

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

Announcements: Amie Abenth communications@lcgsduluth.org



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Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

February 1, 2026

New Member Sunday + Annual Congregational Meeting

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

PRELUDE

Meditation on a Hymntune by David Tryggestad

**asterisk indicates when stand as able*

+ GATHER +

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, (+) one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

C: Amen.

P: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Mighty God, lover of justice,

C: you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.

We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you.

Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

P: The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares:

Like a spring of water that never fails,

God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in (+) Jesus' name.

May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

C: Amen.

*HYMN

“God Is Here!”

ELW 526

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Holy God, you confound the world’s wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS THROUGH THE AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (p. 234 in ELW)

Nancy & Henry “Hank” Noordzy
Dawn & Mark Peterson
Anna Quanbeck
Mya & Derek Synder, Roya
Sarah & Peter Wlosinski, Emily & Ben

*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 one another.

+ WORD +

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

¹ Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.
² Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the Lord has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel.

³ “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.
⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

⁶ “With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?
⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?
L: Here ends the reading.

or bring a crockpot of something warm like soup or hotdish or a donation of buttered bread? Gluten-free and vegetarian options are appreciated. We also need to help clean up after the meal. If you have any questions, connect with Cyndi Venberg at 218-391-8953 or cyndivenberg@gmail.com.

Flex Family Camp at Camp Hiawatha !ALL FAMILIES! - July 6-10 at Camp Hiawatha
www.vlmcamps.org

Last year, four families from Good Shepherd went to Flex Family Camp. What we loved about it: you pick how long you want to stay! You can come to camp for just a couple of nights, or all week! You must sign up through VLM (Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry) but sliding scholarships are available from Good Shepherd (pay what you feel comfortable with, and we can help cover the rest...) Please let me know if you have any questions or would like more information. Or, you can check out their website: <https://www.vlmcamps.org/summer-camps/flex-family-camp>
SUMMER CAMP! We also love VLM (Camp Hiawatha and Camp Vermilion) for all their summer camp opportunities. Whether that’s family camp, a full week at camp, shorter camp options for younger kids, canoeing, or hockey camp! They have great options, so if you are interested, please check them out.

This Week at LCGS!
February 1, Sunday 8:45AM Sunday School –Service Projects! 9:30AM Worship 10:30AM Coffee Fellowship 10:30AM ANNUAL MEETING February 2, 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 5:30PM Call Committee February 3, Tuesday 9:30AM Growing Little Loves 4:00PM Music lessons with Cantor Parker February 4, Wednesday 7:00AM Men’s Bible Study 9:30AM Growing Little Loves 6:00PM Confirmation

February 5, Thursday 9:30AM Women’s Faith Study 9:30AM Growing Little Loves 1:00PM Al-Anon 2:30PM Music lessons with Cantor Parker 5:30PM Call Committee 7:00PM AA February 6, Friday 8:00AM Women’s “Son”rise Bible Conversation (ZOOM) February 7, Saturday 10:00AM-4:00PM –Lk Sup. Quilt Guild February 8, Sunday 8:45AM Sunday School –Service Projects! 9:30AM Worship –with Lk Sup. Youth Chorus 10:30AM Coffee Fellowship

Talking Circles to Process Current Events

THIS Tuesday February 3rd, 6:30pm
As we strive for justice and peace (our baptismal identity), Good Shepherd is offering an opportunity for members to come together and talk in small groups in the Gathering Space while enjoying treats (bring your favorites to share!) and hot drinks (provided). A short list of "helpful conservation rules" will be listed on each table to remind each group that this is an opportunity to process feelings and grow in understanding without telling others what to think. Pastor Lisa will be on hand to welcome everyone and close these talking circles with sharing communion together.

CHUM is super low on food right now! Thank you all who brought food for CHUM at the cross in the entry of the main doors!! It is a spot to leave food anytime you have a chance! In addition to any food donations, we would like to gather gently used warm jackets, boots, hats, gloves, socks, etc that can be used at Chum and Damiano, the past few weeks of cold has impacted their supply of these items. **THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!**

CHUM EXTRAVAGANZA - FOOD, FUN, AND PHILANTHROPY

February 12th, 2026, 5:30-8:30pm at the DECC Harborside Ballroom
Business Casual Attire, Formal Attire, or Mardi Gras Costume Attire
Tickets are \$50 and include food, music, entertainment, and community. Come and learn first-hand from Chum staff and their stories why your support is so crucial in this time. We hope to see you there! Tickets can be purchased at chumduluth.org/extravaganza.

