

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

5th Sunday after Easter -May 3, 2026

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

Thank you to Immanuel Lutheran Church Youth Choirs from Eden Prairie for joining us today to share the gift of music. They are under the direction of Barb Savereide with Kyung Ko and Julie Kruse accompanying the choirs.

**asterisk indicates where to stand, as able*

PRELUDE “St. Columba: The King of Love” by Healey Willan

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ GATHER +

CALL TO WORSHIP “I Will Rejoice and Sing” by L.S. Bailey and B.S. Mayo
sung by Immanuel Lutheran Church Youth Choirs from Eden Prairie

*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 God,

C: your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

+ WORD +

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE.

PSALM 16 (chanted responsively by verse)

¹ In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be ^l put to shame; deliver me ^l in your righteousness.

² **Incline your ^l ear to me; make haste to de- ^l liver me.**

³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag ^l and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead ^l me and guide me.

⁴ **Take me out of the net that they have secretly ^l set for me, for you are my tow- ^l er of strength.**

⁵ Into your hands I com- ^l mend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, ^l God of truth.

¹⁵ **My times are ^l in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who ^l persecute me.**

¹⁶ Let your face shine up- ^l on your servant; save me in your ^l steadfast love.”

EPISTLE READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and ⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” ⁸ and

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 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 we could really use Confirmation student help for this event.

If you have an abundance of rhubarb, CHUM would love donations. Go to chumduluth.org to find out schedules.

This Week at LCGS!

May 3, SUNDAY

9:30AM Worship

10:30AM Coffee Fellowship

May 4, 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 5, Tuesday

9:30AM Growing Little Loves

4:00PM Music lessons with Cantor Parker

6:00PM Brass Rehearsal

May 6, Wednesday

7:00AM Men’s Bible Study

9:30AM Growing Little Loves

May 7, 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 8, Friday

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

May 9, Saturday

May 10, Sunday

9:30AM Worship

10:30AM Coffee Fellowship

THANK YOU Pastor Lisa, Cantor Parker Hinnenkamp, and our representatives: Betsy and Dave Larsen AND Josh Christianson was there with the Lutheran Youth Organization!

The 2026 Northeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly was held this April 24-26, 2026. In addition to the regular business, worship, and fellowship, there were two significant elections that were held.

The Reverend Taryn Montgomery was elected the next synod bishop on the fifth ballot, for a six-year term. Karen Gabriel was elected the next synod vice president, for a four-year term.

Until All Are Fed – Creating Generosity and Hope

The Synod Quilt Auction and MarketPlace was a wonderful event to raise money for the ELCA World Hunger program. The online auction bidding and purchasing raised over \$9,200! This number is climbing.

Thank you to the quilters and crafters, the bidders and buyers, and the Quilt Auction and Market-Place team!!

A special acknowledgment was given to Amy Loken for all the work she has put into this very special event!

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.

Laundry Love training day update!

Thanks to the organizers of this event! It was well planned and enjoyable. I especially enjoyed meeting people from all over the city who work so hard to fund and volunteer with Laundry Love.

The Union Gospel Mission is planning a building expansion if state bonding money is approved. It will be the first and only multi-service referral center for people in need. People will go there to access counselors and local resources as a collaborative effort of all local services and charities for better coordination.

They will eventually have washing, showers and apartments for people in crises.

Please write to your state congressman or senator to approve bonding for this to happen.

Once again, thank you for volunteering and I hope you can join us at Maytag. All of the volunteers agreed that is was the connection with the people we interact with that fuels their desire to help.

Susan Boutin

“A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people,
but now you are God’s people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

ANTHEM

“God Walks With Me” by Benjamin Kornelis

Sung by Immanuel Lutheran Church Youth Choirs from Eden Prairie

*GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

P: The gospel according to John, the 14th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

P: This is the gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING

“Spring Carol” by Don Michael Dicie

Sung by Immanuel Lutheran Church Youth Choirs from Eden Prairie

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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.

Moment for silent reflection

L: God of glory, you have built your church on Christ the cornerstone. Inspire lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim forgiveness and your steadfast love to all whom they encounter. We particularly pray for our out-going bishop, Bishop Amy Odgren and our bishop-elect Pastor Taryn Montgomery. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: God of mercy, you intend governments and social service agencies to be instruments of peace and justice. Guide political leaders and organizations to be agents of compassion and raise up advocates for those who seek refuge and assistance. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: God of well-being, you soothe those in distress, console all who grieve, provide for any in need, and comfort those who are sick (*especially those we name in our hearts*). Instill caregivers with a sense of purpose to be your healing hands in this world. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: God of community, you call us together as your people for mutual support and to witness to your love in the world. We thank you for the musical witness of the Immanuel Lutheran Youth Choirs. Make your presence known among those unable to attend worship today. 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!

BENEDICTION

“Be a Candle of Hope” by B.S. Mayo
Sung by Immanuel Lutheran Church Youth Choirs from Eden Prairie

POSTLUDE

“Hyfrydol: Hark the Songs” by Healey Willan

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

Projections Preparer	Julie Seidelmann	
Projectionist	Julie Seidelmann	
Streaming	Brian Fischer	
Hospitality	Britta Ryan	Next Week: Jill Kaiser

Welcome the Immanuel Lutheran Church Choirs of Eden Prairie this today!

Thank you for sharing your music with us!

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.

AN EMAIL SCAM IS GOING AROUND SAYING ITS FROM PASTOR LISA AND THAT SHE IS IN A MEETING AND NEEDS GIFT CARDS FOR KIDS BATTLING CANCER. IT EVEN HAS HER PICTURE ON IT. IT IS NOT HER. PASTOR LISA WILL NEVER TEXT OR EMAIL ASKING FOR HELP IN THIS WAY. IF YOU HAVE ANY DOUBT, ALWAYS CALL US AND DOUBLE CHECK. BLOCK ANY EMAILS THAT DO NOT HAVE OUR LCGSDULUTH.ORG EMAIL.

Gen X and Millennials! Spirited Faith will meet on Thursday, May 28 at 6pm at Bulldog Pizza.

Questions can be directed to Elizabeth Pappas Weitzell