

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
August 30, 2026

Prelude “*Prelude and Fugue in C Major, WTC 1*” by J. S. Bach

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** *"Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said"* ELW 667
 The choir will sing vs. 1. All join for vs. 2.

1 "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said,
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
 3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
 4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ,

"if you would my dis - ci - ple be;
 per - vade your soul with vain a - larm;
 nor let your fool - ish heart re - bel;
 nor think till death to lay it down;

for - sake the past, and come this day,
 his strength you shall bear your spir - it up,
 for you the Lord en - dured the cross
 for those who hum - bly bear the cross

and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."
 sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.
 to save your soul from death and hell.
 one day will wear the glo - rious crown.

***Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray: O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Children's Sermon - Pastor Liz

Romans 12:9-21

A reading from Romans:

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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 16:21-28**

The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised.

²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.

²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

ELW 659

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night - time
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant, too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

*** 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, that its mission and ministry is anchored in the love of Christ. When threats or challenges arise, teach us to take up our cross and follow you in faith. Give us in this congregation curiosity and listening ears, to ask for input and hear the varied views in this congregation with respect as we claim our identity and purpose.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

For the well-being of your creation, that all that lives and grows on the earth may thrive. Bring relief to areas ravaged by droughts, floods, fires, storms, and other disasters (especially).

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the nations and all in authority, that they seek to live in peace with one another. Bless the work of international and diplomatic organizations and all who work to bring peace to a world scarred by violence. Make us peacemakers: teach us to have open hearts as we encounter people with new ideas, other faiths, and other Christian beliefs.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all those in need, that they be satisfied. Ensure all your children have safe access to food, water, shelter, and medical care. Give us what we need for the nourishment of our whole selves. Bring healing to all who bear wounds in body, mind, and spirit, and those seeking medical treatment especially those we name aloud and in our hearts — — Sulo Kangas.... Teach us to honor all people, recognizing each person as Jesus 'beloved who has their own unique abilities, perspectives, and challenges.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the congregation gathered here to serve you, that they remain strong in faith and united in purpose. Guide our committees, study groups, and other meetings toward honesty and humility, always seeking genuine love.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the faithful departed, including Cal, that their witness continues to strengthen and guide the church. Renew our hope in your promises in this life and the life to come.

Lord, in your mercy,

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.

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**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering *Prelude on Kelvingrove*

***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.

***Words of Institution, Lord's Prayer, and Holy Communion-**

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.

Song during Communion: "Will You Come and Follow Me" ELW 798



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
pray'r in you and you in me?"
mean in you and you in me?"
sound in you and you in me?"
grow in you and you in me.

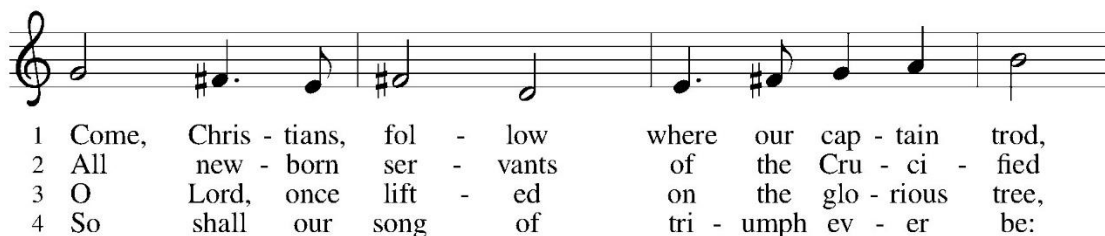
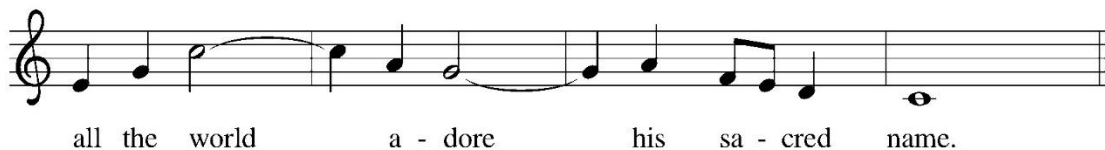
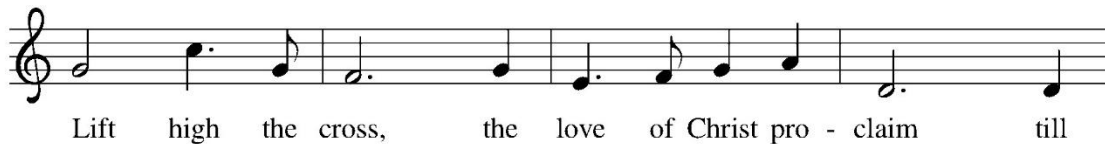
*Blessing

