

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
1100 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, MN

October 13, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S SUNDAY



Many Native American peoples share a legend of how the world was created on the back of a giant sea turtle (some still refer to North America as a "turtle island").

Many of the words and some of the music are derived from Native American sources. It was designed with the help of Indigenous persons who are leaders in the ELCA, and is offered in a spirit of hope for deeper understanding of the Native experience in this land and in this church. It represents elements from various Native peoples; there is no single Native spirituality or religious pattern, but many.

*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

8:30 a.m. *When We Are Living*

tune *Somos del Señor*, arr. A. Roberts; Susanna Ojakangas, flute

11:00 a.m. *Hózhó*

Connor Chee (b.1987), Karen Sande, organ

inspired by the traditional Navajo concept of Hózhó - balance and beauty;
the harmony that binds all things together in the universe

WELCOME

Creator, you made all people of every land. It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect to those who first occupied this land we are upon. We give thanks to the Anishinaabe, the first people of this land. We offer our respect to those ancestors who may be interred in this land. We are also thankful for the gifts of the People of the land. Creator let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced. With thankful and respectful hearts we pray in Your name, Your son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. **Amen.**

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.

Let us set down the heavy things we carry with us,
putting us in right relationship with one another and with God.

For all that separates our hearts from God and from all that closes our eyes to God's love.

For what we have done, left undone, and what has been done on our behalf.

For the pride that prevents us from forgiving others, as we have been forgiven.

Silence is kept for reflection

Jesus, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, and we are raised to a new creation. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ELW #532 *Comes a New Song*

words and music by Ray Mackeever

From ev - 'ry tribe and ev - 'ry na - tion,
 from ev - 'ry peo - ple and ev - 'ry tongue,
 from ev - 'ry cor - ner of the whole cre - a - tion
 comes a new song that must be sung.

PRAYER TO THE FOUR DIRECTIONS from *A Celebration of Native American Survival Service*, 1992
 God the Creator, the strength of the people, we honor you. Listen to the thoughts of your people. We respect the truth of your spirit world and care for your creations to the east, to the south, to the west and to the north. We honor you by deeds and not words. We live by the ways you have entrusted to us within the circle of life. **Amen.**

First Reader: Come Great Spirit as we gather in your name.

We turn to the East (*towards east transept*): To your symbol color gold, the breath of the morning sun, to your animal sign, the Eagle, which soars ever upward in the praise of the Creator and calls us to do the same, to your words calling us to balance our minds in the spirit of humility and truth. We invoke your spirit of illumination and far sighted vision. The ways have shown us how to love you and each other with heart, mind, and soul, and we pray:

sing *Comes a New Song*

Second reader:

We turn to the South (*towards altar*): To your symbol color red, the hue of revelation, to your animal sign, the Wolf, strong and enduring. The ways call us to balance of Spirit and harmony with all nations, tribes and clans. We invoke your wisdom, grace and goodness of the ages, and we pray:

Come Holy Creator's Spirit, Come.

Third reader:

We turn to the West (*towards west transept*): To your symbol color black, the stillness of night, to your sign thunder, mighty and bold, to your animal sign the Buffalo. The ways call us to balance emotions in the tradition of truth and honesty. We invoke your spirit ways of seeing within the community and its strength to endure, and we pray:

sing *Comes a New Song*

Fourth reader:

We turn North (*towards organ*): To your symbol color white, the truth of clarity and brightness, to your animal sign, the Bear, which touches us with earthiness and all things growing, to your words calling us to balance of our body in the spirit of good sense and humor. We invoke your spirit of innocence, trust and love. The ways open our eyes to the sacredness of each living thing, and we pray:

Come Holy Creator's Spirit, Come.

Fifth Reader:

We turn to complete the circle (*towards altar*): To God the Creator, who cleanses the world with snow,

wind and rain, to the Creator's Son, Jesus the Christ, who fills us with mercy and loving embrace of all nations, and to the Holy Creator's Spirit, who guides us, and we pray:

sing *Comes a New Song*

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

FIRST READING Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Turn from injustice to the poor, that you may live

