

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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Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

8th Sunday after Pentecost -July 19, 2026

*please stand in body or spirit

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.”

In the name of God,

Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

Amen.

*Gathering Song

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

ELW 733

*Prayer of the Day (Psalm 86)

O Lord, teach us your way, and we will walk in your truth. You are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth. As children reflect their parents, help us to reflect
you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Children's Sermon

Romans 8:12-25

A reading from Romans: So then, my siblings, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation Alleluia VII: Taizé ELW 175
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did

During the next 3 weeks (July 12th-July 31st), LCGS will be a housing/host site for Water’s Edge Ministries (formerly Green Lake Lutheran Ministries) “Serve Boldly” programing for the Duluth location. Essentially what this means for the church is providing a place for the groups attending to stay and for the camp to have a place “setup shop” for the 3 weeks of programing in Duluth. Throughout the week the groups will be spending time out in the community doing various service projects that have been coordinated by the camp during the day and will be back at the church for dinner and various camp activities in the evenings. The groups will mostly stick to the lower level of the church while they are here. Groups will arrive late afternoon on Sundays and stay through mid-morning on Fridays. Some of the camp staff maybe at the church during the weekends in between the weekly groups. If you are interested in reading more about the Serve Boldy programing, you can check them out on their website: <https://www.gllm.org/serveboldly.html>. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the church office. 525-1922

The Serve Boldly program is hoping to connect with some volunteers who might simply be willing to help with preparing a Sunday, Monday or Tuesday dinner during the three weeks? Menu is simple...pasta bar, taco bar, and chicken tenders/French fries... alongside a salad bar and making some meat and cheese trays where youth can make sandwiches from for their lunchtime meals. Our staff takes care of groceries and breakfasts...

This Week at LCGS!	
July 19, Sunday 9:30AM Worship 10:30AM Coffee Fellowship	July 23, Thursday 1:00PM Al-Anon 7:00PM AA
July 20, Monday 9:30AM –4:00PM Quilters 10:30AM Growing Little Loves 1:00PM Gathering with Pastor Liz– Gathering Sp	July 24, Friday 8:00AM Women’s “Son”rise Bible Conversa- tion (ZOOM)
July 21, Tuesday 6:00PM Brass Rehearsal	July 25, Saturday
July 22, Wednesday 7:00AM Men’s Bible Study 1:00PM Staff Meeting	July 26, Sunday 9:30AM Worship 10:30AM Coffee Fellowship

SOME SAVE THE DATES!

Saturday, September 12th at 2:00pm (First Lutheran) Pastor Taryn Montgomery will be installed as Bishop of the NE MN Synod

Sunday, September 13th: Blessing of the Backpacks, Snacks for Schools, Brunch, etc.

Sunday, October 4th during worship, Pastor Liz Davis will be Installed as Pastor!

Join us for Pastor Liz’s Installation and a Celebration on October 4!

The installation of a pastor is a ceremony in which a congregation formally welcomes a pastor and commissions their work. It also serves as a symbolic culmination of the call process. Bishop-elect Taryn Montgomery will preside over a special worship service at LCGS on October 4 during which we will install Pastor Liz in our congregation.

The installation of our new pastor is cause for celebration! The LCGS Congregational Council and the Call Committee will host a reception following the service. All are invited and welcome to attend the service and the following reception, even if you are not a member or regular attendee of LCGS. We look forward to seeing you there!

LAUNDRY LOVE

Good Shepherd will be volunteering at Maytag Duluth 820 E 4th Street every 4th Tuesday of the month. **Maytag Day July 28th 8:30-11:30**

Please let me know if July 28 works for you! Text message to with name. Thanks. Susan Boutin

“Spirited Faith” (ages 30’s, 40’s, and 50’s) will meet on Thursday, July 30, both at 6 pm at Bulldog Pizza & Grill. Join us for food and fellowship! Inquiries can be directed to Elizabeth Pappas Weitzell,

Did you notice the beautiful flowers as you came in today? We are Looking for some people to **water the flower pots at church.** We are hoping to have someone come to church on Monday and Thursday, Pull the hose out of the brown hose holder to the length needed to reach the front door pots. Then use the faucet key, found in the hose box to turn on water and water generously. Also condition the pot by taking off dead leaves. Then roll up the hose, put the key back in it's spot and you are done. The pots are under the roof so they will still need watering but if it's raining on your day just come the day after. Thank you for your generosity of your time and energy. Go to

www.lcgsduluth.org/services

To sign-up. Any problems can be answered by Cyndi Venberg

you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ” Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

“How Great Thou Art”

ELW 856

*** Prayers of the People**

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation:

Faithful God, we pray for our church.

We pray that we welcome our new pastor and continue to grow as a community.

We pray especially for the Serve Boldly ministry teams hosted at our church as they serve our community these next several weeks.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer

Loving God, We pray for those most vulnerable. We pray for the “street level” groups in Duluth that provide immediate relief to the hungry and homeless – including Damiano Center, Union Gospel Mission, and Lifehouse. We pray for those without a cool place to escape the heat.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

God of compassion, we pray for all who struggle with addictions – including people we know and people we don’t know.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

God of Peace, We pray that all may listen to each other. Help us to refrain from fault finding and accept differences, striving for understanding and peace. Lead us to decisions that bring us together instead of apart.
Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

God of all Creation, We thank You for the beauty that surrounds us all in our forests and waterways. We pray for all areas impacted by wildfires.
Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray , trusting your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen

Video: Day Camp

***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 and welcome with one another.

Offering

Meal



God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

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).

Song during Communion: “Let Us Break Bread Together” ELW 471

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***Blessing and Dismissal**

P: May God, who is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness bless you now and always.
C: Amen

Go in peace, serve the Lord
C: Thanks be to God

***Sending Song** “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer” ELW 618

***Postlude**

Thank you all our volunteers who signed up this morning and the following who prepare ahead!
Projections Preparer Bruce Johnson
Projectionist Bruce Johnson
Streaming Brian Fischer
Hospitality Janean Tucker Next Week: Carol Loken

Thank you so much for sharing your gifts! Rev. David Tryggestad is joining us to lead music this morning! Parker is at a Music and Ministry conference on the East Coast.

Pastor Liz is excited to join the ministry at LCGS and get to know you! You are invited to join in a small group get-to-know-you gathering or contact her directly for a visit at your home, favorite spot around town, or at church. Multiple small group gatherings will be scheduled through fall. **The first will be TOMORROW, Monday, July 20th at 1pm, in the Gathering Space.** Please sign up on the clipboard. Pastor Liz’s work days will be Sunday-Thursday. As she learns the rhythm of this congregation, her office presence may vary. You are welcome to call or text: , or email pastorliz@lcsduluth.org. Emergency calls will get a quick as possible response, and other contacts will get a reply during workdays. Please feel free to connect for prayer and pastoral care, including if you are hospitalized or would like to be on a regular rotation for pastoral visits.

Many thanks to everyone who took time to fill out the Worship Survey! The results have been compiled and presented to Pastor Liz, the Church Council, Katie and Parker. It will provide them with useful feedback in this time of transition. We appreciate the congregation's willingness to be open and honest.
Thanks again, Worship Task Force