

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1100 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, MN

November 10, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
PLEDGE SUNDAY

*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 *Crested Hens*

Traditional, arr. Bryan Gatten

WELCOME

*The assembly stands.*

GATHERING HYMN ELW #807 *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.  
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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**

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, 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 1 Kings 17:8-16**

*God feeds Elijah and the widow at Zarephath*

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 12:38-44**

*A widow's generosity reveals the hypocrisy of the scribes*

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 #1043 *Spirit, Open My Heart***

*Refrain*



Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of  
liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing  
and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's  
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my  
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and  
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and  
friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

*Refrain*



fear deed, day, to your grace I now sur - ren - der.  
may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.  
love will be my fin - est la - bor.

### 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

MARY STREUFERT

### 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 *The Wind That Shakes the Barley*

Robert Dwyer Joyce, arr. Bryan Gatten

*The assembly stands.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together:

**Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,  
you offered yourself in love for the world,  
and in this meal you nourish us with your life.  
Fill us with your abundance,  
that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger,  
trusting in your name. 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*

Knit together into the communion of saints, we pray:

**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

Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

## COMMUNION HYMN *In Christ Alone*

In Christ a - lone, my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my  
 In Christ a - lone, Who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help - less  
 There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness  
 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in

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 song; This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the fier - cest drought and  
 Babe; This gift of love and right eous - ness, Scorned by the ones He came to  
 slain; Then burst ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the grave He rose a -  
 me; From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti -

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 storm; What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings  
 save; Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -  
 gain; And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on  
 ny; No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ev - er pluck me from His

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 cease; My Com - fort - er, my All in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 fied; For ev - ery sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.  
 me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 hand; 'Til he re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray together:

**Faithful God,**

**you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink  
 in the body and blood of your Son.**

**Now send us out to labor with you,  
 in service to the world you have made,  
 and among the people you have made your home,  
 in Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 *Oh, How Good It Is***

1. Oh how good it is when the  
 (2. Oh how) good it is on this  
 (3. Oh how) good it is to em -

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fam - 'ly of God dwells to - geth - er in spir - it, in faith and u - ni -  
 jour - ney we share to re - jice with the hap - py, and weep with those who  
 -brace God's com - mand to pre - fer one an - oth - er, for - give as God for -

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-ty; Where the bonds of peace, of ac - cept - ance and love are the  
 mourn; For the weak find strength, the af - flict - ed find grace, when we  
 -gives; When we live as one we all share in the love of the

**CHORUS**

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fruit of God's pres-ence here a - mong us. So, with one voice we'll  
 of - fer the bless-ing of be - long - ing.  
 Son, with the Fa - ther, and the Spir - it.

sing \_\_\_ to the Lord, and with one heart we'll live \_\_\_ out God's word; Till the

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whole earth sees the Re - deem - er has come, for God dwells in the

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pres-ence of God's peo - ple.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

## Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *The Irish Washerwoman*

Irish reel, arr. Bryan Gatten

<b>Ministers</b>	All People of First Lutheran Church
<b>Pastor</b>	The Rev. Dianne O. Loufman
<b>Program Staff</b>	Karen Sande, Director of Music Michael Fuchs, Director of Choral Activities Bryan Gatten, Director of Contemporary Worship
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Carlene Sippola (8:30) Julie Gatten (11:00)
<b>Readers</b>	Barb LaMaster (8:30), Kirsten Bich (11:00)
<b>Musicians</b>	Sarah Climis, violin; Aine Miller, Jen Fuchs, vocals; Bryan Gatten, guitar; Eric Gatten, bass; Ian Connell, percussion
<b>Audio/Video Team</b>	Shania Krause, Sam Weston

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