

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
August 23, 2026

Prelude *A Medley of Scandinavian Hymn Tunes*

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Acclamation** “God is Here!” vs. 3 ELW 526

*Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.*

***Confession**

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** “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

ELW 579



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis-sion: “Heal the sick and
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: “In my name bap -
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: “This my bod - y,
 4 Lord, you show us love’s true mea-sure: “Fa - ther, what they
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: “I am with you



preach the word.” Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
 tize and teach.” That the world may trust your prom-ise,
 this my blood.” Let us all, for earth’s true glo - ry,
 do, for - give.” Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
 to the end.” Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
 world a - round us share your chil - dren’s lib - er - ty:
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:



With the Spir-it’s gifts em-pow’r us for the work of min - is - try.

***Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray:

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Children's Sermon - Katie

Romans 12:1-8

A reading from Romans: ¹ I appeal to you therefore, my siblings, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia VII: Taizé ELW 175

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

***Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20**

The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

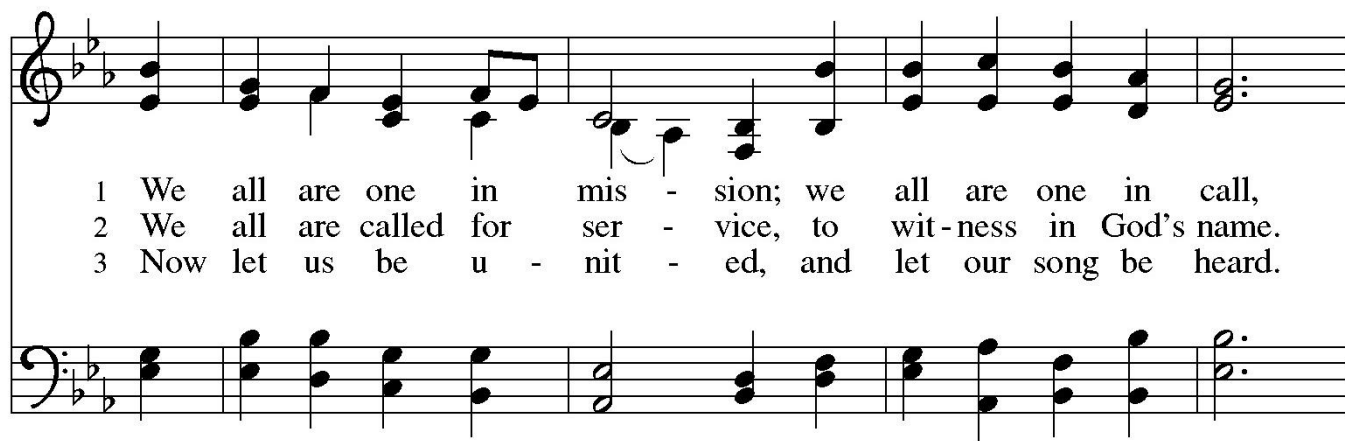
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – Anna Quanbeck

Hymn of the Day “*We All Are One in Mission*”

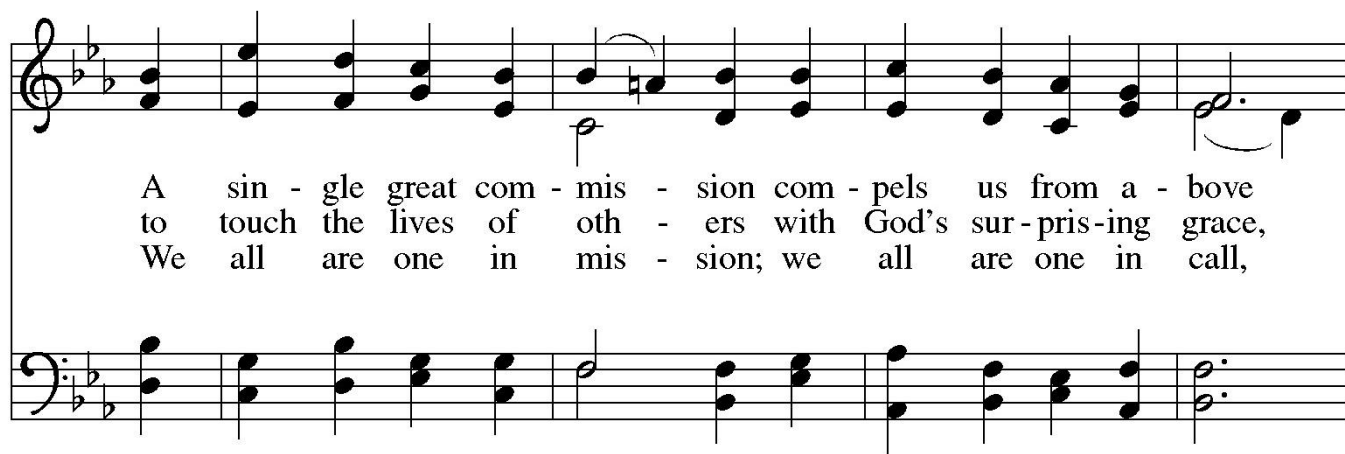
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1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

