

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!

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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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Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

Worship Sept 14, 2025

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

The grumbling of the religious leaders in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God seeks and saves the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As the writer of 1 Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.

*asterisk indicates where to stand, as able

PRELUDE

Variations on HYFRYDOL

+ GATHER +

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Lisa

Sue Boutin, Laundry Love

Joel Abenth, Call Committee Update

"Why I Love My Church"

*HYMN

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" (v. 1-4)

ELW 392

*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity (+), one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Merciful and loving God,

C: we are your stiff-necked people.

We trample on the needy.

We grumble about your grace to others.

We turn away from the poor.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

Rejoice over us as ones who were lost

and have been found. Amen.

P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of (+) Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

C: AMEN!

*SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us share a sign of God’s peace with our neighbor.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (by Jan L. Richardson, *The Painted Prayerbook*)

L: Holy One, when I have become so lost and reliant on myself that I cannot see the need that gnaws so deep in my soul,
open my eyes,
open my heart,
open my mouth to cry out for the help that you do not ration,
the deliverance that you delight to offer in glad and generous measure.

C: **Amen.**

+ WORD +

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PSALM: Psalm 51:1-10

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- ² **Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**
- ³ For I know my offenses,
and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴ **Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**
- ⁵ Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my mother’s womb.
- ⁶ **Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**
- ⁷ Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.
- ⁸ **Let me hear joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**
- ⁹ Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my wickedness.
- ¹⁰ **Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

PSALM RESPONSE:

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

ELW 186

“I love Christmas” Meeting – Sept. 28th

Do you love Christmas? Maybe even Advent? Would you like to have input into how Good Shepherd celebrates Advent and Christmas this year? If so, please attend the “I love Christmas” Meeting hosted by the Experiencing God Leadership Team, which includes Katie, Parker and Pastor Lisa as they listen to what you love about Christmas/Advent services on Sunday, September 28th in the sanctuary following service. Be sure to grab a treat and coffee first.

We continue to move forward in the transition process and a big step has been made in Vision Council’s selection of the Call Committee: Nan Asperheim, Matthew Webb, Kelsey Sprowell, Joel Abenth, Frank Wanner, and Jodi Stacken. The Call Committee members agreed to the work and time commitment involved in selecting a new settled pastor. We will be commissioning the Call Committee at the September 14th worship service. The members will have their first meeting with Synod Liaison for Mobility, Susan Williams the first week in September to learn more about the call process and their responsibilities. Vision Council set a timeline to hopefully have a settled pastor in place by late spring/early summer!

Special congregational meeting on October 26th to vote on two items:

First, updating Good Shepherd’s constitution to better align with the ELCA model constitution and streamline the committee structure (the change would give flexibility to determine what committees are needed instead of requiring certain committees to always exist).
The second item is a vote on a sabbatical for Katie Rich, our Director of Faith Formation.
You will be receiving a letter from President Dave Larsen detailing these votes in more depth soon.

This Week at LCGS!

September 14, Sunday
8:45AM Family Sunday School
9:30AM Worship
10:30AM Coffee Fellowship

September 15, Monday
9:00AM –Quilting
6:00PM Blue Stone Dance Group

September 16, Tuesday

September 17, Wednesday
7:00AM Men’s Bible Study
12:30PM Table Top Games
4:30PM Endowment Committee
6:00PM 10th grade final Confirmation

September 18, Thursday
9:30AM Bible Study (Welcome everyone!)
1:00PM Al-Anon
2:30PM Music lessons
7:00PM AA

September 19, Friday
8:00AM Women’s “Son”rise Bible Conversation

September 20, Saturday

September 21, Sunday
8:45AM Sunday School
9:30AM Worship
10:30AM Coffee Fellowship



Save the Dates!! Laundry Love Fundraisers!

Laundry Love's mission is to brighten the lives of low & no-income families & individuals by providing free laundry services & offering love, dignity & detergent.

Fallfest Craft & Bake Sale

Saturday, Oct. 11, 9-3

Crafts/Home Baked Goods

Raffle/Quilt Auction & More!!

