

## 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](http://www.lcgsduluth.org)

You will find a sign up for a weekly e-mail of events and updates!

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## Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

Holy Trinity Sunday -May 31, 2026

Graduation Milestone Sunday

### INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

On this Trinity Sunday, we hear the story of creation in Genesis and Christ's commissioning of the disciples in Matthew's Gospel. The God who brought order and life from the waters of creation now sends the church into the world in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. As graduates mark new beginnings and the church gathers among them, we are reminded that our calling is rooted not in achievement alone, but in the abiding presence of the Triune God, who creates, redeems, and sustains all things.

\*please stand in body or spirit

### PRELUDE

Variations on "Heilig" by Piet Post

+ GATHER+

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!"

ELW 413

#### PRAYER

Holy Trinity: Three in One - Breath and Centering Prayer led by Eric Kaiser

#### \*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: God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

+ WORD +

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

<sup>1</sup>When God began to create the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he



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called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup> And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” <sup>7</sup> So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup> God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup> And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup> Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. <sup>12</sup> The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup> And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup> God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup> God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup> to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup> And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” <sup>21</sup> So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” <sup>29</sup> God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food.

<sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was

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**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](http://chumduluth.org) to find out schedules.**

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### Save the Date!!

**Did you know that Stephen Foster was born on July 4th, 1826 –200 years ago?**

Linda Turpening (piano) and Elias Mokole (vocals) will be offering a concert on Sunday, June 28th at 3:00pm to celebrate!



### This Week at LCGS!

**May 31, SUNDAY**

**HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY  
GRADUATION MILESTONE**

9:30AM Worship  
10:30AM Coffee Fellowship

**June 1, Monday**

9:00AM –3:30PM Quilters

**June 2, Tuesday**

4:00PM Music lessons with Cantor Parker  
6:00PM Brass Rehearsal

**June 3, Wednesday**

7:00AM Men's Bible Study

**June 4, Thursday**

9:30AM Women's Faith Study  
1:00PM Al-Anon  
2:30PM Music lessons with Cantor Parker  
7:00PM AA

**June 5, Friday**

8:00AM Women's "Son"rise Bible Conversation (ZOOM)

**June 6, Saturday**

**June 7, Sunday**

9:30AM Worship  
10:30AM Coffee Fellowship

**\*DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**\*HYMN**

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” ELW 884

**POSTLUDE**

Postlude on Old Hundredth

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

Projections Preparer	Julie Seidelmann	
Projectionist	Marcia Semerau	
Streaming	Brian Fischer	
Hospitality	Kathy Bellamy	Next Week: Yvonne Franseen

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**Congratulations to all of our High School Graduates!!** What an accomplishment! We wish you the very best and please remember, if you are sticking around Duluth or headed somewhere else, you always have a home here!

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**WELCOME BACK KATIE!!!** Our Director of Faith Formation, Katie Rich has been on a well deserved and important sabbatical this Spring! We are excited to have her back at church on such a big Sunday for our youth!

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**LAUNDRY LOVE**

Good Shepherd will be volunteering at Maytag Duluth 820 E 4th Street every 4th Tuesday of the month.

**Maytag Day June 23rd 8:30-11:30**

As we get used to our new location we like it more and more. People are so grateful as always. We are streamlining our money tracking with input from our volunteers.

I know it is early to ask, but June comes quickly with our busy lives. Please let me know if June works for you! Text message to xxxxxxxxx with name. Thanks.

Susan Boutin

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**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](http://www.lcgsduluth.org/2026-day-camp)

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so. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>2</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup> On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4</sup> These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

L: Here ends the reading.

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

“Alleluia VII” - Taize

ELW 175

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

**\*GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20**

P: The holy gospel, according to Matthew, the 28th chapter

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

P: This is the gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

**SERMON**

**HYMN** “O Christ the Same” (sung to the tune of “O Danny Boy”) ELW 760

**PHOTO SLIDESHOW** "You Without Me" by Brandi Carlile

**PRAYER FOR THE GRADUATES**

**a blessing for the graduate** - by Kate Bowler

Bless the person you were,  
the person you are,  
and the shimmering maybe of who  
you still might become.

We whisper words of thanks...  
For the unexpected mercies that  
carried you this far.  
For the teachers who never gave up,

for the friends who never made you pretend,  
for the family—chosen or given—that loves you,  
and the prayers that sustained you.

For every late-night  
existential crisis,  
every “what am I even doing?”  
that somehow, miraculously,  
brought us here today.

Bless you as you embark on  
whatever comes next.  
For these bittersweet endings,  
and for the blank pages ahead—  
May you fill them with truth,  
with goodness, with courage.  
And may what you’ve learned about love and grace  
carry you further than certainty ever could.

**\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

L: Trusting in the risen Christ, whose love sustains us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

L: God of wisdom, you call your church to proclaim good news in every generation. Strengthen pastors, teachers, musicians, mentors, and all who form others in faith and learning. Guide your people to bear witness with humility, courage, and hope. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

L: God of creation, you have filled the earth with beauty, order, and wonder. Renew places harmed by neglect or pollution, protect creatures great and small, and awaken in us gratitude and responsibility for the world you have made. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

L: God of justice, you call communities and nations to seek the flourishing of all people. Grant wisdom to elected leaders, honesty to judges and advocates, compassion to first responders and caregivers, and patience to all who labor for peace. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

L: God of accompaniment, remain near to all who are burdened by illness, grief, uncertainty, or fear. Comfort those who are lonely, strengthen those who are weary, and provide daily bread, shelter, and care for all in need, especially those we name in our hearts. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

L: God of calling, we give thanks for graduates and for all who enter new seasons of life in this time of transition. Sustain them as they discern their paths forward. Surround them with people who will encourage them in wisdom, integrity, and compassion. In times of uncertainty, grant patience and trust. In times of accomplishment, grant joy and a deeper sense of purpose. Remind them that your presence goes with them wherever they are led. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

L: God of resurrection and renewal, receive these prayers and make us people who live with generosity, courage, and compassion; through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**C: Amen.**

**THE APOSTLE’S CREED**

**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 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.**

**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.**

**OFFERING**

*The Commission by Cain*

**\*BLESSING - 2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

Final Greetings and Benediction

<sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

**C: Amen.**



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