

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
1100 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, MN

September 29, 2024

11:00

a.m.

NINETEENTH 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 forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

We confess that we have honored you with our lips,

but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.

The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.

In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves.

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

Draw near to us with grace in time of need,

and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,

our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity

and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,

the source of eternal healing,

your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN *I Will Follow*

Verse

1. All your ways are good. All your ways are sure. I will
 2. Light un - to the world, Light un - to my life, I will

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trust in You a lone. High - er than my sight, high a - bove my life. I will
 live for You a lone. You're the one I seek. Know - ing I will find all I

Chorus

8

trust in You a - lone. Where You go, I'll go.
 need in You a - lone.

12

— Where you stay, I'll stay. When You move, I'll move. I will fol low You.

15

— Who You love, I'll love. How You serve, I'll serve.

17

— If this life I lose, I will fol - low You.

19

— Yeah I will fol - low You, Yeah.

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

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

The Lord's spirit comes upon seventy elders

Word of God.

Word of Life.

SECOND READING James 5:13-20

Prayer and anointing in the community

Word of God.

Word of Life.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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 Mark 9:38-50

Warnings to those who obstruct faith

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

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 Available



1. Nar - row as the road may - seem, — I'll
 2. Here I am with o - pen - hands —
 3. For the one who gave me - life —

3



fol - low where Your spir - it — leads. — Bro - ken as my life may - be, —
 count - ing on Your grace a - gain. — Less of me and more of — You, .
 noth - ing is a sac - ri - fice. — Use me how You want to, — God. .

6



— I will give You ev - 'ry — piece. — (I) I —
 — I just wan - na see You — move. —
 — Have Your throne with - in my — heart. —

§ CHORUS

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— hear You — call; I — am a - vail - a - ble. I —

14



— say, "Yes, — Lord." I — am a - vail - a - ble. —

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. Simply 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:

**Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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

We pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

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.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes you to this table.

Come, here is your God.

COMMUNION HYMN *New Wine*

**In the crushing in the pressing
You are making new wine
In the soil I now surrender**

**You are breaking new ground
(You are breaking new ground)**

**So I yield to You and to Your careful hand
When I trust You I don't need to understand**

**Make me Your vessel
Make me an offering
Make me whatever You want me to be
I came here with nothing
But all You have given me
Jesus bring new wine out of me**

**'Cause where there is new wine
There is new power
There is new freedom
And the kingdom is here
I lay down my old flames
To carry Your new fire today**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together:

**Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

The assembly stands.

AARONIC BLESSING

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN *Make Us One*



1. One with the Fa - ther, one with the Spir - it, one with the Son of — God. .
 2. One heart with heav - en, one mind con - nect - ed, one bod - y u - ni - fied. .

8



— One with our sis - ter, one with our broth - er, one fam-'ly by the — blood. .
 — Bind us to-geth - er now and for - ev - er. Je - sus be glo - ri - fied! —

12



— Make — us — one, make — us — one. ———
 —

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Your will — be — done. Make — us — one. ———

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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