

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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November 16, 2025

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

PRELUDE

"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ GATHER +

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*HYMN

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in This Place"

-Music and Lyrics by Doris Akers

**There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.**

Refrain:

**Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.**

There are blessings you cannot receive

Till you know Him in His fullness and believe;

You're the one to profit when you say,

"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way." Refrain

*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, (+) one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Faithful God,

C: you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths.

We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace

the freedom of your faithful promises.
We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth.
We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.
Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken,
renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.

P: Hear the good news:
God the Faithful One loves you, (+) in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.
C: Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE
P: The peace of the Lord be with you and all the saints.
C: And also with you.
P: Let us share a sign of God’s peace with one another.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY
L: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy.
Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is
temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

+ WORD +

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a
See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble;
the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither
root nor branch. ² But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing
in its wings.

PSALM: Psalm 98 (read responsively by verse)
¹ O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.
² **The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication
in the sight of the nations.**
³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
⁴ **Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**
⁵ Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.
⁶ **With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.**
⁷ Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it.
⁸ **Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for**

LOOKING AHEAD! Advent begins at the end of the month!
The first Sunday of Advent is November 30th!
Sunday, Dec. 14: -The Sunday School Christmas Program during worship (9:30 am)
followed by the Advent Workshop!

Christmas Eve Worship Schedule Wednesday, December 24th

2:30PM	4:30PM	9:00PM
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There will be no Christmas Day worship.

PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS

This Week at LCGS!

November 16, Sunday
8:45AM Sunday School
9:30AM Worship
10:30AM Coffee Fellowship
10:45AM Thrivent Action Team 101 with Joel Abenth in Fellowship Hall

November 17, Monday
9:00AM –4:00PM Quilters
9:00AM Growing Little Loves
10:30AM Growing Little Loves
4:00PM Music lessons with Cantor Parker
6:00PM Call Committee

November 18, Tuesday
9:00AM Growing Little Loves
4:00PM Music lessons with Cantor Parker
6:00PMBrass Rehearsal

November 19, Wednesday
7:00AM Men’s Bible Study
9:30AM Growing Little Loves
6:00PM Confirmation

November 20, Thursday
GIVE TO THE MAX DAY OF FUNDRAISING!
9:30AM Women’s Faith Study
9:30AM Growing Little Loves
12:00PM OWLS Pot-luck & Bingo
1:00PM Al-Anon
2:30PM Music lessons with Cantor Parker
7:00PM AA

November 21, Friday
8:00AM Women’s “Son”rise Bible Conver-
sation (ZOOM)

November 22, Saturday
All Youth Gathering-Brainerd

November 23, Sunday -Christ the King
8:45AM Sunday School
9:30AM Worship
10:30AM Coffee Fellowship
10:45AM Legacy Planning with Joel Abenth
in Fellowship Hall

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

Altar Guild	Lois Opseth, Janean Tucker
Projections Preparer	Bruce Johnson
Projectionist	Karen Guerndt
Streaming	Brian Fischer
Hospitality	Jena Hart
Next week: Jodi Stacken	

TODAY! SERVING AT DAMIANO CENTER! WE JUST NEED 3 PEOPLE TO SERVE DINNER FROM 4:30-6:15pm. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! SEE BRIAN FISCHER OR MARCIA SEMERAU



THIS WEEK! Give to the Max Day in Minnesota is 24 hours of fundraising for non-profits! We have participated in it for several years and are so grateful for all the generosity! We are hoping to raise \$5,000 on **November 20th, 2025!** Would you like to challenge others to give by a matching pledge? Please contact the LCGS office!



OWLS Fall Potluck and Turkey Bingo
Thursday, November 20, 12:00 (noon) Fellowship Hall
\$5.00 Bingo following lunch there will be **6 turkeys** looking for good homes!
Bring a friend! Signup in the Gathering Space Questions: Call Nan at 218-724-7733

There are a few spots left!

Salvation Army Bell Ringing - December 6th & 13th (our 26th year!)

Are you looking for a way you can do ministry during the holidays? One easy way is ringing bells for the Salvation Army at Cub Foods on Central Entrance (inside!).

The dates are **Saturday, December 6th and 13th, from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM** (this starts one hour later and ends one hour earlier than past years). The signup poster is on an easel in the gathering space. Call Marcia Semerau at 218-576-5531 with questions. THANK YOU!



SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILIES

11/16th CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PREP during Regular Sunday School

11/23rd FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL: ALL AGES THANKSGIVING BINGO

12/7th CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE* AFTER WORSHIP ***no Sunday School before worship**

12/14th SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM arrive a few minutes before worship begins, and stay after for the Advent Workshop! Christmas Crafts, Ornaments, and Gift Making - a favorite Good Shepherd tradition.

he is coming to judge the earth.

⁹He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone’s bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right. L: Here ends the reading.

*GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

P: The holy gospel is from Luke, the 21st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶ “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷ They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸ And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.” ⁹ “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.

P: This is the gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE by Craig Sanders

HYMN

“Fill My Cup, Lord” by Richard Blanchard

1. Like the woman at the well
I was seeking
For things that could not satisfy
And then I heard my Savior speaking
"Draw from My well that never shall run dry"

Chorus:
Fill my cup, Lord
I lift it up, Lord
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul
Bread of Heaven, feed me 'til I want no more
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole

2. There are millions in this world
Who are craving
The pleasures, earthly things of gold
But none can match the wondrous treasure
That I find in Jesus Christ my Lord

Chorus:
Fill my cup, Lord
I lift it up, Lord
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul
Bread of Heaven, feed me 'til I want no more
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole
Here's my cup, fill it up and make me whole

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.
A brief silence.

L: God of roots and branches, defend the leaders of your church as they proclaim the gospel using discernment, wisdom, and brave testimony. Keep all the baptized on righteous paths in response to Christ’s call. Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

L: God of victory, among quests for power, guide those in government, courts, law enforcement agencies, and the military. Turn them from war and violence to actions of care that build up the common good. Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

L: God of healing, where injustice and exploitation result in populations that are marginalized or underserved, accompany those abandoned by friends, hurt by family, and harmed by violence or oppression. Care for all who are ill, anxious, or in pain of any kind (*especially those we now name in our hearts...*). Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

L: God of new songs, in a congregation of faithful believers, energize us for compassionate service and delight us through worship and inspired prayer. Encourage your people in building equitable community where all are valued. Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

L: We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

OFFERING

“Prelude in C# minor” by J.S. Bach

+ MEAL +

*OFFERING PRAYER
P: God of healing and hope,
C: you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. Amen.

* WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*LORD’S PRAYER
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.

DISTRIBUTION & HYMNS
All are welcome! Please come forward and receive communion or a blessing. Please put a hand over your heart if you would prefer a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available for those with allergies – simply indicate your need when you come forward. Dip the wafer in the wine (red) or juice (yellow).

+ SEND +

*BLESSING
P: The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.
The holy Trinity bless you (+) and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.
C: Amen.

*SENDING
P: Go in peace. Share the harvest.
C: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN
POSTLUDE
“Here I Am, Lord”
“Two Toccatas” by J. Pachelbel

