

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

Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

**asterisk indicates when stand as able*

PRELUDE

Two Chorale Preludes by J. S. Bach

+ GATHER+

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

“First Quarter Update” Anna Quanbeck, Council President

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (by Carole Penner, *Leading in Worship* blog)

P: Jesus is coming!

C: From the mountainside, from the seaside, from the homes of the rich and the company of the poor, from the bedside of those who are sick.

P: Jesus is coming!

C: Along dusty roads with a ragged band of travelers.

P: Jesus comes to Jerusalem, Jesus comes to worship.

Will we greet him with Hosannas?

***PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL HYMN** (*available choir members and kids for procession*)

“All Glory, Laud and Honor” ELW # 344

***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 before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of (+) Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

C: Amen.

***SHARING THE PEACE**

P: Being made right with God, let us be right with one another. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.

PRAYER OF THE DAY ("The King is Coming" by John van de Laar)

L: The King is coming.

Our God arrives, clothed in frail human flesh, riding a meek donkey's foal.

This is not the first time you have come to us, O God. The history of human affairs is the history of your arrival among us, as Creator, Purpose-Giver, Liberator, and Prophet's voice.

The story of each of our lives is the story of Your coming to us, as Comforter, Friend, Example, Challenger and Abundant-Life-Provider.

And so we praise you. Open our eyes to your presence, Lord.

Come to us again, Lord;

Hosanna – Save us again, Lord.

And be glorified among us.

C: Amen.

+ WORD +

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEBREW BIBLE READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

report of money spent. If you haven't participated yet, please consider signing up in the upcoming months.

A shout out for towels if you are cleaning out closets. Just leave on the stage downstairs. Everything we bring is much appreciated including Mike, the cookie man!

Here is the information for our volunteer gathering!

Thursday April 23rd 3:30-5:30

At Asbury United Church 6822 Grand Ave

This is open to all volunteers!!- (those who have already volunteered and all who might be interested in volunteering in the future!)

Please let me know if you can attend!

Susan Boutin




Welcome to Holy week worship
Sun., 3/29 - Palm Sunday Service -9:30am
Thurs., 4/2 - Maundy Thurs Service -6:00pm
Fri., 4/3 - Good Friday Service -6:00pm
Sun., 4/5 - Easter worship -6:39am & 9:30am

This Week at LCGS!

March 29, Sunday PALM SUNDAY
8:45AM Sunday School "Easter Garden"
9:30AM Worship
10:30AM Coffee Fellowship & Easter Egg hunt for kids!

March 30, 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
6:00PM Church Council

March 31, Tuesday
9:30AM Growing Little Loves
4:00PM Music lessons with Cantor Parker
6:00PM Brass Rehearsal

April 1, Wednesday
7:00AM Men's Bible Study
9:30AM Growing Little Loves

April 2, MAUNDY Thursday
9:30AM Women's Faith Study
9:30AM Growing Little Loves
1:00PM Al-Anon
2:30PM Music lessons with Cantor Parker
6:00PM Maundy Thursday worship
7:00PM AA

April 3, Good Friday (office closed)
8:00AM Women's "Son"rise Bible Conversation (ZOOM)
11:30AM Music Lessons with Cantor Parker
6:00PM Good Friday Worship

April 4, Saturday

April 5, Sunday
NO Sunday School
6:39AM Easter Sunrise Service
9:30AM Easter Worship
10:30AM Coffee Fellowship

40 years ago today, Lisa Marie Mannisto and Daniel Joseph Stein were married by Rev. Roger Munson here at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd.

While they currently reside just outside of Tampa, Florida, they are visiting us today in celebration of their 40th Wedding Anniversary!



Congratulations on 40 years together, we are honored that LCGS is an important part of your celebration, and we pray that you have many more happy years together!!!!



A note to Lisa from Daniel, he said “if I could do it all again, I would do it all again!”
May your day continue to be full of many blessings!



We are in need 15-20 filled Easter baskets for Migrant families in the Duluth area. The deadline for dropping off the baskets to the church office is Tuesday, March 31st at 1pm to ensure they can get to the families by Easter

Did you notice the new candle up front?

This candle will be on display throughout Katie's sabbatical time. When you see it, we hope you will say a prayer for her, her time away, her family, and our church. Katie is taking three months away from Good Shepherd to focus on rest, renewal, and a Spiritual Direction training program she started last fall. We look forward to her return to worship on Sunday, May 31.

Lenten Hunger issues in 2026. The Hunger Team will focus on donations TO CHUM this year for Lent. Stop at the Well on Sunday to donate.

**Day Camp 2026 -June 15-18 here at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd!
Registration is on our website! Lcgsduluth.org**

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. 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)

Laundry Love News

Our new location at Maytag on 4th Street has many positives including bright lighting, machines that work, clean, a helpful staff and a 15% cash back on our monthly visits.

We are meeting new faces and others have followed us to the new location through word of mouth. We will work out the bugs but so far appreciate automated card payments and a detailed

Morning by morning he wakens—

wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L: Here ends the reading.

EPISTLE READING: Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L: Here ends the reading.

*GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11

P: The holy gospel, according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

⁵“Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you,

humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”
6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; 7 they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

10 When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” 11 The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

P: This is the gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

HYMN “Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak” ELW 676

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Reconciled by God’s mercy and sustained by God’s presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

L: There are so many people and things that call for our allegiance, so many kings seeking to rule over us. But you ride into our experience as another kind of king - a serving, humble and challenging king who calls us not to slavery, but friendship. Guide us into spiritual friendship with you. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Your power is sure. Destroy inequity and division in every place and build your beloved community among all people. Guide judges, attorneys, and juries so that they act with justice and fairness. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: You are with us in our deepest pain. Send healing and vindication to all who, like Jesus, know the sting of betrayal, denial, abuse, or false accusations. Be with those who feel forgotten or have forgotten the feeling of joy in their lives. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Your ways show compassion. Let this same mind be in us as we enter Holy Week. Bless those here who will lead worship and tell the story of Jesus’ death and resurrection. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

C: Amen.

OFFERING

Meditation on a Lenten Hymn

SPECIAL MUSIC

“With the Waving of Palms” by Fred Bock

Sanctuary Choir

*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & 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).

*BLESSING

P: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, (+) bless you now and always.

C: Amen

*HYMN

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” (v.1-3)

ELW 855

*DISMISSAL

P: Let us follow Jesus through Holy Week to the cross of salvation.

C: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

P: The Word goes with us as we depart.

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

Altar Guild

Pat Johnson, Lois Opseth

Projections Preparer

Bruce Johnson

Projectionist

Marcia Semera

Streaming

Brian Fischer

Hospitality

Michelle Stebbins

Next Week: David & Anne Hyopponen

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