

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.



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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 of Easter April 12, 2026

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

**asterisk indicates where to stand, as able*

PRELUDE

“The Trumpet Shall Sound” from Messiah by G. F. Handel.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ GATHER +

*HYMN

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!”

ELW 369

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

C: Amen.

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

P: Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us, Lake Superior, in particular. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C: Amen.

***SHARING THE PEACE**

P: 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

L: Let us pray... Almighty and eternal God,

C: the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ’s blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

+ WORD +

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ²² “Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹ “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

³² “This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

L: Here ends the reading.

PSALM 16 (chanted responsively by verse)

¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

² **All my delight is in the Godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

³ But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

Until All Are Fed—Creating Generosity and Hope

For 50 years we have joined together as Lutherans to address the root causes of hunger and poverty around the world through ELCA World Hunger. One of the synod’s largest fundraisers for world hunger has been the Quilt and Marketplace auction at the Synod Assembly. Quilts and other handmade items are available in an online auction. You can view and bid on items using the QR codes below. Bidding is open from April 12th until 11:00 am on April 26th.

New items are continuously being added to the auction sites, so check back often. If your bid is the highest you will be notified by text or email. Items can be pickup at Breezy Point Resort after 1:00 pm on April 26. If you cannot pick up your item at that time, you will be contacted by a member of our team to make arrangements to get you your item.

Just open the camera on your phone, point at the QR, click on the website and bid generously.



QR Code for Quilts



QR Code for Marketplace



This Week at LCGS!

April 12, SUNDAY

6:39AM Easter Sunrise worship
9:30AM Easter Worship
10:30AM Coffee Fellowship

April 13, Monday

9:30AM –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 Meeting

April 14, Tuesday

9:30AM Growing Little Loves
4:00PM Music lessons with Cantor Parker
6:00PM Brass Rehearsal
6:30PM Ruth Circle in Upper Lakeside room

April 15, Wednesday

7:00AM Men’s Bible Study
9:30AM Growing Little Loves
5:15PM Confirmation at Second Harvest

April 16, 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

April 17, Friday

8:00AM Women’s “Son”rise Bible Conversation (ZOOM)
11:30AM Music Lessons with Cantor Parker

April 18, Saturday

April 19, Sunday

9:30AM Worship
10:30AM Coffee Fellowship

ECO FAITH NETWORK

Living out God's call to be stewards of the earth for the sake of the whole creation.

The EcoFaith Network of the Northeastern Minnesota Synod is a growing network of ELCA Lutheran congregations and their members with a mission to live out God's call to be stewards of the earth for the sake of the whole creation.

The network encourages creation care awareness and action among the 133 congregations and serves as a catalyst for creation care awareness and action throughout the upper Midwest.

www.ecofaithnetwork.org

2026 EcoFaith Summit of the Upper Midwest

From Fear to Fire: Igniting Community for a Planet in Peril

April 18, 2026, First Lutheran Church, Duluth, MN and Livestreamed via Zoom

Registration Deadline April 12, 2026

Family Camp is also happening! VLM offers a "Flex Family Camp" at Camp Hiawatha July 5-10. Come for one night, two nights, or more? We have scholarship money available. Pay what you feel comfortable with, and Good Shepherd will cover the rest. Call or email Christine in the church office: office@lcsduluth.org / 218-525-1922

We love Camp Vermilion as a summer camp option for all students. You can learn more about camp on their website: <https://www.vlmcamps.org/>. We do have scholarship money available if you want to go to camp, just let us know!

Confirmation Families!

Wednesday, April 15th is our rescheduled date End of the Year Activity: Volunteering at Second Harvest! Please meet *at* Second Harvest, for a volunteer shift from 5:15 - 7:30 pm.

If you are ready to look at your summer calendars:

Day Camp will be here at Good Shepherd June 15-18. We love to have Confirmation-aged students here as volunteers that week. Youth volunteers *really* make this experience special and meaningful for the younger kids. There will be a volunteer dinner/training on Sunday, June 14. You can sign up to volunteer here: www.lcsduluth.org/2026-day-camp

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 27: this is CHUM's Rhubarb Festival here in Duluth. Our church has been asked to take the lead on kid's activities including some students willing to play gaga ball all day. Some of these Confirmation students play gaga ball every Wednesday Confirmation. During the Rhubarb Festival, we'll set up the same inflatable gaga ball pit. But, I constantly need 2-3 people willing to *play* gaga ball, welcome kids to join in, teach them how to play, etc... This really works best when it's led by kids/students, not adults. Mark your calendar, because I could really use Confirmation student help for this event.

⁴ **I will not pour out drink offerings¹ to such gods, never take their names up¹ on my lips. R**

⁵ O Lord, you are my portion¹ and my cup; it is you who up¹ hold my lot.

⁶ **My boundaries enclose a¹ pleasant land; indeed, I have a¹ rich inheritance.**

⁷ I will bless the Lord who¹ gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night¹ after night.

⁸ **I have set the Lord al¹ ways before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall¹ not be shaken.**

⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir¹ it rejoices; my body also shall¹ rest in hope.

¹⁰ **For you will not abandon me¹ to the grave, nor let your holy one¹ see the pit.**

¹¹ You will show me the¹ path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for¹ evermore.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Be Not Afraid" (x2) ELW 388
Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
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*GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

P: The gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and

yet have come to believe.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: This is the gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN “O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing” (v. 1, 5-7) ELW 386

OFFERING “Victimae Paschali laudes”

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Trusting in the power of Christ’s resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Moment for silent reflection

L: Almighty God, you give life to the dead and call into existence things that do not exist. Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our faith may be renewed day by day. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Maker of heaven and earth, your mercies are new every morning. Open us to the wonders of creation, from the beauty of flowers to the complexity of subatomic particles. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in their nations. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way (*especially those we name in our hearts now*). Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Giver of joy, let this assembly be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love. Bless the workings of the Congregational Council and Pastoral Candidate of Choice. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

L: God of resurrection power, we commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior, who taught us to pray...

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*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: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, (+) bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

*HYMN

“All Are Welcome”

ELW 641

POSTLUDE

“O Filii et Filiae” by Healey Willan

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

Lois Opseth

Next Week: Julie Reichoff

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.

A shout out for towels if you are cleaning out closets. Just leave on the stage downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Everything we bring is much appreciated!

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

WOMEN OF LCGS - We welcome you Tuesday evening, April 14th at 6:30pm in the upper-lakeside room for fellowship and planning for our next events!