

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.
Or people can mail their gift to Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd,
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Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost -July 5, 2026

WELCOME PASTOR LIZ DAVIS!

*please stand in body or spirit

Gathering

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

Prelude

“Aria” by Paul Manz

Welcome and Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: 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.

*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.

*Gathering Song

“All Are Welcome”

ELW 641

***Prayer of the Day**

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Word

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

Children's Sermon

Psalm 145:8-14

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹ The Lord is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.
¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.
¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,
¹² to make known to all people your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
The Lord is faithful in all his words
and gracious in all his deeds.
¹⁴ The Lord upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.

***Gospel Acclamation** *“Alleluia VII” (Taizé)* ELW 175
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**
[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:]¹⁶ “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,
¹⁷ ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’
¹⁸ “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹ the Son of Man

**Day Camp used EVERY SPACE!
Can you name them all?
As campers spend more time in church, it becomes a safe place to grow in their faith!**



This Week at LCGS!	
<p>July 5, Sunday WELCOME PASTOR LIZ! 9:30AM Worship 10:30AM Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>July 9, Thursday 1:00PM Al-Anon 5:00pm Lake Superior Modern Quilt Guild 7:00PM AA</p>
<p>July 6, Monday 9:30AM –4:00PM Quilters</p>	<p>July 10, Friday 8:00AM Women’s “Son”rise Bible Conversation (ZOOM)</p>
<p>July 7, Tuesday 6:00PM Brass Rehearsal</p>	<p>July 11, Saturday</p>
<p>July 8, Wednesday 7:00AM Men’s Bible Study</p>	<p>July 12, Sunday 9:30AM Worship 10:30AM Coffee Fellowship</p>

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

I'm writing today to invite you to an upcoming tour of LSS Bethany Crisis Shelter in Duluth. We have this tour scheduled for Wednesday, July 15 at 10:30am. It will last until about noon. This is a great chance to learn about Bethany, to see the building "in action", and to hear about the scope of LSS youth services in NE MN generally.

I would love for you to be on this tour, and to invite others who might find it interesting, as well.

Please let me know if this works for you, or if you have any questions. You can RSVP to me

Dear Good Shephard Congregation, We are so thankful to be welcomed into your space and to have this camp opportunity. We have loved worshipping with your wonderful children and we hope they have grown closer with God. Your hospitality has exceeded any and all expectations. This was our very first program this Summer and it has given us an amazing start to the season. We appreciate all you have done for the Duluth community and your youth.

With lots of love, Melody, Erin, Vanessa and Camryn—Camp Onamia Summer Staff



came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

²⁰ Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done because they did not repent. ²¹ "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²² But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ²³ And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven?

No, you will be brought down to Hades.

"For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴ But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you."

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

ELW 765

* 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 for and welcome our new pastor – Pastor Liz – and her family.

We pray for our staff, our leadership teams, and our neighborhood.

We pray for the elders in our church that show us the way.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer

Loving God, we pray for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

We pray for people that are afraid for themselves and for others.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Holy God, we pray for our country.

As we celebrate the 250th anniversary of this country, help us strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Help us to be kind and loving – as You are kind and loving God.

We pray for military families – especially those preparing for deployment and returning from deployment.

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.

Amen

Before our offering today, we invite you to turn in your bulletins to the insert titled Prayers of the People. We need your help creating the prayers for next week! We want our weekly prayers to be personal, relevant, timely, and meaningful. Please fill out as much as you would like, and place that in the offering plate today.

Offering

Meditation on an Irish Hymntune

Give now
online



Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

***EUCCHARISTIC 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).

Sending

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

***Blessing and Dismissal**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.

C: Amen.

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

***Sending Song**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (v. 1, 3, 4)

ELW 858

***Postlude**

“Prelude and Fugue in C minor”

by J. S. Bach

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

Altar Guild

Projections Preparer

Women of LCGS are invited to a summer picnic!

Women’s Ministry Picnic: Monday, July 13 at 11 am

Brighton Beach Pavilion, Bring your own lunch, Dessert will be provided

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

“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 Weit-zell,

Did you notice the beautiful new flower pots as you came in today? Thank you to Susan Sage and Cyndi Venberg who were able to use donations to buy them and plant them with beautiful flowers!! Again this summer 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