

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!

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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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Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

February 15, 2026—Transfiguration Sunday

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

PRELUDE

"Adagio from Concerto in A minor" by A. Vivaldi, arr. J. S. Bach

*asterisk indicates when stand as able

+ GATHER +

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Let's go up the mountain.

C: Let's go up to the place where the land meets the sky where the earth touches the heavens,

P: to the place of meeting,

C: to the place of mists,

P: to the place of voices and conversations,

C: to the place of listening.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (adapted from William Loader)

L: O God, we open our eyes and we see Jesus, the months of ministry transfigured to a beam of light, the light of the world, your light.

C: May your light shine upon us.

L: We open our eyes and we see Moses and Elijah, your word restoring us, showing us the way, telling a story, your story, his story, our story.

C: May your word speak to us.

L: We open our eyes and we see mist, the cloud of your presence which assures us of all we do not know and that we do not need to fear that.

C: Teach us to trust.

L: We open our eyes and we see Peter's constructions, his best plans, our best plans, our missing the point, our missing the way.

C: Forgive us when we miss the mark. Help us understand.

L: We open our eyes and we see Jesus, not casting us off, but leading us down, leading us out - to ministry, to people, to mission.

C: Your love endures forever.

L: We open our ears and we hear your voice, 'This is my beloved Son, listen to him!'

C: We know who to follow and we give you thanks! Amen

***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.

« Oh Wondrous Image, Vision Fair »

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+ WORD +

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC "We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace" arr. William Appling.
Vocalists: Jill Kaiser, Bruce Johnson, Grace and Mark Monson

FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18

¹² The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

L: Here ends the reading.

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶ We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's



GATHER twin ports

Gather & Graze

An evening for young adults who want good food, honest conversation, and a community that does not require performance.

Friday, February 20th

5:30 PM

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Food: Provided, Mashed Potato Bar with vegetarian and dairy-free options

What the night looks like:

- A full mashed-potato bar with toppings
- Low-pressure conversation and room to settle in
- Space to ask questions, meet new people, and reconnect
- A welcoming environment for young adults of all backgrounds and perspectives

Bring a friend if you'd like, and come hungry!

Gather Twin Ports is simply a place to show up as you are and take part in community at whatever pace makes sense for you. Whether this is your first time or your fifteenth, you will be welcomed.

Gather and Graze for Young Adults (18-35ish)
Join us on Friday, February 20 at 5:30

This Week at LCGS!	
February 15, Sunday	No Sunday School –Winter Break
9:30AM Worship	
10:30AM Coffee Fellowship	
February 16, Monday	
9:00AM –4:00PM Quilters	
4:00PM Music lessons with Cantor Parker	
6:00pm Bluestone Dance group	
February 17, Tuesday	
4:00PM Music lessons with Cantor Parker	
6:00PM Brass Rehearsal	
February 18, Wednesday	
7:00AM Men's Bible Study	
6:00PM ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP	

February 19, Thursday	9:30AM Women's Faith Study
	1:00PM Al-Anon
	2:30PM Music lessons with Cantor Parker
	7:00PM AA
February 20, Friday	8:00AM Women's "Son"rise Bible Conversation (ZOOM)
	11:30AM Music Lessons with Cantor Parker
	5:30PM Gather Twin Ports @ LCGS
February 21, Saturday	
February 22, Sunday	NO Sunday School –Winter Break
	9:30AM Worship
	10:30AM Coffee Fellowship

L: Life-giving God, creation is full of your majesty. Nurture in us a deep respect for the connections of all life, and make us wise and vigilant stewards of your good earth. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Peacemaking God, the nations are in turmoil. We pray for an end to violent conflict. Give wisdom to negotiators and sanctuary to refugees. Defend any who are in danger. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Healing God, you desire wholeness for all people. Bring healing to any who are experiencing illness, chronic pain, or mental anguish. Comfort the dying and those who grieve, especially those we pause to name in our hearts. (pause) 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: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN

"This Little Light of Mine"

ELW 677

POSTLUDE

This Little Light

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

Projections Preparer

Julie Seidelmann

Projectionist

Julie Seidelmann

Streaming

Brian Fischer

Hospitality

Pat O'Brian

Next Week: Judy Rogers



Last Day! 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!



Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday! Worship will be at 6:00pm

On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that "now is the day of salvation." Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.

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 (Sunday school families), March 4 (women's circle), March 11 (Vision Council), March 18 (men's Bible Study), March 25 (choir). 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 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.