

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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Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

February 8th, 2026 -5th Sunday after Epiphany

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

PRELUDE

“Aria” by Paul Manz

*asterisk indicates when stand as able

+ GATHER +

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*inspired by Matthew 5: 13-16, written by Caldwell United Methodist Church*)

P: If the human body, body of blood and muscle, is to live, it needs salt.

C: If the body of Christ, body of peace and justice, is to live, it needs us!

P: If the earthly creation, bustling and blooming, is to flourish, it needs the sun's light.

C: If the new creation we are in Christ is to flourish, it needs the Spirit's light!

P: Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world.

C: Our faith, our love, our hope — essential as salt and light.

P: But if salt isn't salty?

C: Then it isn't what it's meant to be.

P: And if a light doesn't shine?

C: Then it isn't what it's meant to be.

P: Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world.

Briny and bright, we are God's faithful people.

C: We shall be who we are meant to be in Christ: a welcoming oasis, a compassionate community, a justice-making people, giving glory to God!

*HYMN

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

ELW 712

*PRAYER

L: Holy One,

C: Shine your light in us today. Chase away the darkness of sin, the darkness of fear and doubt and despair. Fill us with the light of your word.

Produce in us the fruit of righteousness – the evidence that your Spirit lives and moves in us. As the body of Christ, may we bring more understanding and joy into the world. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Circle Round the Moon”

by Mark Hierholzer Cantala Choir

+ WORD +

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:6-9a

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

^{9a} Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

L: Here ends the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAIMATION: "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia" S102

*GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

P: This is the gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

ELW 781

SPECIAL MUSIC

"I'll Sing Peace on Earth" by Andrew Bruhn

Cantala Choir

We are putting together a church-wide Art Show!

Holy Art by Everyone

What is Holy Art?

Holy Art can be anything!

Pray or think about God while you paint, draw, collage... get creative!

Pick up a canvas here at church, and return it by/before Sunday, March 15. There are boxes for both pick up and drop off in the Gathering Space.

These are our Sunday School "To Go" bags this year, but we'd love to have all ages to participate!

Help the Sunday School kids "Create Church Together" by joining in this intergenerational, church-wide expression of Holy Art

This Week at LCGS!

February 8, Sunday

8:45AM Sunday School –Service Projects!

9:30AM Worship –with Lk Sup. Youth Chorus

10:30AM Coffee Fellowship

February 9, Monday

9:00AM –4:00PM Quilters

9:00AM Growing Little Loves

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4:00PM Music lessons with Cantor Parker

6:00pm Bluestone Dance group

February 10, Tuesday

9:30AM Growing Little Loves

10:00AM Ruth Circle

1:30PM Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group

4:00PM Music lessons with Cantor Parker

6:00PM Brass Rehearsal

February 11, Wednesday

7:00AM Men's Bible Study

9:30AM Growing Little Loves

6:00PM Confirmation

February 12, Thursday

9:30AM Women's Faith Study

9:30AM Growing Little Loves

1:00PM Al-Anon

2:30PM Music lessons with Cantor Parker

5:00PM Lk Superior Quilt Guild

7:00PM AA

February 13, Friday

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

11:30AM Music Lessons with Cantor Parker

February 14, Saturday

February 15, Sunday

NO Sunday School –Winter Break

9:30AM Worship 10:30AM Coffee Fellowship

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 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.

With so much gratitude for their ministry, we thank outgoing church Council members: Dave Larsen, Ann McIntosh, Cyndi Venberg, and Cole Peterson!

The new Vision Council is:

Lara Ahrens

Missy Bergman - Secretary

Craig Bursch

Bob Franseen

Joe Johnson, Treasurer

Amy Kaiser

Spencer Miller - Vice-President

Leah Moore

Anna Quanbeck - President

Frank Wanner

Please keep the Vision Council in your prayers as they lead us through this exciting year!

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*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: Present God, Jesus used examples from the land and sky, salt and light, to teach us more about life with you and our purpose on this earth. May we value our planet as Jesus did and see it as a constant source of inspiration and a way to connection with you. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Your people in every nation suffer injustice, poverty, and the threat of violence. Guide those in authority to govern with compassion and bring peace to war zones and areas of conflict. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Your blessings are poured out for all in need. Help and heal any who experience trauma, discrimination, disease, hunger, abuse, or persecution. Comfort those who are sick or grieving. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: O God, send your Spirit upon us and light our path, that we may travel the road you have prepared for us. Having heard your scriptures proclaimed, and your word revealed, enable our hearts and minds to more fully understand your goodness and your grace. Help us break free from ideas that no longer bring life, that we may embrace the life-giving work of your Spirit and follow the way of kingdom living.

C: 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.

OFFERING Meditation on "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Give now
online



SCAN ME

+ MEAL +

*OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of majesty,

C: no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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

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 +

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Amen!" arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

Cantala Choir

*BLESSING

P: May our love be like salt that makes life tasty and worthwhile.
May our living be a light to those who live in darkness.
May our communities be cities of light to be seen from afar
as signs that God lives and works in his people in the name of
the Father, and the Son (+), and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*SENDING

P: Go now, salty people, and shine the light of Christ!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Wade in the Water"

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

Altar Guild

Pat Johnson, Lois Opseth

Projections Preparer

Julie Seidelmann

Projectionist

Marcia Semerau

Streaming

Brian Fischer

Hospitality

Cyndi Venberg

Next Week: Pat O'Brian

THANK YOU Cantala Choir from The Lake Superior Youth Chorus for sharing their talents with us today! The Cantala Choir, formed of fifteen 4-6th graders, is under the direction of Carolyn Mikel.



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!



CHUM continues to be low on food! 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, of Tincupdesignco.com