*** 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:*

*We pray for the church in every land and for this congregation. Thank you
for the gift of worship, and your presence among us in word, sacrament,
prayer, and praise.*

Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer

*We pray for peace among nations. Pull our world together. Our hearts are
heavy as we witness violence, poverty, addiction, and greed. Watch over
the military serving in the war. Support their families at home.*

Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

*We pray for all creation. Send rain to Minnesota and other places where it is
needed. Grant a good harvest to all who farm and garden. Help those in the
path of storms and those recovering and rebuilding, including the people of
Hawaii. Give hope and comfort to those who have experienced other natural
disasters, including the people of Indonesia and Columbia after recent
earthquakes.*

Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

*We pray for all who are sick or in any kind of need, especially those we
name aloud or in our hearts—. We pray for all who grieve, including Amy
and the family and friends of Cal Loken, and those we name aloud or in our
hearts—. Give them comfort, strength, peace, and an openness to leaning
on all who love them. Send strength and hope to all people.*

Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the faithful who have gone before us, including Cal. Hold us all in hope, as we await the day of resurrection.

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.

~Our prayers come from this community. Please join in crafting them by writing on the bulletin insert titled Prayers of the People. If you have a prayer request you would like to be kept confidential, please drop a note into the prayer request box on the welcome desk. ~

***Peace - Anna**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering *“Adagio from Concerto in A minor” by A. Vivaldi/J. S. Bach*

***Offering Presentation Verse:**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow ELW 885

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

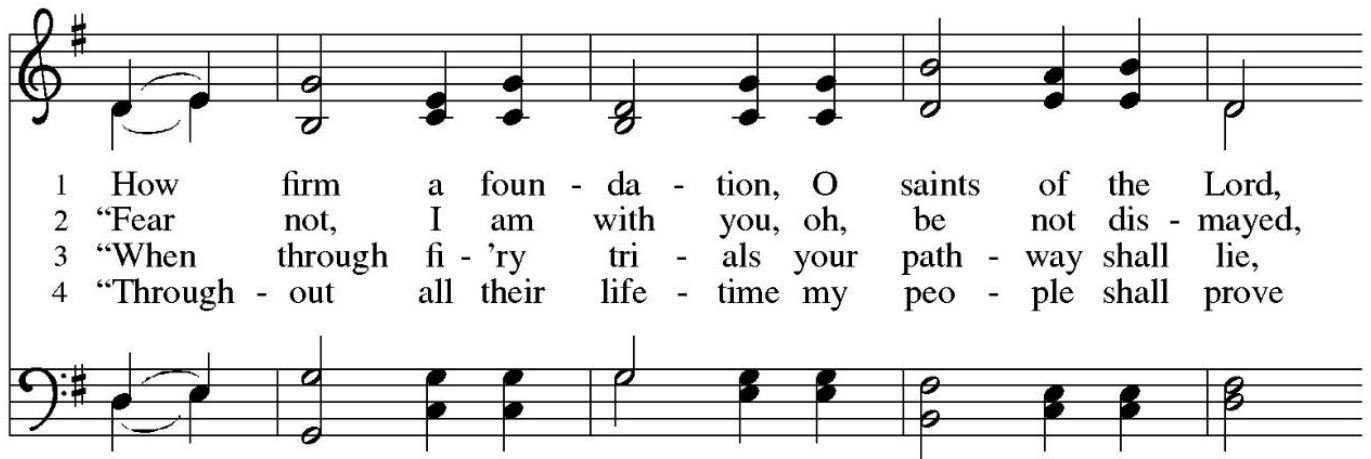
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Blessing - Anna**