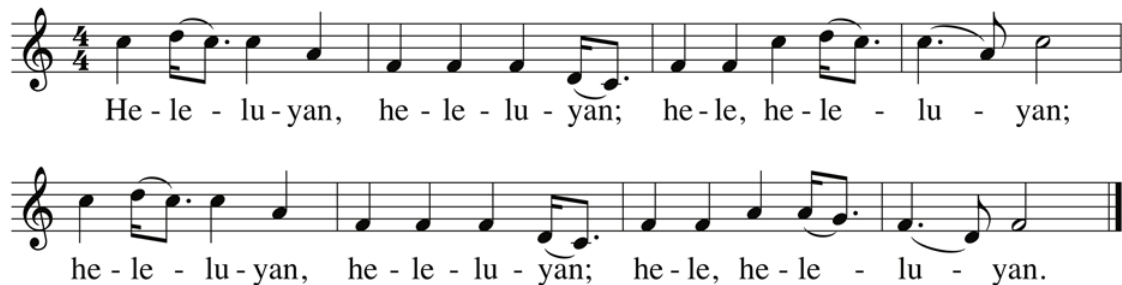
Word of God.

Word of Life.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #371 *Heleluyan*

Muscogee (Creek) Indian



He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan;
he - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.

GOSPEL Mark 10:17-31 First Nations version

The story of Jesus is intended to be translated to every tribe, tongue, people and nation. First Nations Version recounts the Creator's Story-the Christian Scriptures-following the tradition of Native storytellers' oral cultures. This way of speaking, with its simple yet profound beauty and rich cultural idioms, still resonates in the hearts of First Nations people.

Teaching on wealth and reward

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Victor St. George

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.



1 In sa - cred man - ner may we walk up -
 2 In sa - cred man - ner may we see the
 3 In sa - cred man - ner may we touch the
 4 In sa - cred man - ner may we hear the



on the fair and lov - ing earth, in beau - ty move, in
 lu - mi - nous and lov - ing stars, with won - der and with
 sus - pir - ant and lov - ing green, give hon - or and give
 pound - ing waves, the sear - ing fire, the rush - ing wind, the



beau - ty love the liv - ing round that brought us birth. We
 awe be - hold their ev - er - new cre - a - tive pow'rs. The
 grat - i - tude for shade, for bloom, for gift un - seen. The
 sing - ing night, the for - est hymn, the lov - ing choir. The



stand on ho - ly ground. We stand on ho - ly ground.
 heav - ens show us God. The heav - ens show us God.
 trees shall shout for joy. The trees shall shout for joy.
 morn - ing stars shall sing. The morn - ing stars shall sing.

5 In sacred manner may we live
 among the wise and loving ones,
 sit humbly, as at sages' feet,
 by four-legged, finned, and feathered ones.
 The animals will teach.
 The animals will teach.

6 In sacred manner may we walk
 upon the fair and loving earth,
 in beauty move, in beauty love
 the living round that brought us birth.
 We stand on holy ground.
 We stand on holy ground.

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. Text "fcduluth" 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

8:30 a.m. *Ambe* Andrew Balfour, based on an original song and text in Ojibway by Cory Campbell;
 Soli Deo Gloria Choir

Come in, two-legged beings. Come in all people. There is good life here. Come in

11:00 a.m. *Many and Great*

tune *Lac qui Parle*, arr. R. B. Farlee; Karen Sande, organ

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.

From the place of the rising sun in the East, to the South where the warm winds blow, from the West where soft rain comes, and to the coldness of the North, we unite with all creation from the four directions, to join our voices in everlasting thanksgiving and praise for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. With hearts lifted, we join with angels, the guardian spirits, the saints and all our ancestors as we sing:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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 #740 *God of the Sparrow*

COMMUNION HYMN ACS #1018 *Deep Peace*

Deep peace of the run - ning waves, deep peace of the
 flow - ing air, deep peace of the shin - ing stars to
 you, deep peace of the qui - et earth. earth.

To repeat *Last time*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together: **God of the abundant table,
 you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey.
 Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy,
 for the sake of 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 #837 *Many and Great, O God*

DISMISSAL

We have honored Christ, our brother. All my relatives, go in peace.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Sandpaintings for Piano #16: Northern Mountain* Connor Chee (b. 1987), Karen Sande, piano

Navajo pianist and composer Connor Chee (b. 1987) combines classical piano training with his Native American heritage. A graduate of the Eastman School of Music and the University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music, Chee's solo piano music is inspired by traditional Navajo chants and songs.

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Michael Fuchs, Director of Choral Activities
Bryan Gatten, Director of Contemporary Worship
Assisting Ministers The Rev. Dennis Paulson (8:30), Pete Broman (11:00)
Readers Beth Holst (8:30), Bailey Johnson (11:00)
Musicians Susanna Ojakangas, flute (8:30); Soli Deo Gloria Choir
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