AND! Rosie Loeffler Kemp has Quilt Auction tickets!! She is here today and can take cash or checks made out to Chum.

Help us raise \$10,000 for Chum, one ticket at a time! Drawing on February 12th
Chum Quilters invite you to purchase a chance to win this unique, designer quilt in support of a great cause! This quilt will fit a queen size bed.

Contact Rosie 218-341-2014 or rosielkemp@gmail.com

“Love is Here to Stay” Quilt design by local artist Jordan Sundberg, Tincupdesignco.com

The Lenten meals are coming soon. We hope you will plan to join us each Wednesday of Lent as we celebrate the coming of Easter. The meal will start our evening out at 5:30 with some warm food and then lead us to a service at 6:15, presented by the confirmation youth of the church. This gives us a chance to gather together multi generations of worshipers to spend the evening in fellowship and faith. Please consider joining us as a guest or jumping in and volunteering to help on February 25, March 4, March 11, March 18, March 25. There will be sign up sheets for each night in the gathering space and online. Can you help serve? Get together with a sponsor group and bring pizza, potato bar, taco bar, sub sandwiches, appetizers or other convenient meals that feed 50-75 people



PSALM: Psalm 15 (read responsively by verse)

- ¹ Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your holy hill?
- ² **Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**
- ³ they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.
- ⁴ **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**
- ⁵ They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

L: Here ends the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia” S102

*GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

P: The holy gospel is from Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

- ¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
- ³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- ⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- ⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- ⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- ⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- ⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- ¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P: This is the gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

“Blest Are They” ELW 728
(Choir sings the verses, congregation joins on the refrain.)



*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: As God’s beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

L: God our wisdom, renew the church in the power of the Spirit, that it may do justice, love kindness, live humbly, and boldly proclaim Christ crucified. We pray for social justice and humanitarian aid ministries. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: God our source, we honor you by caring wisely for your creation. We pray for the health of old growth forests, ice caps, and ocean currents. Preserve the diversity of life on earth. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

L: God our righteousness, raise up visionary leaders who serve with integrity and respect human rights. Increase freedom in every nation. Protect educators, journalists, artists, and religious activists who are reviled for speaking truth. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

L: God our advocate, you give hope to all who suffer because of persecution, poverty, or war. Reunite separated families and bring orphaned children to safety. Comfort any who grieve or suffer in any way (*especially*). Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

L: God our blessing, we pray for the children and youth of this congregation, and for parents, grandparents, mentors, teachers, and youth ministers who model love for their neighbor and care for others. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

L: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God’s loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.
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.**

+ SEND +

*BLESSING

P: May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise (+) bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

*SENDING

P: Let us move through the world with one another doing justice, loving kindness and walking humbly with our God.

C: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN

“Christ, Be Our Light” ELW 715

POSTLUDE

“Passacaglia in G minor” by G. F. Handel

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

Projections Preparer	Bruce Johnson	
Projectionist	Brent Jordan	
Streaming	Brian Fischer	
Hospitality	Debbie Sanders	Next Week: Cyndi Venberg

**Join us immediately following worship for our
Annual Congregational Meeting!**

Epiphany Stars



Did you know... we are in the Church Season called Epiphany!
Epiphany is the special time in between Christmas and Ash Wednesday.
One of the main symbols of Epiphany is a star.
(From the star shining over Bethlehem to Jesus' shining transfiguration:



Jesus is the light of the world!)

To celebrate Epiphany, there are stars hidden around our church.
How many can you find?
Have Fun and Happy Epiphany!



The Lake Superior Youth Chorus will be at Good Shepherd on Sunday, Feb. 8th. Specifically, the Cantala Choir, formed of fifteen 4-6th graders, under the direction of Carolyn Mikel will be sharing musical selections throughout the service.