

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
1100 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, MN

September 27, 2026

11:00 a.m.

EIGHTEENTH 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*

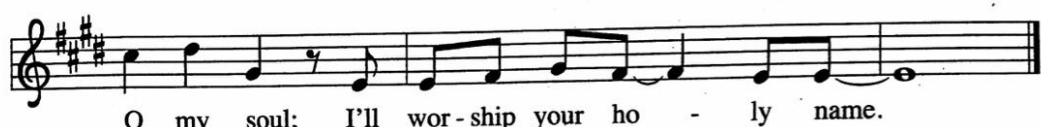
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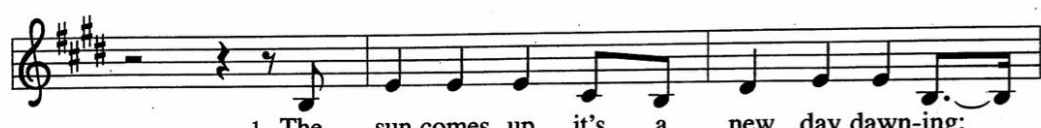
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;



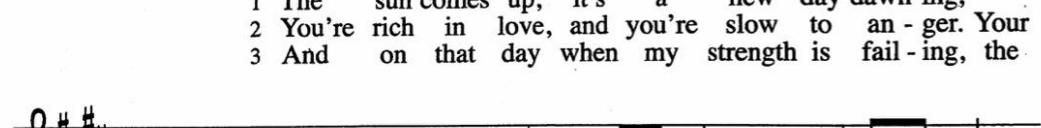
wor-ship his ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be-fore,



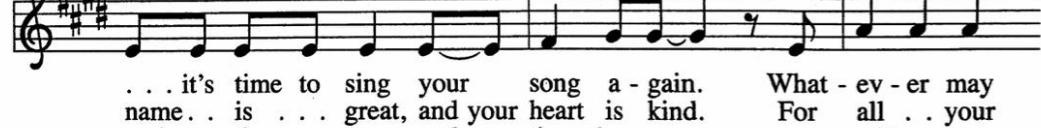
O my soul; I'll wor-ship your ho - ly name.



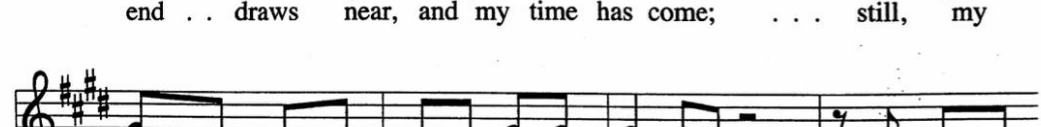
1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing;



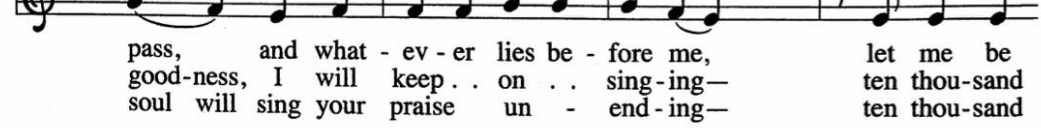
2 You're rich in love, and you're slow to an - ger. Your



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

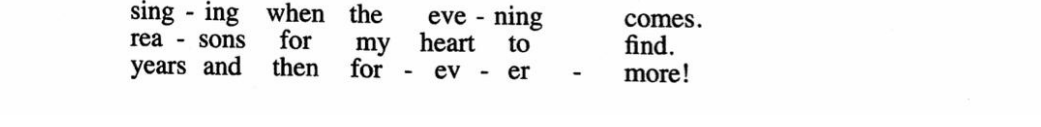


pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore me, let me be good-ness, I will keep . . on . . sing-ing— ten thou-sand soul will sing your praise un - end-ing— ten thou-sand

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

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them,
keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, 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

Pastor Andrea Bonneville

FIRST READING Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Word of God.

Word of Life.

PSALM 25:1-9 *(read responsively)*

To you, O LORD,

I lift up my soul.

**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Let none who look to you be put to shame;

rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;

remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

You lead the lowly in justice

and teach the lowly your way.

SECOND READING Philippians 2:1-13

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.

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The second staff starts with a measure rest followed by the number '5'. The third staff starts with a measure rest followed by the number '8'. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

GOSPEL Matthew 21:23-32

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 *Give Us Your Heart*

6 Your eyes are on the low - ly though oth-ers look a- way.

11 — Your feet run to the bro - ken. Your hands are quick to save.

17 Make us like___ You Lord. You walk with the for- got - ten and

21 of - fer them a home. A - dop - ting the un - want - ed and

27 call-ing them Your own. Make us like___ You Lord. O___ give

32 — us Your heart. O___ give us Your heart. Let the light of heav-en shine

37 — as we step in - to the dark. O___ give us Your heart. O___ give

41 — us Your heart. All to see Your king-dom come and death de - part.

— O give us Your heart. O give us Your heart.

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 "**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 *Grace Flows Down*

**Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
Amazing love
Now flowing down
From hands and feet
That were nailed
To the tree
Grace flows down
And covers me**

**It covers me
It covers me
It covers me
And covers me**

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

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 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	Karen Zimmerman
Reader	Paula Tsufis
Musicians	The Rising Sound

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