

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.

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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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Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd Second Sunday in Advent - December 7, 2025

INTRODUCTION

At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction – signs that the kingdom of God has come near.

**asterisk indicates where to stand, as able*

PRELUDE

The Huron Carol

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, (+) one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Long-expected God,

C: we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide.

We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war.

We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake.

Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors.

Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us,

that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.

P: God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness.

(+) You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.

C: Amen.

***HYMN**

"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

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***PRAYER TO LIGHT THE ADVENT WREATH (light two candles)**

P: We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.

C: As we light the candles on this wreath, kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness.

P: Enlighten us with your grace, that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us.

C: Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

¹ A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
² The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
³ His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear,
⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them.
⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder’s den.
⁹ They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.
¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of
him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

L: Here ends the reading.

SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13

⁴ Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness
and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of steadfastness
and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Je-
sus, ⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell
you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that
he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors ⁹ and that the gentiles might glorify God for
his mercy. As it is written,
“Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles and sing praises to your name”;
¹⁰ and again he says, “Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people”; ¹¹ and again,
“Praise the Lord, all you gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”;
¹² and again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the gentiles;
in him the gentiles shall hope.”
¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

There will be no Christmas Day worship.

Sunday, Dec. 28th 9:30am worship - Lessons and Carols

PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS

This Week at LCGS!

December 7, Sunday
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
(Sunday School AFTER WORSHIP)
9:30AM Worship
10:30AM Coffee Fellowship
10:30 Sunday School Christmas Program Prac-
tice

December 8, 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 Bluestone Dance group

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

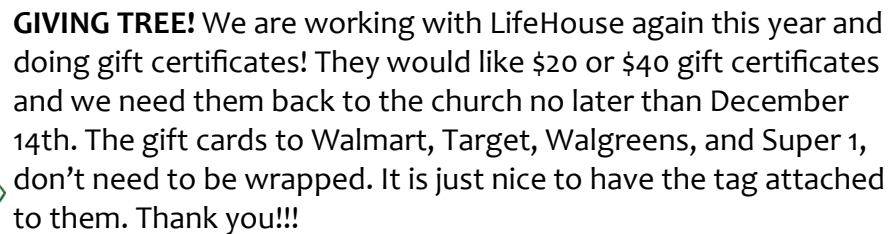
December 10, Wednesday
7:00AM Men’s Bible Study
9:30AM Growing Little Loves

December 11, Thursday
9:30AM Women’s Faith Study
9:30AM Growing Little Loves
1:00PM Al-Anon
2:30PM Music lessons with Cantor Parker
7:00PM AA

December 12, Friday
8:00AM Women’s “Son”rise Bible Conver-
sation (ZOOM)

December 13, Saturday
11:00 AM to 7:00 PM Salvation Army Bell
Ringing at Cub

December 14, Sunday
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
9:30AM Worship -Sunday School Christmas
Program
10:30AM Coffee Fellowship



We also have 2 containers of Snacks for Schools that are in need of refills! if you have a chance to pick up healthy individual packed snack boxes, bring them to the office
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!

L: Here ends the reading.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

11 “I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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*SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.
P: Let us share a sign of God’s peace with one another.

OFFERING “Reprise: All Are Welcome”

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.
A brief silence.

L: With wisdom and understanding, inspire the faithful around the world. Unite hearts and minds in work to address poverty, access to housing, and equity among peoples. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

L: With counsel and might, move us to care for creation. As we dream of the day when all creatures will flourish alongside one another, guide us in ways humanity and all creation will mutually thrive. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

L: With righteousness and faithfulness, encourage nations to live in harmony with one another. We pray for international student and teacher exchanges, for our partner churches, and sister synods in Honduras, India and Russia. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

L: With steadfastness and encouragement, strengthen those who have lost hope in the face of grief, depression, or disease. Renew the spirits of those recovering from surgery and medical procedures. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

L: With welcome and hospitality, embolden us in our shared ministry to overcome all that divides. In acts of repentance, reconciliation, and reparation, may we serve in the way of Christ. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

L: Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.
C: Amen.

*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.**



*BLESSING

P: May God who comes among us, Father, (+) Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always.
C: Amen.

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Keep awake.
C: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN “Prepare the Royal Highway” #264

POSTLUDE An Advent Suite

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

Projections Preparer	Bruce Johnson	
Projectionist	Jody Keppers	
Streaming	Brian Fischer	
Hospitality	Amy Loken	Next week: Jess Kramer

Today we welcome
Mollie and Grant Kleven’s daughter,
June Marie Kleven
into the body of Christ and into the mission we share.
Join us in giving thanks and praise to God!

SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILIES! Our Sunday School Christmas Program will be next Sunday, Dec. 14 during our 9:30 am worship service.

The day of the program, we just ask that you arrive a little early to find your costumes, etc... (5th and 6th grade readers will meet at 8:45 am to finalize reading assignments.) And after the program on Dec. 14, we would love to have you stay for our "Advent Workshop." We have six creative craft stations planned. You don't have to do it all, but there are some great ornaments and decorations that you might hold onto for many years to come.