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

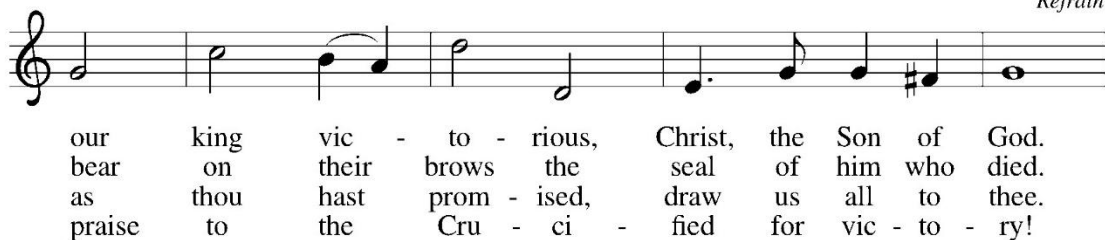
*Sending Song:

"Lift High the Cross"

ELW 660



Refrain



*Dismissal -

Go in peace to serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*Postlude

Postlude on Take Up Your Cross

OUR ELEVATOR IS OUT OF SERVICE!

WHICH EFFECTS MANY OF OUR MANY MEMBERS AND GUESTS.

We have been working to get it fixed, which has been difficult considering the age of the elevator. We are so sorry about the inconvenience to everyone!

SOME SAVE THE DATES!

Saturday, Sept 12th at 2:00pm (First Lutheran) Pastor Taryn Montgomery will be installed as Bishop of the NE MN Synod

Sunday, Sept 13th: Blessing of the Backpacks, Snacks for Schools, (snacks can come in now!) Brunch, etc.

Sunday, Oct 4th during worship, Pastor Liz Davis will be Installed as Pastor!

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!

Congregational Service Project! SNACKS FOR SCHOOLS!

When we are done packing the snacks, we will be having a congregational POTLUCK! Bring some food to share: fruit of veggies, appetizers, desserts, or a main dish. We will also have games and activities! See **you** there!!

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

The installation of a pastor is a ceremony in which a congregation formally welcomes a pastor and commissions their work.

CHUM

Chum is desperately low on food, especially pasta sauces and tomato products. Chum continues to take egg cartons.

LAUNDRY LOVE

A Laundry Love Store -Cherished Fabric Memories

When Marcia was assisting a woman with her laundry, she noticed a large piece of beautiful fabric in the pile. She asked the guest what she planned to do with it. Our guest said it was a cherished memory from her grandmother. Marcia asked if she sewed. Her machine was broken so Marcia took her fabric and made into a beautiful bag and matching pillow.

I looked for her last month but she didn't come. But, today she was there. I told her we had a surprise for her. When I showed her the bag and pillow Marcia made with her grandmother's fabric, she burst into tears of gratitude.

This is why we sew, connect with people in our community, and show up on Tuesdays. A little act of kindness was felt by everyone who witnessed this today. Good Shepherd will be volunteering at Maytag Duluth 820 E 4th Street every 4th Tuesday of the month, 8:30-11:30 am.

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>

Interest Group! Mondays 9:00am to 12:00pm Contact Sue Boutin

Did you know that LCGS has a very active women's group some of which like to sew. Our goal is to bring people together to connect, learn, have fun, and provide help to our neighbors. Sewing is not required. We work, play and learn together.

Our doors are open to friends, neighbors or just anyone who has time to join us. We have machines and cabinets full of fabric to create whatever is helpful for our community. Our donations have no boundaries.

We operate through donations from our "Women Together" group here at church, businesses and people who hear about us.

As a volunteer, you come when you can. You have no commitment other than showing up when you can. If interested, please leave your email and phone number so we can add you to our weekly mailing list.

Remember anyone is welcome to join us so pass it on. Contact Sue Boutin

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.

Cantor Parker MacIver Hinnenkamp

This Week at LCGS!

August 30, Sunday

8:45AM Choir rehearsal in sanctuary
9:30AM Worship
10:30AM Coffee Fellowship

August 31, Monday

9:30AM –3:30PM Quilters
10:30AM Growing Little Loves

September 1, Tuesday

8:45AM Laundry Love

September 2, Wednesday

7:00AM Men's Bible Study
11:30 PM Staff Meeting

September 3, Thursday

1:00PM Al-Anon
7:00PM AA

September 4, Friday

8:00AM Women's "Son"rise Bible
Conversation

September 5, Saturday

September 6, Sunday

9:30AM Worship
10:30AM Coffee Fellowship

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!

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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