

## 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!

**People can give** online by going to [www.onrealm.org/LCGSDuluth/Give](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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

### Worship August 24, 2025

#### INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

*Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.*

\*asterisk indicates where to stand, as able

PRELUDE

“Aria” – Paul Manz

+ GATHER +

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### MUSICAL MOMENT WITH PARKER

#### \*INVOCATION

P: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

#### \*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

P: Merciful God,

**C: you free us to love others,**

**But we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.**

**You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,**

**but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**

**You surround us with patience, kindness and generosity,**

**but we grow weary in doing what is right.**

**In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us.**

**Heal us, break our bonds and show us the path of life. Amen.**

#### SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: As a sign of peace and reconciliation with one another, let us share a handshake, nod or other greeting with our neighbor.

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Katie Kaiser Rich- Director of Faith Formation ; Parker Hinnenkamp –Director of Music Ministry ;

Christine Whitcomb- Office Manager;

Amie Abenth- Communications Coordinator- Greg Susens, Custodian

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

+ WORD +

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:9b-14

<sup>9b</sup> If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
<sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.  
<sup>11</sup> The LORD will guide you continually  
and satisfy your needs in parched places  
and make your bones strong,  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water whose waters never fail.  
<sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

<sup>13</sup> If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath,  
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;  
if you call the Sabbath a delight  
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;  
if you honor it, not going your own ways,  
serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;  
<sup>14</sup> then you shall take delight in the LORD,  
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;  
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.



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**Save the date... Our Blessing of the Backpacks worship will be September 7th  
\*and\* we will be collecting and packing Snacks for Schools for the 4th year in a row!**

Fruit Snacks, Granola Bars, etc... will go out to local schools for teachers and staff to use as needed. Sometimes, that looks like kids arriving at school hungry, so a school nurse grabs a snack from our bin. Sometimes, that looks like a child who can’t afford “birthday treats” for the whole class, so a teacher grabs cookies from our bin. Sometimes, that looks like a kid who simply forgot a snack that day, but this way a teacher doesn’t need to give up their own snack or buy their own supplies. Always, that looks like our church showing up to feed, love, and support kids, teachers, and staff - right where they are - in a regular school day. Please pick up what you can, bring it to church on or before September 7. Our goal is that our Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday is a blessing to ALL kids - not just the ones who are here. But, we need everyone’s help - everybody, everybody, everybody! - to do that well.

**Wanted: Lego Mini-figures**

In Sunday School this year, kids will be exploring “Creative Stations” to play and learn about the Bible Stories! We have lots of Legos so kids can build creatively, but we need more Lego people! (For example: if we want kids to “build a scene” from the Bible Story, most scenes need people!) You can pick them up at Target or if you have some you don’t play with anymore we would love them! Bring them to the office! Thanks!



This Week at LCGS!
<b>August 24, Sunday</b> 9:30AM Worship 10:30AM Coffee Fellowship
<b>August 25, Monday</b> 9:00AM –Quilting 6:30PM International Folk Dance Grp
<b>August 26, Tuesday</b> 6:00PM Brass Rehearsal
<b>August 27, Wednesday</b> 7:00AM Men’s Bible Study 9:00AM Walking Group with Pastor Lisa

<b>August 28, Thursday</b> 1:00PM Al-Anon 6:00PM Brass Rehearsal 7:00PM AA
<b>August 29, Friday</b> 8:00AM Women’s “Son”rise Bible Conversation 8:00 PM AA
<b>August 30, Saturday</b>
<b>August 31, Sunday</b> 9:30AM Worship 10:30AM Coffee Fellowship

Welcome and thank you for leading us in worship, Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen! Anna a "freelance theologian" living outside Two Harbors, Minnesota. Anna created OMG: Center for Theological Conversation. Here, individuals and groups, laity and clergy, come for questions, conversation, and study. Through OMG, she also speaks with both large groups and individuals, blogs and writes. In 2016, the family moved to a 20 acre property outside Two Harbors, Minnesota, and in 2017 began The Spent Dandelion Theological Retreat Center, where she offers a studio apartment, her 20 acres of gorgeous woods, her library, her consulting, and Minnesota's North Shore for people to retreat, refresh, and be restored. Anna married David Willis in August 2022 and the two of them live in bliss with son Karl while daughter Else attends St. Olaf on scholarship. Anna loves her life on the North Shore and frequently can be found searching for agates and traipsing through the woods with their three dogs, Gimli, Chutzpaw, and Pancho. [www.omgcenter.com](http://www.omgcenter.com)