* Raffle tickets on sale soon! *

Potato Bar Fundraiser

Sunday, Oct. 19, 10:30 – noon

Fellowship Hall

Free will offering

(Suggested donation - \$6.00 adult, \$3.00 children)

****All proceeds support Laundry Love****

*Events held at: Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
(donations may be sent to LCGS with memo "Laundry Love")*

Sign-up sheets for craft and bakery donations and Potato Bar volunteer opportunities will be up **Sunday, 9/14 in the gathering space.** Please consider helping out if you can. If you aren't able to help, cash donations are always welcome and appreciated. Please place donations in an envelope and label Laundry Love. Donations can be placed in the offering plates or dropped off at the church office.

Craft donations - please put in the library between Oct. 5-10.

Bakery donations - please plate items such as cookies, bars and candy in 1/2 dozen or dozen quantities, in clear plastic storage bags. Any baked goods early in the week can put in the freezer **Note on the bag if the items include nuts, coconut or peanut butter.**

Raffle - items on display and ticket sales begin before and after church service

A new school year = Music Lessons for All Ages, Abilities & Backgrounds – Taught with Care

Parker MacIver Hinnenkamp is offering private lessons for children, teens, and adults, including beginners, returning players, and those with disabilities or learning differences. **All are welcome.**

Lessons are accessible, creative, and filled with grace.

For church members, lessons are offered at a special rate of \$1 per minute (for example, \$30 for a 30-minute lesson). Feel free to invite friends, neighbors, or family — this is a ministry of encouragement and musical growth. Talk to Parker after worship, or visit parkerhinnenkamp.com to learn more.



THIS WEEK! Thursday Morning Bible study. We start September 18th 9:30am

Everyone is welcome to join the discussion and fellowship!

The first meeting on the 18th will be a welcoming one!

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Here ends the reading.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung to the Doxology tune)

All glory to the God of grace,
Whose truth shines bright in every place;
Prepare our hearts, O Lord, to hear,
And make your voice in us appear.

*GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-10

P: The gospel according to Luke, the 15th chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸ “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

P: This is the gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” (1-4, 6)

ELW 502

+ SEND +

COMMISSIONING OF CALL COMMITTEE

Thank you to members: Kelsey Sprowell, Nan Asperheim, Jodi Stacken, Frank Wanner, Matthew Webb and Joel Abenth

OFFERING

“The Call” Ralph Vaughan Williams



*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

L: Merciful God, we thank you for the Call Committee and all the volunteers in our congregation who help to further your mission in this place. In this time of transition, help us to see how you are moving among us and directing us into the future. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Merciful God, we ask forgiveness for the ways we have neglected and harmed this earth and its creatures. Confirm our commitment to care for all you have made, granting us wisdom in how to restore your creation to its fullness. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Merciful God, we lift up all who suffer. Bring healing, comfort, and peace to those who are sick, grieving, or in pain. Give us compassionate hearts to accompany those who are hurting and courage to work for justice and mercy. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

L: Merciful God, bind us together as a community of forgiveness and love. Supply us with humility to seek forgiveness when we have wronged one another and generosity to extend mercy when we have been wronged. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

L: We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

C: Amen.

*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.**

*BLESSING

P: The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
(+) bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

*SENDING

P: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: Amen.

*HYMN

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

ELW 611

POSTLUDE

Postlude on KINGSFOLD

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

Accompanist	Parker Hinnenkamp
Projections Preparer	Bruce Johnson
Projectionist	Marcia Semerau
Streaming	Brian Fischer
Welcome Center	Janean Tucker
Greeters	Dave Larsen

Sunday School Pre-k to 6th grade!

We'd love to have you join us for Sunday School!

Sunday School meets before worship, starting at 8:45 am

We will explore the theme for this year: **Create Church Together!**

And all the **new things** we're going to try this year...

Our **new** regular Sunday School will start on Sunday, September 21

I hope you can join us!



Confirmation this Fall

7th Graders: Welcome to Confirmation! Welcome back 8th and 9th Graders!

Our Confirmation Kick Off for students and caring adults/parents will be Wednesday, September 24 at 6:00 pm

10th Graders: Your Confirmation Sunday will be **Sunday, October 12**

Please join us for an important meeting

Wednesday, September 17 at 6:00 pm for 10th Grade students and parents/caring adults