

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.

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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

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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

7th Sunday after Easter -May 17, 2026

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

**asterisk indicates where to stand, as able*

PRELUDE

“Adoration” by Florence Price

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ GATHER +

*HYMN

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

ELW 655

*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 (“Ascension Prayer 2010” by John van de Laar)

L: We love to think of you as a victorious conqueror, Jesus;

C: the one who claims power by force of strength, and makes all others bow at his feet.

L: We love to feel that we’re in your corner, Jesus;

C: on the winning side – powerful by association and safe from what threatens us because of your strong presence.

L: But, then you speak about gathering all things together, of unity and reconciliation, of love and sharing, of filling all things with yourself.

C: You invite us into a conversation, not a conquest, into dialogue, not dominion, into the power of love, not the love of power.

L: We praise you, Ascended One, for refusing to hoard your power and glory, for refusing to remain aloof and removed from creation.

C: We are humbled that you include the likes of us in your cosmic community now and forever.

Amen

+ WORD +

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (Bonsai Trees with Dave Severson)

FIRST READING: Acts 1:6-14

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

L: Here ends the reading.

Cantor Parker’s teaching studio is open to children and adults of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd and the wider community, with a focus on disability and neurodivergence. Lessons use music as a steady structure for growth, meeting each student where they are. To learn more, share a referral, or support this work, speak with Cantor Parker after church or email music@lcsduluth.org.

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, arts and crafts and gaga ball all day. 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... **If you have an abundance of rhubarb, CHUM would love donations. Go to chumduluth.org to find out schedules.**

This Week at LCGS!

May 17, SUNDAY

9:30AM Worship

10:30AM Coffee Fellowship

10:30AM Congregational meeting to vote to call Pastoral Candidate

1:30PM Serving at Damiano Center

May 18, Monday

9:30AM –4:00PM Quilters

9:00AM Growing Little Loves

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4:00PM Music lessons with Cantor Parker

6:00PM Church Council

May 19, Tuesday

9:30AM Growing Little Loves

4:00PM Music lessons with Cantor Parker

6:00PM Brass Rehearsal

May 20, Wednesday

7:00AM Men’s Bible Study

9:30AM Growing Little Loves

May 21, 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

May 22, Friday

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

May 23, Saturday

May 24, Sunday

9:30AM Worship

10:30AM Coffee Fellowship

+ 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

“How Great Thou Art” (vs. 1-3) ELW 856

POSTLUDE

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

Projections Preparer	Bruce Johnson
Projectionist	Karen Guerndt
Streaming	Brian Fischer
Hospitality	Amy Kaiser

Next Week: Nancy Carlson

TODAY!! Immediately following worship! Congregational Vote 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. We will have a celebration on May 24 following the service.

Gen X and Millennials (30's through 50's)! Spirited Faith will meet on Thursday, May 28 at 6pm at Bulldog Pizza. Questions can be directed to Elizabeth Pappas Weitzell

CONGRATULATIONS!! We are THRILLED to share: Cantor Parker has been selected to serve on the leadership team for the 2027 Young Adult Gathering, an extension of the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. He will focus on worship and community life, including liturgy, music, and the creation of accessible spaces for connection and conversation. He is grateful for the support of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, which inspires and uplifts this work.

LAUNDRY LOVE

Good Shepherd will be volunteering at Maytag Duluth 820 E 4th Street every 4th Tuesday of the month. We are establishing new connections to serve different populations of our city with a reliable business facility.

PSALM 68:1-10, 32-35 (chanted responsively by verse)

¹ Let God arise, and let God's ene-¹mies be scattered; let those who¹ hate God flee.

² **As smoke is driven away, so you should drive¹ them away; as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the pres-¹ence of God.**

³ But let the righteous be glad and rejoice¹ before God; let them also be mer-¹ry and joyful.

⁴ **Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who¹ rides the clouds; I Am is that name, rejoice¹ before God!**

⁵ In your holy habita-¹tion, O God, you are a father to orphans, defend-¹er of widows;

⁶ **you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners¹ into freedom; but the rebels shall live in¹ desert places.**

⁷ O God, when you went forth be-¹fore your people, when you marched¹ through the wilderness,

⁸ **the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the¹ God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the¹ God of Israel.**

⁹ You sent a bountiful¹ rain, O God; you restored your inheritance¹ when it languished.

¹⁰ **Your people found their¹ home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision¹ for the poor.**

³² Sing to God, O kingdoms¹ of the earth; sing praises¹ to the Lord.

³³ **You ride in the heavens, O God, in the¹ ancient heavens; you send forth your voice, your¹ mighty voice.**

³⁴ Ascribe pow-¹er to God, whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is¹ in the skies.

³⁵ **How wonderful you are in your holy places, O¹ God of Israel, giving strength and power to your people!¹ Blessed be God!**

EPISTLE READING: 1 Peter 5:6-11

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time.⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour.⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering.¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you.¹¹ To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

L: Here ends the reading.

*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 17:1-11

P: The gospel according to John, the 17th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

P: This is the gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

“Shall We Gather at the River?”

ELW 423

OFFERING

“O Store Gud”, trad. Swedish Hymn

*APOSTLES’ CREED

L: Let us profess our common faith in the words of the Apostles’ Creed:

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Continued...

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

*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: Your creative power fills the universe. Thank you for the beauty of your creation that helps point us to you. Today we particularly give thanks for trees. Guide us to care for all you have made. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Your justice is exercised in society by those in authority. Instill in political leaders, business leaders, school administrators, and all who care for others a desire for peace and equity. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Your compassion and care come through the gifts of medicine and relationships. Soothe the anxious, protect widows and orphans, comfort those living with memory loss and their families, and heal the sick (*especially those we name in our hearts*). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Your love radiates from communities gathered in your name. Bless those experiencing significant transitions in life such as graduation, retirement, new employment, and accompany us in our prayers during these times. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: O God, we thank you for the gift of your Church, for the journey that has brought us to the congregational vote following service, and for your faithful guidance throughout our call process. We pray for the pastoral candidate and for your abiding presence to call a faithful shepherd for this congregation. 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.**



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