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**Wednesday Walking Group Wednesdays through Summer!**

Join Pastor Lisa this Wednesdays at 9am in the parking lot outside of the office to begin with a mile-loop through the Lakeside neighborhood. Bring kids in the stroller and well-behaved dogs on a leash. This will be a weekly event through the summer. All are welcome!

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**Watering Flower Pots LCGS is looking for some people to water the flower pots and the new bushes in front of the main doors at church.** We are hoping to have someone come to church on Mondays and Thursdays. Thank you for your generosity of your time and energy. Any problems can be answered by Cyndi Venberg 218-391-8953. If you need any help signing up please call (218-525-1922) or e-mail ([office@lcsduluth.org](mailto:office@lcsduluth.org)) the church office. Thank you!

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**Save the Dates!! Laundry Love Fundraisers!**

**Fallfest Craft & Bake Sale**

Sat., Oct. 11, 9 - 3

**Potato Bar Fundraiser**

Sun., Oct. 19, 10:30 – noon

**If you are a maker or a baker, please consider donating!**

**\*Laundry Love needs drier sheets and black garbage bags and quarters in our little white box.\***

*Here's an update on what's happening at Laundry Love. The numbers are increasing significantly. We consistently see 40-50 families weekly with costs approaching \$900 per month for churches. Because of this, capping our spending at \$500 per month is necessary until we find more churches or businesses willing to help with funding. Since we partner with Lakeside Presbyterian Church, our commitment is \$250 per month. Please help spread the word about this community need as all Laundry Love teams continue to look for solutions for sustainability or contact me if you know of interested businesses or organizations to help. Thanks for all your support!* Susan Boutin

PSALM: Psalm 103:1-8

<sup>1</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

<sup>2</sup> **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—**

<sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

<sup>4</sup> **who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

<sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

<sup>6</sup> **O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.**

<sup>7</sup> You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

<sup>8</sup> **LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Celtic Alleluia"

ELW 174

Alleluia, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia

\*GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17

P: The gospel according to Luke, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter

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

<sup>10</sup> Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." <sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

P: This is the gospel of our Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Here I Am, Lord"

ELW #574

OFFERING

"Prelude in C" – J. S. Bach

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\*APOSTLES’ CREED

L: Let us profess our common faith in the words of the Apostles’ Creed

**C: 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 power of 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**

\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Let us pray for the church, the creation and the whole people of God, for God is near.

*A brief silence.*

L: You call your church to proclaim liberation and freedom to all. Give wisdom to bishops, synod councils and staff, and congregation leaders as they pursue a more just and equitable church and society. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: You inspire all creation to sing and bless your holy name. Send healing rains to parched places and relief to flooded lands. Lead us to enact policies to rebuild ruined ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: You work vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. Strengthen the resolve of world leaders and local officials in the way of love and mercy, so that all persons may experience abundant life. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: You satisfy your people with good things. In your steadfast love, receive the cries of all who are bent over under the weight of addiction, isolation, and mental or physical illness (*especially those we name in our hearts*). Manifest your healing presence in their midst. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: You call us to delight in the sabbath. Invigorate worship planners and leaders with creativity to aid this assembly in fresh and faithful prayer and praise. Enable all who gather here to be nourished and renewed. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: Confident in God’s presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion, who taught us to pray together:

\*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: The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit (+) bless you and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

\*SENDING

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

\*HYMN                    “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” ELW #858

POSTLUDE                    “Carillon du Longpont” – Louis Vierne

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**Thank you all our volunteers!**

Accompanist	Parker Hinnenkamp
Projections Preparer	Julie Seidelmann
Projectionist	Marcia Semerau
Hospitality	Kathy Kreager

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Next week: