

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.



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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!

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Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

Good Shepherd Sunday - April 26, 2026

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

Today is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep in today’s gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world’s violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God’s tender care to all creation.

**asterisk indicates where to stand, as able*

PRELUDE “Sheep May Safely Graze”- J.S.Bach, arr. Egon Petri

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ GATHER +

*HYMN “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (v. 1-3) ELW 858

*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... O God our shepherd,

C: you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-27

[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

L: Here ends the reading.

PSALM 23 (read responsively by verse)

¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

² **The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

³ You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

“Be Not Afraid”

ELW 388

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

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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 until 11:00 am on April 26th. 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 26, SUNDAY

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

April 27, 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 Property Committee

April 28, Tuesday

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

April 29, Wednesday

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

April 30, 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

May 1, Friday

8:00AM Women’s “Son”rise Bible Conversation (ZOOM)

May 2, Saturday

11:00AM WOMEN’S SPRING LUNCHEON!

May 3, Sunday

9:30AM Worship
10:30AM Coffee Fellowship



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

Meal choices:

- Parmesan chicken with marinara served with penne pasta and grilled vegetables
- Vegetarian lasagna with parmesan served with spinach stuffed mushrooms and mashed sweet potatoes

Dietary:

- Vegan -Nut allergy
- Gluten free -Shellfish allergy
- Dairy / lactose free
- Other



Let Linda or Marcia know by Monday, April 27 that you are attending and your meal choice.

Reservation deadline is Tuesday, April 28.

Marcia and Linda Susens will serve as table captains again this year.

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

The Confirmation youth met at Second Harvest last week for a few hours to help out! They sorted food and repacked boxes for families and seniors who are in need to be picked up and delivered .

This is a favorite night for our kids each year, they do such great work! This was our last night of Confirmation for the year, we're so proud of them! Thank you for signing up your group to volunteer with us! With your help, we were able to pack 293 boxes for seniors in our area to be delivered in May. We really appreciate your help and could not do this work without our amazing volunteers!

We would be happy to welcome your group back if you'd like to volunteer with us again.

Warmly,
HOLLY GRACE
Volunteer Coordinator



Auction open until 11:00am today!! Until All Are Fed—Creating Generosity and Hope

*GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

P: The gospel according to John, the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

P: This is the gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON -Bob Franseen

HYMN “Amazing Grace”

ELW 779

OFFERING “Have No Fear, Little Flock”-arr. Anne Krentz Organ

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*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: Shepherding God, draw all people to yourself and lead them in paths of righteousness. Embolden your church to enter the valleys of the world and guide us beside the still waters of your grace. We pray for military and prison chaplains serving near and far. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

L: Creator God, by the resurrection of your Son, show us your steadfast love and instruct our hearts in your ways. Help us to revere and protect the wonders of your creation. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

L: Righteous Judge, strengthen and uphold those who work for justice and advocate for human rights. Bring an end to oppression and save us from the temptation of violence or vengeance. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

L: Great Physician, walk with those who are grieving, and anoint those who are ill or injured (especially those we name in our hearts). Restore them to health of body, mind, and spirit. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Good Shepherd, continually seek us out as lambs of your flock, and form us into a community where all are honored and cared for. Hold this congregation and our pastoral candidate of choice in your loving care during this time of transition. Spread a feast before us and fill our cups to overflowing. Merciful God,

C: 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...

*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

“Beautiful Savior” (1-3)

ELW 838

POSTLUDE

“Because He Lives” - W. & G. Gaither - arr. John Purifoy

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

Projections Preparer

Bruce Johnson

Projectionist

Jody Keppers

Streaming

Brian Fischer

Hospitality

Susan Sage

Next Week: Britta Ryan

A big thank you to the Men's Bible Study for leading worship today and to Linda Turpening for playing while Pastor Lisa and Parker are at Synod Assembly.

Call Committee Update! We have a Candidate of Choice for our next pastor! The next step is for us all to meet them!

Meet and Greet for candidate: Two options,

Friday, May 15th 6-7:30 p.m. LIGHT SNACKS and DESSERT Party
and **Saturday, May 16th 8:30 - 10 a.m.** Coffee and pastries.

The link is for the congregation to submit questions they have for the candidate.

Congregational Vote will be May 17th immediately after 9:30 pm worship. The congregation has the final vote, yes or no, to Call the candidate to be our next pastor.



Pastor Lisa's last Sunday will be May 24th. She has been called to a part-time pastor position at Knife River Lutheran Church and will also be a casual hospice chaplain with Essentia St. Mary's in Duluth. Stay tuned for more information.

Today, the NE Minnesota Synod assembly is finishing up at Breezy Point. Good Shepherd is part of this Synod, 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 elected a new Bishop!

Pastor Lisa, Cantor Parker Hinnenkamp, and our representatives: Grace and Mark Monson are attending. Please keep them and all the synod attendees in your prayers as they travel home! They will be reporting after they return!

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.