L: May God be merciful and bless you,
may the light of God's face shine upon you,
as all the earth stands in awe of God's lovingkindness.

C: Amen

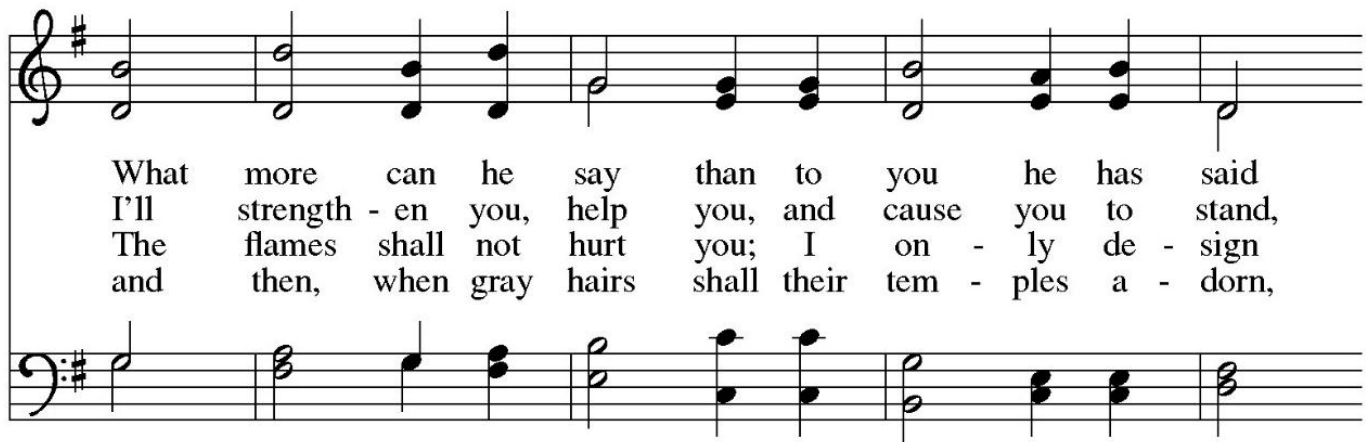
***Sending Song:** *“How Firm a Foundation”* ELW 796



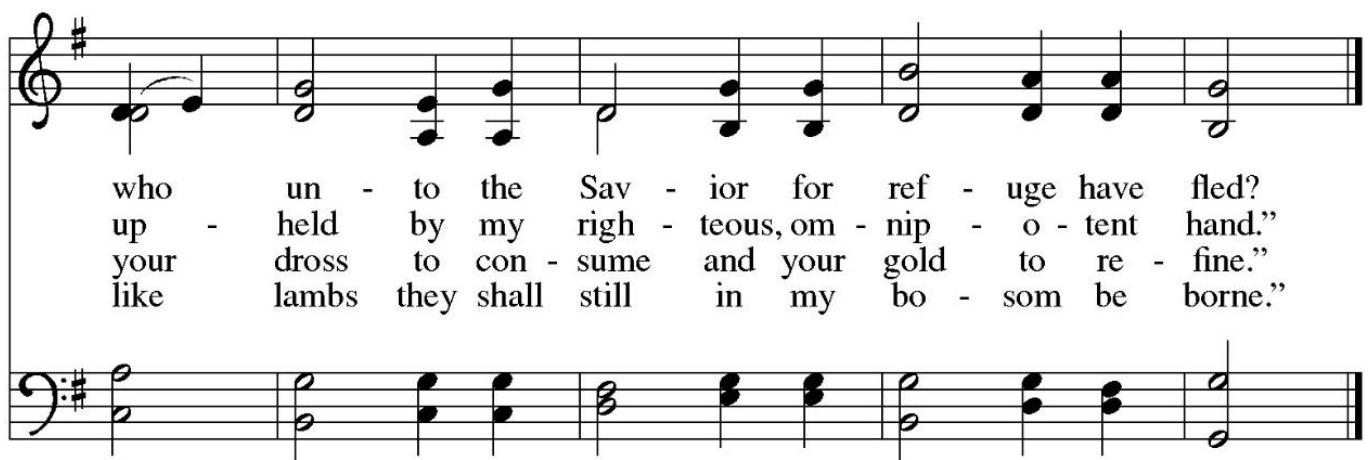
1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

