

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
1100 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, MN

October 6, 2024

11:00 a.m.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
CELEBRATION OF FALL SEASON

*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

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 provides, nourishes and forgives. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of harvest,

We confess we have squandered your bountiful gifts.

We have considered the blessings of the harvest our due.

We have been indifferent in planting

for the future of your creation, your world, and your church.

**Forgive us, cause gratitude to ripen in our hearts,
and bloom in our lives. Amen.**

As the autumn leaves fall upon the earth, God's grace falls upon us.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

As beautiful as are the changing leaves, so is the beauty of our transformed lives. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN *God of Wonders*

Lord of all cre - a - tion, of wa - ter, earth and sky,
Ear - ly in the morn - ing, I'll cel - e - brate the light.

9
the heav - ens are Your tab - er - na - cle; glo - ry to the Lord on high.
When I stum - ble in the dark - ness, I will call Your name by night.

13
God of Won - ders be - yond our gal - ax - y, You are ho - ly, ho - ly, the

17
u - ni - verse de - clares Your maj - es - ty. You are ho - ly, ho - ly;

21
Lord of heav - en and earth, Lord of heav - en and earth.

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

Gracious God, we praise you for autumn's glow and harvest yield. May our lives grow, as the fields, in being rich towards you. Through Christ the vine, we pray. **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 GENESIS 2:18-20A

Word of God.
Word of Life.

SECOND READING COLOSSIANS 1:15-23

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 16:14-15

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 *Hosanna (Will You Rise)*

9 When the wa - ters rise all a - round
Fill us with Your breath to re - new.

13 When the rocks and trees they cry out Your king - dom come
To care for what You've made as You do.

17 — Your will be done, here on earth as it is in hea - ven, Your king - dom come

21 — Your will be done, here on earth as it is in hea - ven. Ho - sa -

25 - nna, Ho - sa - nna, will You rise, will You rise Ho - sa -

- nna, Ho - sa - nna, will You rise, will You rise

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 "f~~l~~cduluth" 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:

**O Gracious Provider for all human need,
you bless us with seed and blossom,
with fruitful labor and growth in grace.
Accept the first fruits of time and toil,
field and orchard we offer here.
Bless and multiply these gifts to the care of your creation
and your people to your glory. 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 *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**

**When You say go
How can I stay
The only way to live
Is to give my life away**

PRAYER FOR THE SENDING OF COMMUNION

Let us pray together:

O God of tender compassion, as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our siblings who are sick or homebound. May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of Life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

HUNTER'S BLESSING

The assembly stands.

AARONIC BLESSING

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

The Earth is Yours

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