

WELCOME!

We are happy you have chosen to worship at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd! Please use this bulletin as a guide for today's liturgy. Join us for treats after worship!

PARENTS & KIDS: We have a few special things to help children enjoy worship:

- Children's Chapel is at the back of the sanctuary with a bookshelf filled with books and other activities. You are welcome to bring a Bible into worship with you today!
- In the back of the sanctuary are Joy Bags filled with fun activities for younger kids.
- Come sit in the front of the sanctuary so your child can see everything that's happening!
- Please come up front for the Children's Sermon! (*Parents, you are welcome to come up with your child to help them feel more comfortable.*)

We love to have children in worship, but we also understand that sometimes kids need a break.

For more information about LCGS go to www.lcgsduluth.org

You will find a sign up for a weekly e-mail of events and updates!

People can give online by going to www.onrealm.org/LCGSDuluth/Give. You can text LCGSDULUTH to 73256 followed by the gift amount, to give online through text.

Or people can mail their gift to Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1325 N 45th Ave E, Duluth, MN 55804.

LCGS Office is open: office@lcgsduluth.org

Monday – Thursday 9am-4pm

Friday 9am – noon

Pastor Lisa Buchanan is in the office Monday – Wednesday and working from home on Thursdays. Please call/email to make an appointment if you would like to meet with her and have her full attention! interim@lcgsduluth.org or 218-525-1922

Katie Rich, Director of Faith Formation

has varied hours to meet the schedules of families and programs, especially in the summer!

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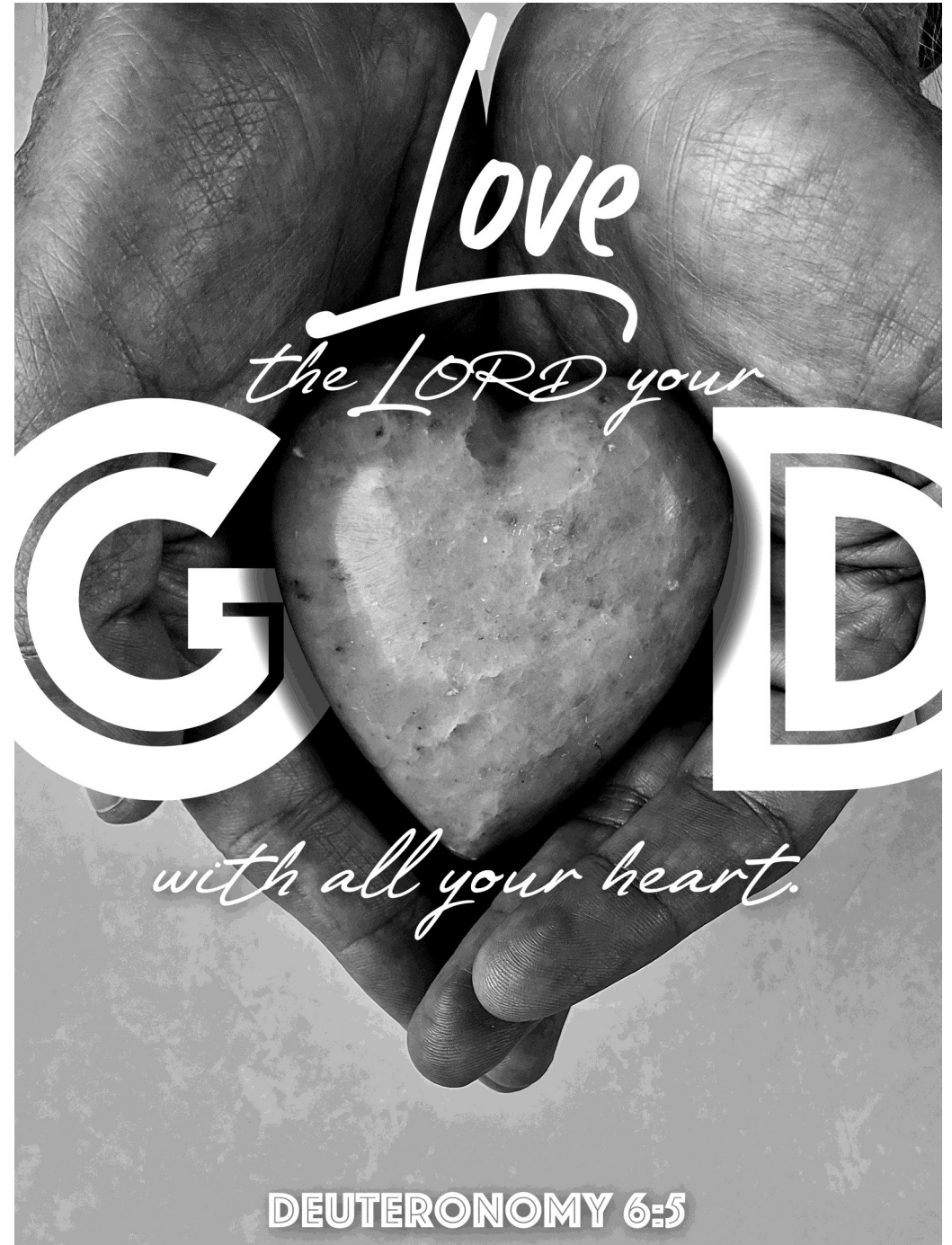
Pastor Lisa Flinn Buchanan

