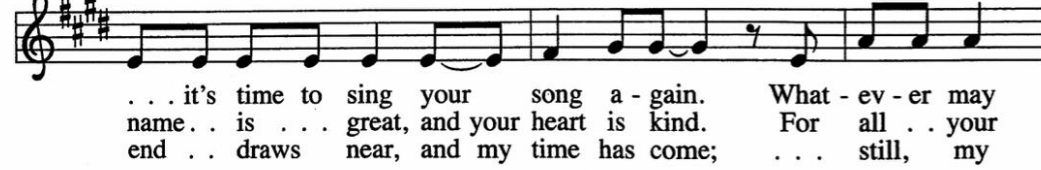
1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing;



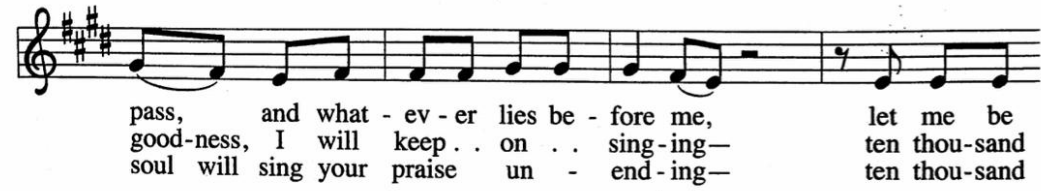
2 You're rich in love, and you're slow to an - ger. Your



3 And on that day when my strength is fail - ing, the

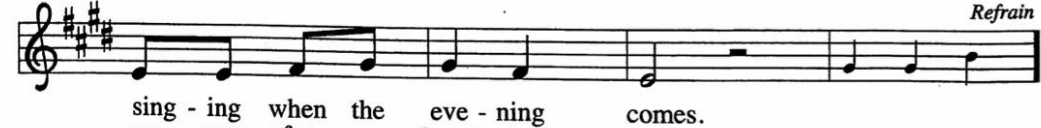


... it's time to sing your song a - gain. What - ev - er may name... is ... great, and your heart is kind. For all ... your end ... draws near, and my time has come; ... still, my

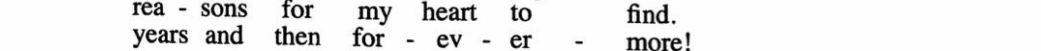


pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore me, let me be good-ness, I will keep . . on . . sing-ing— ten thou-sand soul will sing your praise un - end-ing— ten thou-sand

Refrain



sing - ing when the eve - ning comes.



rea - sons for my heart to find. years and then for - ev - er - more!

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

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity 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

Pastor Andrea Bonneville

FIRST READING Jonah 3:10-4:11

Word of God.

Word of Life.

PSALM 145:1-8 (*read responsively*)

I will exalt you, my God and king,
and bless your name forever and ever.

**Every day will I bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!
There is no end to your greatness.

**One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.**

I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.

**They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will recount your greatness.**

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

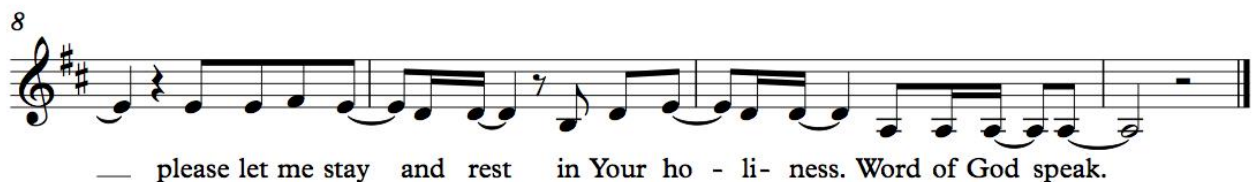
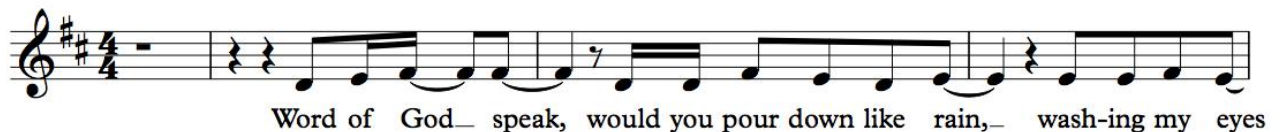
**The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

SECOND READING Philippians 1:21-30

Word of God.

