

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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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

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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INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

*asterisk indicates where to stand, as able

PRELUDE Andante from Organ Concerto in F – G. F. Handel

+ 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.

*HYMN

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

ELW #650

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

+ WORD +

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

² Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. ¹⁴ I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18} I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

L: Here ends the reading.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

L: Here ends the reading.

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.

This Week at LCGS!	
August 3, Sunday 9:30AM Worship 10:30AM Coffee Fellowship	August 7, Thursday 9:30 AM Growing Little Loves Playgroup 1:00PM Al-Anon 6:00PM Brass Rehearsal 7:00PM AA
August 4, Monday 9:00AM –Quilting 9:00AM Growing Little Loves Playgroup 10:30AM Growing Little Loves Playgroup 6:30PM International Folk Dance Grp	August 8, Friday 8:00AM Women’s “Son”rise Bible Conversation 8:00 PM AA
August 5, Tuesday 6:00PM Brass Rehearsal 6:00PM Vision Council Meeting	August 9, Saturday
August 6, Wednesday 7:00AM Men’s Bible Study 9:00AM Walking Group with Pastor Lisa 9:30AM Growing Little Loves Playgroup 1:00PM Staff meeting	August 10, Sunday 9:30AM Worship 10:30AM Coffee Fellowship

Enneagram Workshop!

You are cordially invited to attend the Enneagram Workshop

Wednesday, August 13th from 5-8pm

Karen Carlsen is a LICSW psychotherapist in Minnesota and an Enneagram coach.

She has found the Enneagram to be an extraordinary tool

for facilitating awakening and growth.

Learn more about Karen at karencarlsen.com

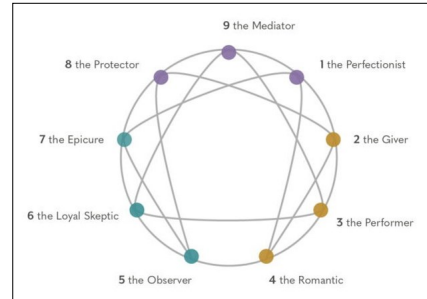
Heavy appetizers to be served

Discover the 9 types

Learn why we get “stuck”

Grow in compassion for self & others

All are welcome, \$10/ticket



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!

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) the church office. Thank you!

Table Top Games If you like to play board games or cards, please join us! **We meet monthly on the third Wednesday** (Aug 20) at 12:30 in the gathering space. This is open to all ages. Bring your favorite game, cards, beverage and a friend. If you have questions call Lois Opseth at 218-340-3605

Save the Dates!!

Fallfest Craft & Bake Sale

Sat., Oct. 11, 9 - 3

Potato Bar Fundraiser

Sun., Oct. 19, 10:30 – noon

Proceeds to support **Laundry Love** 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.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia

“Celtic Alleluia”

ELW 174

*GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

P: The gospel according to Luke, the 12th chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

P: This is the gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Blessed Spring”

ELW #447

*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: In solidarity with all creation, we pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

L: Revitalize and protect the treasures of wild places. Teach all people to value the earth, winds, waters, trees, and animals, the gifts that make life possible on this planet. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Speak wisdom to any in positions of power, that they cease practices of divisiveness, insults, and oppression. Clothe all people in your image and establish equity and peace. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Reveal your loving presence in the lives of people suffering hunger and need, illness and grief, pain and fear (especially those we name in our hearts now). Give strength to those who give care and equip them with compassion as they make your love known. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Store up in this congregation a full measure of gratitude and generosity. Guide the work of all who attend to financial matters. May our church not build bigger barns for security, but trust in your provision to share our abundance with those in need. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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*OFFERING PRAYER

P: Creator God,

C: in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest if plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

+ MEAL +

*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 OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to 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).

*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

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

ELW #733

POSTLUDE

Choral-Improvisation sur le Te Deum – Charles Tournemire

Thank you all our volunteers!

Accompanist	Parker Hinnenkamp
Altar Guild	Sue Boutin
Projections Preparer	Julie Seidelmann
Projectionist	Brent Jordan
Hospitality	Sandy Scott

Next week: Grace Monson

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