

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
1100 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, MN

October 6, 2024

8:30 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 *Holy Manna/Land of Rest*

Southern folk hymns arr. Judy Philips; Jubilation Ringers

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 ELW #694 *Sing to the Lord of Harvest*

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

FIRST READING Genesis 2:18-20a

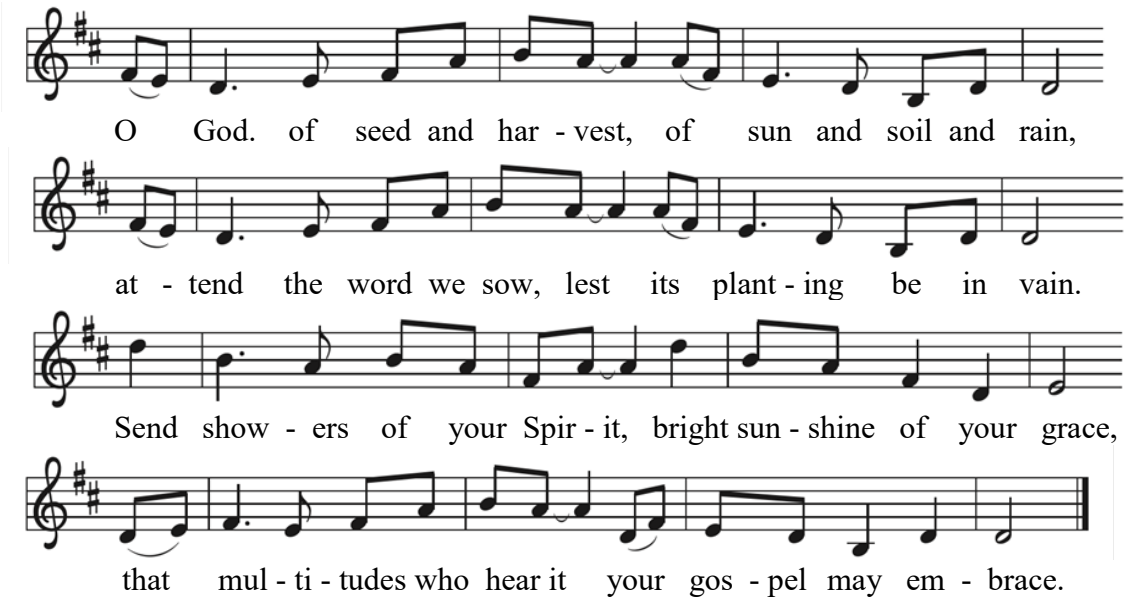
Word of God.
Word of Life.

SECOND READING Colossians 1:15-23

Word of God.
Word of Life.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ACS #975 v. 2 O God of Seed and Harvest



O God. of seed and har - vest, of sun and soil and rain,
at - tend the word we sow, lest its plant - ing be in vain.
Send show - ers of your Spir - it, bright sun - shine of your grace,
that mul - ti - tudes who hear it your gos - pel may em - brace.

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 ELW #739 Touch the Earth Lightly

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 "**fleduluth**" 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 *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

text: Percy Dearmer; music: Charles Knox
Soli Deo Gloria Choir; Aine Miller, guest director

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in your name two or three are met together,
you are in the midst of them. Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now your garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giver
break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! Alleluia! so now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of you, that by caring, helping, giving,
we may be disciples true. Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew.

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.

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

1 Long, long a - go in Je - ru - sa - lem, as the
 2 High on a throne sat the might - y Lord, robes
 3 Oh, what a sight it was to see and

scrip - tures do re - cord, I - sa - iah to the
 flow - ing through the hall, while six - wing - ed an - gels
 oh, what a sound to hear! The tem - ple door - posts

tem - ple came to see the ho - ly Lord.
 flew a - bove. I - sa - iah heard them call.
 shook and quaked, and smoke was in the air.

Refrain: Assembly

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, God's
 glo - ry fills all heav'n and earth, God of pow - er and might.

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

1 O Lamb of God, to earth you came to
 2 O Lamb of God, the on - ly Son, to
 save us all from grief and shame. Shorn of your life, up -
 us show mer - cy, Ho - ly One. You save the world from
 on the tree you hung in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
 all its sin. Lord, give to us your peace. A - men.

COMMUNION HYMN ELW #478 *Father, We Thank You*

COMMUNION HYMN ELW #734 *God, Whose Farm Is All Creation*

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 ACS #1067 *For the Wholeness of the Earth*

words & music by Bret Hesla



1 We lift this prayer for the whole-ness of the earth. We lift this
2 We turn our lives to the whole-ness of the earth. We turn our
3 Give thanks to God for the whole-ness of the earth. Give thanks to



prayer for the whole-ness of the earth. We lift this prayer for the
lives to the whole-ness of the earth. We turn our lives to the
God for the whole-ness of the earth. Give thanks to God for the



whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it ris - ing in you?
whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it spin-ning in you?
whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it ris - ing in you?

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Lauda anima by John Goss, arr. K. Hildebrand; Karen Sande, organ

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Pastor

All People of First Lutheran Church
The Rev. Dianne O. Loufman

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