Word of Life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Word of God, Speak*



GOSPEL Matthew 20:1-16

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

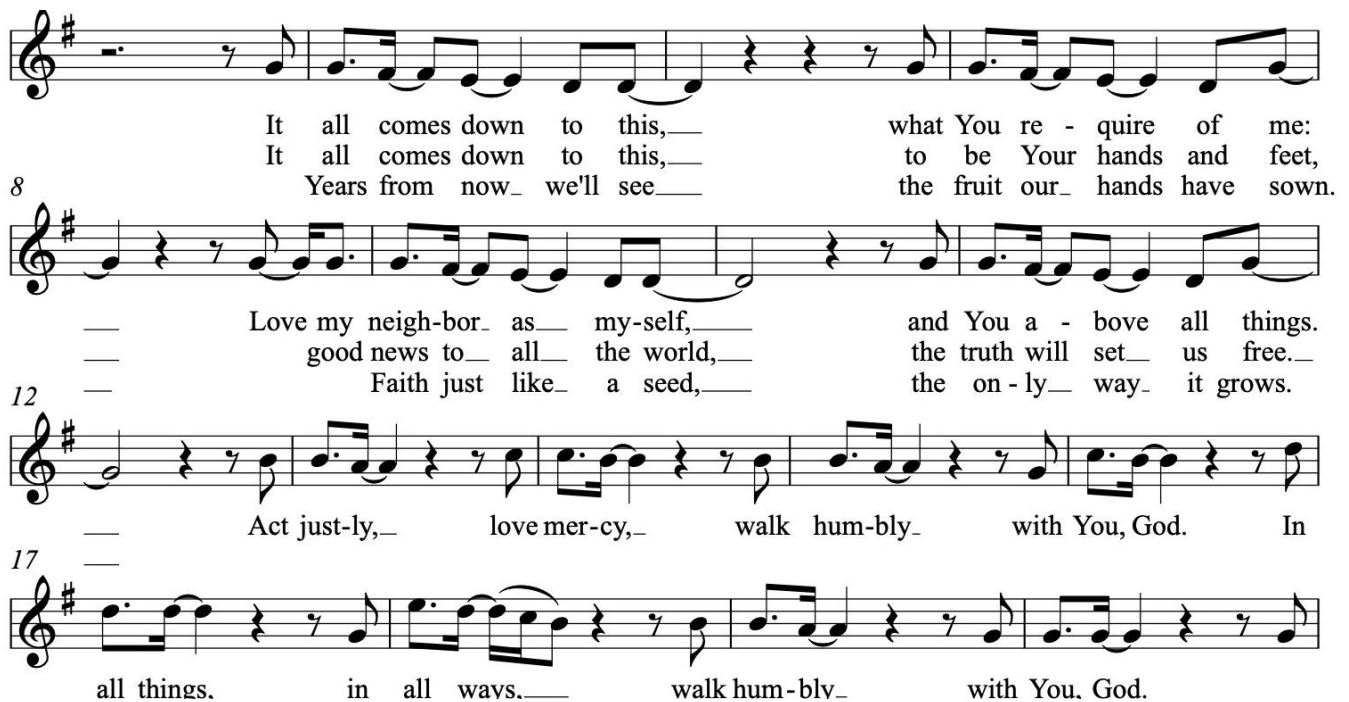
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Andrea Bonneville

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

HYMN OF THE DAY *Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly*



It all comes down to this, what You re - quire of me:
It all comes down to this, to be Your hands and feet,
8 Years from now we'll see the fruit our hands have sown.
— Love my neigh-bor as my-self, and You a - bove all things.
— good news to all the world, the truth will set us free.
12 — Faith just like a seed, the on - ly way it grows.
— Act just-ly, love mer-cy, walk hum-bly with You, God. In
17 — all things, in all ways, walk hum-bly with You, God.

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

The assembly stands.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together:
God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always. 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

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

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 *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:

Sustaining God,

with this bread and cup,

you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.

By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.

**Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

BLESSING OF TEACHERS

BLESSING

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

Amen.

SENDING *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*



- 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
- 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

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	Teresa Zupancich
Reader	
Musicians	The Rising Sound

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