Katie Kaiser Rich- Director of Faith Formation ; Parker Hinnenkamp –Cantor ;

Christine Whitcomb- Office Manager;

Amie Abenth- Communications Coordinator- Greg Susens, Custodian

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd Worship October 12, 2025 –Confirmation Sunday



PRELUDE “Take Me to the Water” - an African American Spiritual Cantor Parker Hinnenkamp
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL / GATHERING SONG: “Here I am, Lord” #574

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.
 C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
 Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Jesus, Healer,
 C: have mercy on us.
 We don’t always know what the problem is or why we are suffering,
 But we come to you with a faith that believes you can help.
 We have tried to control situations, and we can’t.
 We have tried to control others, and we can’t.
 Cleanse our hearts and minds with your Word and show us a new way.

P: “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.” In God’s great faithfulness, your sins
(+) have been forgiven.
God showers us with grace, mercy, love, and all we need;
Lord, shape our hearts that they would be filled with gratitude,
that we might always return to you and give you thanks.
 C: Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE
SONG “Sanctuary”

HOLY BAPTISM OF FLORENCE RUTH RIDENOUR AND ANSEL GRANT RIDENOUR

PRESENTATION

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament
of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in
Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of
the Holy Spirit, and joined in God’s mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors for each candidate, in turn, present the candidates:
 S: I present Florence Ruth Riddenour and Ansel Grant Riddenour for baptism.
The minister addresses baptismal candidates:
P: Ren and Ansel, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be
baptized into Christ?
Each candidate responds: **I do.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILIES!

OCTOBER

19th FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL Pumpkin Sunday! All families decorate a pumpkin to help
practice daily gratitude
26th REVERSE TRICK OR TREAT Wear your Halloween Costumes to church and help with a
food drive! Bring your favorite: mashed potatoes (instant) or mac and cheese!

N O V E M B E R

2nd REGULAR SUNDAY SCHOOL Bible Story about the Early Believers sharing
9th WRAPPED IN GOD’S LOVE Sunday School *plus* cozy gifts for all 4 Year olds and 6 Gr.
during worship
16th CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PREP during Regular Sunday School
23rd FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL: ALL AGES THANKSGIVING BINGO

DECEMBER

7th CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE* AFTER WORSHIP *no Sunday School before worship
14th SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM arrive a few minutes before worship begins,
and stay after for the Advent Workshop!

This Week at LCGS!	
October 12, Sunday CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 8:45AM Sunday School 10:30AM Coffee Fellowship 10:30 Forum: Constitution change -Upper Lakeside Room	October 16, Thursday 9:30AM Women’s Faith Study 1:00PM Al-Anon 2:30PM Music lessons with Parker 7:00PM AA
October 13, Monday INDIGENOUS PEOPLE’S DAY-office closed 10:00AM Mae Nelson Visitation 11:00AM Mae Nelson Funeral 6:00PM Blue Stone Dance Group	October 17, Friday 8:00AM Women’s “Son”rise Bible Conver- sation
October 14, Tuesday 10:00AM Ruth Circle (Upper Lakeside Room) 1:30PM Alzheimer's caregiver support group 5:00PM CPR training (Upper Lakeside Room)	October 18, Saturday
October 15, Wednesday 7:00AM Men’s Bible Study 12:30PM Table Top Games (all are welcome!) NO Confirmation	October 19, Sunday 8:45AM Family Sunday School - Pumpkins! 9:30AM Worship 10:30AM Coffee Fellowship 10:30 Forum: Constitution change -Upper Lakeside Room

Confirmation Students!

There is NO Confirmation this Wednesday because MEA, see you next week!

***If you'd like to go to Cragun's in November...

The dates are Saturday, November 22 - Sunday November 23 but, you need to sign up by MEA weekend! The current price is \$75/person, but that price will go up after Oct. 19.
Talk with Katie for more details!

If you are interested in going to Colorado next summer...

We'd love to reserve a "Good Shepherd Week" at Sky Ranch! (www.skyranchcolorado.org)
But, in order to do that we need at least 25 people committed to go by/before MEA weekend. If you are interested talk or email Katie (check your emails!!)
We can customize this experience based on the group, but we can't do any of that until we know we can pull together a group big enough to reserve the full week.

Lots of great possibilities, but please sign up soon if you are interested! If you'd like more information about either opportunity, please don't hesitate to ask.

JOIN A FAITH STUDY GROUP!

