

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1100 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, MN

October 20, 2024

8:30 a.m.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

*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** *Kingsfold Te Deum*

arr. Sondra Tucker; 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 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 #736** *God, the Sculptor of the Mountains*

**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**

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through 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

**READING Job 38:1-7, 34-41**

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 10:35-45**

*Warnings to ambitious disciples*

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** *How Marvelous God's Greatness*

text V. Briem, tune *Kuortane*



1 How mar - vel - ous God's great - ness, how glo - ri - ous his might!  
2 Each ti - ny flow'r-et whis - pers the great life - giv - er's name;  
3 The o - cean's vast a - byss - es in one grand psalm re - cord  
4 The star - ry hosts are sing - ing through all the light-strewn sky



To this the world bears wit - ness in won - ders day and night.  
the might - y moun - tain mass - es his maj - es - ty pro - claim;  
the deep mys - te - rious coun - sels and mer - cies of the Lord;  
of God's ma - jes - tic tem - ple and pal - ace courts on high;



In form of flow'r and snow - flake, in morn's re - splen - dent birth,  
the hol - low vales are hymn - ing God's shel - ter for his own;  
the ic - y waves of win - ter are thun - d'ring on the strand;  
when in these out - er cham - bers such glo - ry gilds the night,



in af - ter - glow at e - ven, in sky and sea and earth.  
the snow-capped peaks are point - ing to God's al - might - y throne.  
and grief's chill stream is guid - ed by God's all - gra - cious hand.  
oh, what tran - scen - dent bright-ness is God's e - ter - nal light!

## 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*

## GENEROSITY MOMENT

### OFFERING

*You are invited to use our digital offering plate. 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** *Locus Iste* Anton Bruckner (1824-1896); Chamber Choir; Michael Fuchs, director

This place was made by God, an inestimably holy place. It is without blame.

*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.

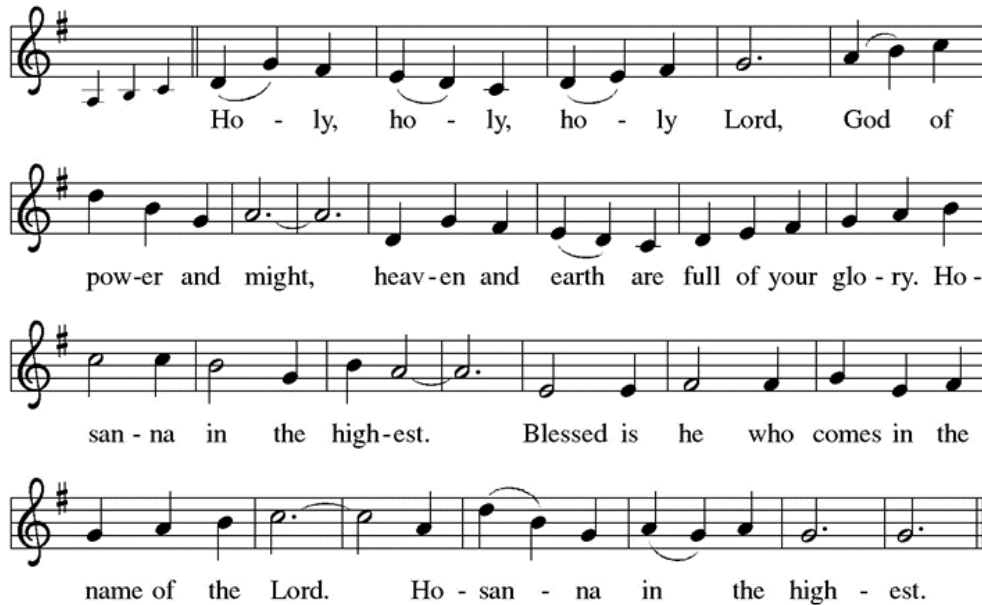
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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.**

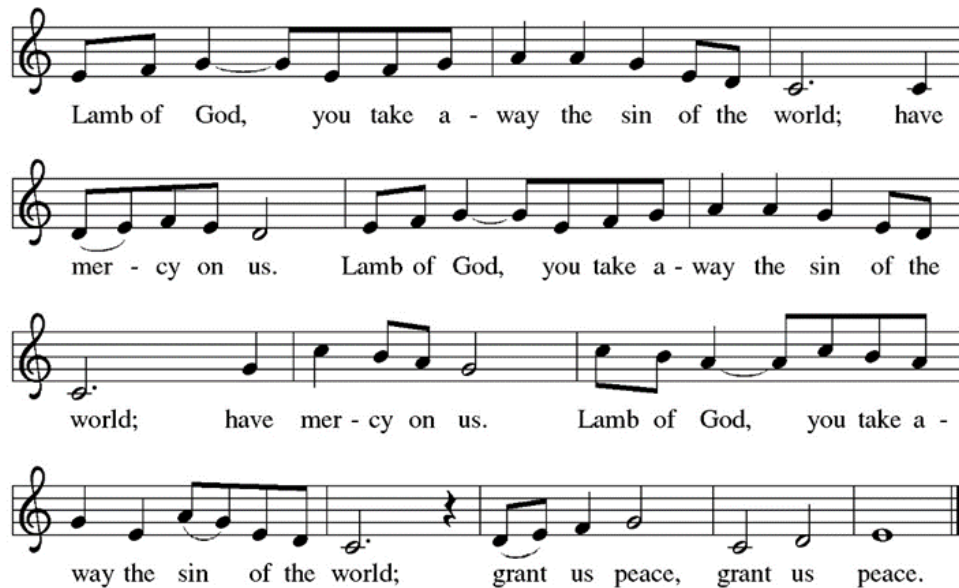
*The assembly is seated.*

*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 ELW #676 *Lord, Speak to Us***

**COMMUNION HYMN ELW #708 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love***

#### **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

#### BLESSING OF QUILTS

*The assembly stands.*

#### AARONIC BLESSING

*The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.*

**Amen.**

#### SENDING HYMN ACS #1022 *God, Bless the Hands*

text M. Haugen, tune *Melita*



1 God, bless the hands stretched out in love through floods be - low and  
2 Bring com - fort to the hearts that mourn, left bro - ken, emp - tied  
3 O God, our strength and ref - uge sure, our hope while storms of



storms a - bove; they search and res - cue, com - fort, calm, give  
by the storm. Give hope to those in deep - est grief; em -  
life en - dure: teach us to live in har - mo - ny with



shel - ter, of - fer heal - ing balm. Oh, guard them by your  
pow - er us to bring re - lief. To you, O God, we  
earth and riv - er, sky and sea, pre - serv - ing wa - ters,



stead - fast hand; reach out in love to help us stand.  
raise our hands. Save us, we pray, from sink - ing sands.  
air, and lands as ho - ly work for hu - man hands.

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### POSTLUDE *God, Bless the Hands*

tune *Melita* arr. David Tryggestad; Karen Sande, organ

#### Ministers

All People of First Lutheran Church

#### Pastor

The Rev. Dianne O. Loufman

#### Program Staff

Karen Sande, Director of Music

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#### Reader

Kim Shandel

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