

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

Third Sunday of Easter April 19, 2026

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

PRELUDE

Two Chorale Preludes

+ GATHER+

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN

“With High Delight Let Us Unite”

ELW 368

*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, particularly the rivers and creeks surrounding us:

Lester, Amity, Talmadge, and Tischer. 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. Blessed are you.

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: O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

+ WORD +

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ³⁶ “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸ Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, every one whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

L: Here ends the reading.

PSALM: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (sung responsively by verse)

¹ I love the Lord, who has ^l heard my voice,
and listened to my ^l supplication,

² **for the Lord has given ^l ear to me
whenever ^l er I called.**

³ The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave ^l came upon me;
I came to ^l grief and sorrow.

⁴ **Then I called upon the name ^l of the Lord:
“O Lord, I pray you, ^l save my life.”**

¹² How shall I re- ^l pay the Lord
for all the good things God has ^l done for me?

¹³ **I will lift the cup ^l of salvation
and call on the name ^l of the Lord.**

¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows ^l to the Lord
in the presence of ^l all God’s people.

We would be happy to register you at our tables or you can register yourself at lssmn.org/duluth26. There is a place in the registration form to indicate who you want to sit with. If you want us to do the registration, please contact us and let us know your meal choice and whether you have any dietary restrictions. Hopefully you can join us. Marcia

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 19, SUNDAY

9:30AM Worship
10:30AM Coffee Fellowship
10:30AM Worship Team meeting

April 20, Monday

9:30AM –4:00PM Quilters
9:00AM Growing Little Loves
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4:00PM Music lessons with Cantor Parker
6:00PM Property Team Meeting

April 21, Tuesday

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

April 22, Wednesday

7:00AM Men’s Bible Study
9:30AM Growing Little Loves

April 23, Thursday

9:30AM Women’s Faith Study
9:30AM Growing Little Loves
1:00PM AI-Anon
2:30PM Music lessons with Cantor Parker
7:00PM AA

April 24, Friday

8:00AM Women’s “Son”rise Bible Conversation (ZOOM)
NE Minnesota Synod Assembly begins

April 25, Saturday

NE Minnesota Synod Assembly @ Cragun’s
9:00AM Lake Superior Modern Quilt Guild

April 26, Sunday

9:30AM Worship
10:30AM Coffee Fellowship
12:00PM Synod Assembly concludes

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

We love Camp Vermilion as a summer camp option for all Campers! 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!

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.lcgsduluth.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.

Next week, April 24-26th the NE Minnesota Synod assembly is taking place at Breezy Point. Good Shepherd is part of this Synod which is from about Mora/ Pine City up to the Canadian Border and west to past Bemidji.

At assemblies we learn what is happening in our synod, the national synod (ELCA) our partner synods: Honduras, Ingria in Russia, and India.

This Assembly is BIG because we are electing a new Bishop!

Pastor Lisa, Cantor Parker Hinnenkamp, and our representatives: Grace and Mark Monson will be attending. Please keep them and all the synod attendees in your prayers as they make decisions and learn more about ministry in the ELCA! They will be reporting after they return!

IMAGINE

Together we imagine a future where every youth has what they need to succeed and every family has a community of support. This is not just a vision - it's a call to action.

The Annual Lutheran Social Service (LSS) of Minnesota Youth Benefit Cost: \$25.00

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 5:30PM check-in and social hour 6:30PM dinner and program

@Clyde Iron Works- 2920 West Michigan Street Duluth, MN 55806

Marcia Semerau (218-576-5531 or msemerau@hotmail.com) and Linda Susens (218-213-0934 or sue_lin66@spectrum.net) will serve as table captains again this year.

¹⁵ Precious in your sight, O Lord,
is the death of your servants.

¹⁶ O Lord, truly I am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

¹⁷ I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the Lord.

¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all God's people,

¹⁹ in the courts of the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Be Not Afraid" ELW 388

Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

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*GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

P: The holy gospel, according to Luke, the 24th chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they

recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P: This is the gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

HYMN

“Thy Holy Wings”

ELW 613

*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.

A brief silence.

L: Living Savior, just as you journeyed with the disciples to Emmaus, accompany us on our journey of faith. Gather us at your table, that we recognize you in the breaking of the bread. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

L: God of justice, where leaders abuse power, confront them and call them to repentance. Where there is corruption, bring integrity; where there is violence, sow peace. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

L: Healing Savior, your resurrection brings hope to a hurting world. Heal those who are sick. Strengthen the weary, give courage to the despairing, and comfort the dying. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

L: Gracious One, you have made us your own through the gift of baptism. Unite us in genuine love for one another and uphold this community in your name. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

L: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.
C: Amen.

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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.**

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: 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

“This Joyful Eastertide”

ELW 391

POSTLUDE

“Prelude in G Major” by J.S. Bach

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

Altar Guild	Lois Opseth, Eric and Amy Kaiser
Projections Preparer	Bruce Johnson
Projectionist	Bruce Johnson
Streaming	Brian Fischer
Hospitality	Julie Reichoff
	Next Week: Susan Sage

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!