Men’s Bible study meets in the Gathering Space Wednesday mornings at 7:00am

Thursday Morning Women’s Faith study. We start at 9:30am in person here at church.
Everyone is welcome to join the discussion and fellowship!

Women’s “Son” Rise Faith Study meets Friday mornings at 8:00am on ZOOM! Welcome any women who would like to join us. They can contact the office to get the Zoom information.
to grab a treat and coffee first.

Music Lessons for All Ages, Abilities & Backgrounds – Taught with Care

Parker MacIver Hinnenkamp is offering private lessons for children, teens, and adults, including beginners, returning players, and those with disabilities or learning differences. **All are welcome. Lessons are accessible, creative, and filled with grace.** Talk to Parker after worship, or visit parkerhinnenkamp.com to learn more.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture these persons in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God’s Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: **I do.**

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

P: People of God, do you promise to support Ren and Ansel and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

C: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: We give you thanks, O God....

BAPTISM

The presiding minister baptizes each candidate.

P: Let us pray... we give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays for each:

P: Sustain Ren/Ansel with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized.

P: Ansel/Ren, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

CANDLE & WELCOME

P: Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.” Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God’s creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

FIRST READING: 1 John 3:1

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are.

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Borning Cry” –duet Joel & Steve Abenth

GOSPEL TEXT: Luke 17:11-19

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?” ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY AND OFFERING: “Come Thou Font of Every Blessing” #807
-lead by Joel & Steve Abenth

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SCAN ME

Reverse Trick or Treat THANKSGIVING SIDE DISH SHOWDOWN!!

THE CHALLENGE HAS BEEN SET!

CHUM HAS CHALLENGED US TO COLLECT 700 OF BOTH INSTANT MASHED POTATOES (BOXES OR POUCHES) OR MAC AND CHEESE!

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THANKSGIVING SIDE DISH OF THE TWO?

Chum will be packing 700 boxes for community families for THANKSGIVING! Throughout October, we will be collecting instant mashed potatoes and mac and cheese to include in the boxes.



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SO! WHAT’LL IT BE?!

We will be collecting these for Reverse Trick or Treat on Sunday, October 26th during worship.
(share this with neighbors and friends!!)

Laundry Love Fundraisers!

Laundry Love’s mission is to brighten the lives of low & no-income families & individuals by providing free laundry services & offering love, dignity & detergent.

Thank you for your support yesterday at the Fallfest!
NEXT SUNDAY! Potato Bar Fundraiser



Sunday, Oct. 19, 10:30 – noon
Fellowship Hall
Free will offering
(Suggested donation - \$6.00 adult,
\$3.00 children)
All proceeds support Laundry Love

NEXT
SUNDAY!!

Sign-up sheets Potato Bar volunteer opportunities will be up in the gathering space. Please consider helping out if you can. If you aren't able to help, cash donations are always welcome and appreciated. Please place donations in an envelope and label “Laundry Love”. Donations can be placed in the offering plates or dropped off at the church office.

Congratulations to our confirmands today!

Isak Peder Abenth
Eliza Renee Bauerkemper
James John Heidenreich
Zoe Anne Lopez
Florence Ruth Ridenour
Olivia Caitlyn Soderlund
Hannah Melissa Soderlund
Aylin Mae Solberg

Thank you all our volunteers who signed up this morning and the following who prepare ahead!

Altar Guild	Tom & Julie Seidelmann
Projections Preparer	Bruce Johnson
Projectionist	Marcia Semerau
Streaming	Brian Fischer
Hospitality	Cyndi Venberg

A Special Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 26th following service.

All voting members are encouraged to attend and vote. Visitors may attend, but please refrain from voting. There are two votes to consider: approving revisions to the constitution and approving a sabbatical for Director of Faith Formation, Katie Rich. To learn more about these topics, there will be forums in the Fellowship Hall in the preceding Sundays following service as follows:

TODAY Oct. 12th – Constitutional Updates and Changes, hosted by Dave Larsen, Council President

Oct. 19th – Constitutional Updates and Changes, hosted by Dave Larsen, Council President (repeat of Oct. 12th)

Two of our dear members have left their earthly home for heaven. **Mae Nelson**, who’s funeral is tomorrow at 11:00am (visitation starts at 10:00am) here at LCGS. **Carleen Ronchetti’s** family is planning and considering and covet your prayers. We will announce any public services.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

We are given many names in life: the things people call us and the names we call ourselves. Those names can be uplifting or they can be hurtful and degrading. In our baptism, whether as an infant or an adult, God gives each of us the name “Child of God” and claims us as God’s own. It is important to be reminded of that name and what it means to be God’s child and to live in God’s ways. That is why we affirm, or remember and reclaim, our baptism: to be reminded of who and whose we are. Today, Confirmation students say “YES!” to their baptism.

GATHERING

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

Council President: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism, and we come before God with name/s as they make affirmation of *their* baptism into Christ.

P: Let us pray...merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C: Amen.

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The leader addresses those making affirmation of their baptism.

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