***Dismissal**

Go in peace to serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Postlude**

Improvisation on *How Firm a Foundation*

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

Projections Preparer Julie Seidelmann

Projectionist Bruce Johnson

Streaming Brian Fischer

Hospitality Kristi Fischer Next Week: Kathy Kreager

ATTENTION! Our elevator is out of service. We are working to find a solution. We are so sorry for the inconvenience!

We are sadly sharing that long-time member and dear friend Cal Loken has passed away. Cal and his wife Amy raised their family here, Christopher, Michelle, and Peter. Cal's loved ones are in our prayers as they navigate this time together.

A Visitation will be held from 5-7pm on Friday, August 28 at the Dougherty Funeral Home, 600 E. Second Street. The **Visitation will continue on Saturday from 9:30am until the 10:30am Memorial Service** at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Burial with Military Honors will take place at Forest Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity. Some of Cal's were: To LCGS earmarked for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, Safe Haven, The Damiano Center and Second Harvest Northland.

SOME SAVE THE DATES!

Saturday, Sept 12: at 2:00pm (First Lutheran) Pastor Taryn Montgomery will be installed as Bishop of the NE MN Synod. Join the choir! (more info on the next page)

Sunday, Sept 13: Blessing of the Backpacks, Snacks for Schools, Brunch,
Sunday, Oct 4 during worship, Pastor Liz Davis will be Installed as Pastor!

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

THIS WEEK! LAUNDRY LOVE –Helping unhoused and low income families August 25th 8:45-11:30

Good Shepherd will be volunteering at Maytag Duluth 820 E 4th Street every 4th Tuesday of the month. The only requirement is a smile. As always, thanks for showing up! **“Laundry Love not only offers people the dignity of clean clothes; it has grown into a community gathering space where people can connect with neighbors and with other community resources. To learn more about Laundry Love and other projects started by *Stepping On Up*, as well as how you can support, go to <https://steppingonupduluth.org/laundry-love>**

Did you notice the beautiful flowers as you came in today? We are Looking for some people to **water the flower pots at church Go to www.lcgsduluth.org/services To sign-up. Any problems can be answered by Cyndi Venberg 218-391-8953**

Sing for Bishop Taryn Montgomery's Installation

Singers from LCGS are invited to join a pickup choir, led by Cantor Parker, for the installation of Bishop Taryn Montgomery on **Saturday, September 12 at First Lutheran**. Choir members will arrive at **12:45 p.m.**, with rehearsal beginning at **1:00 p.m.** The Installation Service will be held from **2:00-3:30 p.m.**, with a reception following.

There are no additional rehearsals. Come lend your voice to the choir and help celebrate this important day in the life of our synod. Contact Cantor Parker if you're interested or have any questions. The RSVP helps us determine how many music copies we need.

Our Blessing of the Backpacks worship will be September 13th

and we will be collecting and packing Snacks for Schools for the 5th year in a row AND we will be having a POTLUCK following the Service Project! Join us for worship at 9:30a.m. and students, college students, and teachers bring your school bags! Katie and Pastor Liz will be leading a blessing for the new school year for you!

Please pick up what you can, bring it to church on or before September 13. When we are done packing the snacks, we will be having a congregational POTLUCK!! Who doesn't love a brunchy potluck?

~Bring some food to share.

We will also have games and activities! See you there!!