

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
1100 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, MN

September 29, 2024

8:30 a.m.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped.

They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

*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 staffed nursery down the hall.*

Hearing assist receivers are available at the ushers' station.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE *As Rivers Flow from a Distant Stream* hymn tune Hökelund, William Beckstrand; arr. David Cherwien

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 ELW #580 *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*

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

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Dianne O. Loufman

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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 ACS #1046 *As Rivers Flow from a Distant Stream* hymn tune Hökelund, W. Beckstrand

1 As riv - ers flow from a dis - tant spring
 2 As trees rise up from the for - est floor
 3 As woods make shel - ter with - in its shade
 4 So let us praise you, Cre - a - tor God,
 to quench our thirst and feed the earth,
 by roots that feed each limb a - bove,
 for beasts to feed and birds to nest,
 for worlds that wit - ness to your care,
 so let our lives flow from you, our Source,
 so let our lives rise in praise to you
 so let our lives be a shel - tered space,
 that show your pres - ence in ev - 'ry place,
 to coun - ter death and nur - ture birth.
 from hearts we root in your deep love.
 a ref - uge for the worn to rest.
 your glo - ry shin - ing ev - 'ry - where.

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 *Mass for Three Voices: Kyrie, Gloria*

William Byrd (1540-1623)
 Chamber Choir; Michael Fuchs, director

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of The Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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.

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 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

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.

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 HYMN ACS #1013 *Anointing Fall on Me*

A - noint - ing fall on me.
A - noint - ing fall on me.
Let the pow - er of the Ho - ly Ghost fall on me.
A - noint - ing fall on me.

COMMUNION HYMN ELW #809 *Send Me, Lord*

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 ELW #314 *Arise, Your Light Has Come*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune in D*

David N. Johnson (1922-1987); Karen Sande, organ

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The Rev. Dianne O. Loufman

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