

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

Pentecost -May 24, 2026

Pastor Lisa's final Sunday as Good Shepherd's Interim Pastor

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

PRELUDE

Interlude on Veni Creator Spiritus

+ GATHER+

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN

"God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"

ELW 400

*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 Lake Superior. 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 (by Clement of Rome)

L: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, grant, we pray, that we might be grounded and settled in your truth by the coming of your Holy Spirit into our hearts.

What we do not know, reveal to us;

what is lacking within us, make complete;

that which we do know, confirm in us;

and keep us blameless in your service, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

+ WORD +

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken

With the help of our staff, funds from Laundry Love donations were made available to get her temporary shelter till alternate housing could be arranged. Her tears of gratitude for compassion and kindness were echoed throughout our time together. I hope she returns to join us again in more stable times.

I am so grateful to have a compassionate church which does not judge “why her?”, rather, how can we help. ~Sue Boutin.

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!	
<p>May 24, SUNDAY 9:30AM Worship 10:30AM Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>May 25, Monday MEMORIAL DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)</p> <p>May 26, Tuesday 4:00PM Music lessons with Cantor Parker 6:00PM Brass Rehearsal</p> <p>May 27, Wednesday 7:00AM Men’s Bible Study</p>	<p>May 28, Thursday 9:30AM Women’s Faith Study 1:00PM Al-Anon 2:30PM Music lessons with Cantor Parker 7:00PM AA</p> <p>May 22, Friday 8:00AM Women’s “Son”rise Bible Conversation (ZOOM)</p> <p>May 23, Saturday</p> <p>May 24, Sunday HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY GRADUATION MILESTONE 9:30AM Worship 10:30AM Coffee Fellowship</p>

L: You send the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Protect all living things, bring forth clean water and abundant food, and grant us wonder as we contemplate all you have made. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: You send the Holy Spirit to break down the barriers of communication among nations. Bestow peace in war-torn areas, guide all in government and society to work for justice, and guard those serving in the armed forces, especially this weekend as we remember those who died in service to their country. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: You send the Holy Spirit to accompany those who feel abandoned. Provide food for those who hunger and drink for those who thirst, soothe those who are anxious or bereaved, comfort those who are sick or suffering, and answer all who call upon your name (*especially those we name in our hearts*). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Loving and gracious God, we thank you for the blessings of your presence during our time of transition and for the interim ministry of Pastor Lisa. Prepare our hearts to welcome Pastor Liz in the coming weeks. 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.

OFFERING

“Offertory over a Pentecost” ~Chan

*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).

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **C: Amen.**

A Litany of Farewell and Godspeed

(Adapted from Seven Checklists for Congregations in Transition)

L: Leader; P: Pastor; **C: Congregation**

L: A church family is constantly changing. It is important and right that we recognize and honor these times of passage. Pastor Lisa came to us during a time of great change and offered steady guidance through Christ’s word. She walked with us during times of uncertainty, and she remained by our side even though the road was longer than we thought it would be. Today we acknowledge the conclusion of our journey together with Pastor Lisa, whose time as our interim pastor has come to an end.

P: I give thanks for the members and community of Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, for the love, kindness and support given to me these past two years, and for the understanding and forgiveness shared between us. I give thanks to God for guiding our ministry together and for being with us always. As I leave, I carry with me memories of our time together and the impact you have had on my life.

C: We give thanks for your time with us, for your love, kindness, and leadership, and for the understanding and forgiveness shared between us. We give thanks to God for helping us carry out Christ’s work together. We acknowledge your departure from this congregation’s ministry and we accept that you now leave us as our interim pastor. Even though you depart, your impact in our lives will remain.

L: Do you, the congregation of Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, now bid farewell and godspeed to Pastor Lisa? Do you offer your encouragement and support to Pastor Lisa in the next step of her journey?

C: We do, with God’s help.

L: Do you, Pastor Lisa, now bid farewell and godspeed to Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd? Do you offer your encouragement and support in the next step of our journey?

P: I do, with God’s help.

L: Let us pray.

C: Gracious God, we thank you for Pastor Lisa and for our life together in this congregation and community. As she has been a blessing to us, so now send her forth to be a blessing to others; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

CHORAL BENEDICTION:

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You” by Peter Lutkin

