#### **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! Contact: KatieRich.lcgs@gmail.com

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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 5, 2025 -Bible Milestone

PRELUDE "Be still, and know that I am God"

**Psalm 46:10** Cantor-Parker Hinnenkamp

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Pastor Lisa Why I Love My Church Video

\*GATHERING HYMN -

"As the Deer"

Psalm 42

**Chorus:** You alone are my

And I long to worship you

To you alone may my spirit yield

You alone are my hearts desire

strength, my shield

Chorus...

#### "As the Deer"

1.As the Deer As the deer pants for the water So my soul longs after you You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship you Chorus...

2. You're my friend and You are my brother Even though You are a King I love You more than any other, So much more than anything

3. I want you more than gold or silverOnly you can satisfyYou alone are the real joy giverAnd the apple of my eye

Chorus...

SCAN ME

\*SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

## C: And also with you.

P: Let us share a sign of God's peace with our neighbor.

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY -

Ephesians 3:16-17

Let us pray:

Holy God, strengthen us in our inner beings with power through the Holy Spirit. May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith. And may we be rooted and grounded in love. **Amen** 

#### **BIBLE MILESTONE**

3 Year Olds and 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders will be invited to come forward to receive a Bible and a blessing. Various Bible translations will be available for adults in the Gathering Space.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### A READING FROM 2 TIMOTHY 1:1-14

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup> To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup> I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup> Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup> I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup> For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, <sup>7</sup> for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup> Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, <sup>9</sup> who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup> but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup> For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup> and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup> Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup> Guard the treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

## PSALM 37: 3-7 – LED AS LECTIO DIVINA -Lead by Josh Christianson

<sup>3</sup> Trust in the Lord and do good;

live in the land and enjoy security.

<sup>4</sup> Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

<sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

<sup>6</sup> He will make your vindication shine like the light and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

<sup>7</sup> Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil" – ELW 512

\*GOSPEL: LUKE 17:5-6

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

## **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.

#### Fallfest Craft & Bake Sale

Saturday, Oct. 11, 9-3 Crafts/Home Baked Goods Raffle/Quilt Auction & More!! \* Raffle tickets on sale soon! \*

#### 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\*\*\*

Events held at: Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd (donations may be sent to LCGS with memo "Laundry Love")

<u>Sign-up sheets</u> for craft and bakery donations and 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.

<u>Craft donations</u> - please put in the library between Oct. 5-10.

<u>Bakery donations</u> - please plate items such as cookies, bars and candy in 1/2 dozen or dozen quantities, in clear plastic storage bags. Any baked goods early in the week can put in the

## This Week at LCGS!

## October 5, Sunday

8:45AM Sunday School 9:30AM Worship -BIBLE MILESTONE for 3yo and 3rd graders 10:30AM Coffee Fellowship

## October 6, Monday

10:00AM Laurel Pagel visitation 11:00AM Laurel Pagel Funeral 6:00PM Blue Stone Dance Group

# October 7, Tuesday

6:00PM Vision Council

## October 8, Wednesday

7:00AM Men's Bible Study 6:00PM Confirmation 7:00PM 10th Grade Confirmation rehearsal

### October 9, Thursday

9:30AM Women's Faith Study 1:00PM Al-Anon 2:30PM Music lessons with Parker 5:00PM Lk Superior Modern Quilt Guild 7:00PM AA

## October 10, Friday

8:00AM Women's "Son"rise Bible Conversation

## October 11, Saturday

9:00AM—3:00PM LAUNDRY LOVE FALLFEST

# October 12, Sunday CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

8:45AM Sunday School 9:30AM Worship 10:30AM Coffee Fellowship

#### 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.







#### SO!WHAT WILL IT BE?!

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

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#### 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.

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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.



**SERMON** 

"Seek Ye First" (with help from the Choir...) HYMN OF THE DAY: Matthew 6:33

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness; And all these things shall be added unto you Hallelu, Hallelujah!

2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you; Seek, and you shall find. Knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Hallelu, Hallelujah!

adults, Bible Study groups, and leadership teams.

3. We do not live by bread alone, But by every word That proceeds out from the mouth of God. Hallelu, Hallelujah!

**OFFERING** 

Variations on "Jesus Loves Me"

\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Psalm 33:22

Give now online



L: Holy God, We thank you for this day, and we thank you for this church. We pray especially for our Vision Council, Call Committee, and church staff. We pray for our Sunday School families, Confirmation students, young

C: May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you.

L: We thank you for our community. We pray for our friends and families. We pray for our neighbors and neighborhoods. We pray for peace and justice in our homes and in the world.

C: May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you.

L: We pray for those of us who are sick, dying, or in deep grief. We pray for all who struggle with mental health or addictions. We pray for all who are hungry, homeless, or housing insecure.

C: May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you.

L: We pray for the whole world and all of Your creation. We pray especially for fresh air and clean water. We pray those impacted by severe weather and extreme circumstances.

C: May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you.

L: We lift up all our prayers to you, O Lord, including the unspoken prayers of our hearts. In Jesus' name we pray,

C: Amen

\*LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

### \*BLESSING/SENDING

## Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Go in Peace; Serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

\*SENDING SONG:

"Thy Word"

Psalm 119

**Chorus:** Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

1. When I feel afraid
Think I've lost my way
Still you're there right beside me
And nothing will I fear
As long as you are near
Please be near me to the end
Chorus

2. I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to your side
I will love you to the end

Chorus

POSTLUDE

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

Projections Preparer Bruce Johnson
Projectionist Bruce Johnson
Streaming Brian Fischer

Hospitality Patty Altonen Next week: Sharla Anderson

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\*TODAY!!! Oct. 5th – Spiritual Direction and Sabbatical, hosted by Katie Rich in the Upper Lakeside Room following worship. Katie would love to share with you her path and course work to become a Spiritual Director and what a sabbatical will mean for her and for our congregation. We will be voting to approve her sabbatical as PART of the special congregational meeting Sunday, October 26th.

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Laurel Pagel has passed, her visitation and funeral will be tomorrow Monday, October 6th, visitation is at 10:00am and funeral at 11:00am. Please keep Bill, Karen, Mark, and all her loved ones in your prayers.

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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 Upper Lakeside Room in the preceding Sundays following service as follows:

\*TODAY!!! Oct. 5th – Spiritual Direction and Sabbatical, hosted by Katie Rich

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)

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### Sunday School Pre-k to 6th grade!

We'd love to have you join us for Sunday School! Sunday School meets before worship, starting at 8:45 am The theme for this year: **Create Church Together!** 



ALL 3 YEAR OLDS AND 3RD GRADERS!! TODAY is our Bible Milestone during worship! You will be receiving age appropriate Bibles for you to keep at home! See you there!

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