Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
November 22, 2026- The Circle of the Church Year

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude *What Child is This* - arr. Melody Bober
Jesus Priceless Treasure - arr. John Carter

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**

As we gather to worship this morning
God is with us!
As we enter into the week ahead
God will be with us!
In both the difficult and joy-filled seasons of our lives
God is with us!
Today, tomorrow, and into the future
God is with us always. Amen!

***Gathering Hymn** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* ELW 855

***Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.
O God of power and might, your Son chose the path of humility and love, and so opened to us a kingdom unlike any other. Teach us to honor Jesus' kingship above all other powers. Give us the courage to live according to your kingdom values of love, peace, and care for the vulnerable, through your promise to be with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

The Circle of the Church Year: Children Invited Forward

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

A reading from Ecclesiastes:

3:1 For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:

2 a time to be born and a time to die;
a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;

3 a time to kill and a time to heal;
a time to break down and a time to build up;

4 a time to weep and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn and a time to dance;

5 a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;

6 a time to seek and a time to lose;
a time to keep and a time to throw away;

7 a time to tear and a time to sew;
a time to keep silent and a time to speak;

8 a time to love and a time to hate;
a time for war and a time for peace.

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation** *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones* ELW 424

O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing: Alleluia! Alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Gospel: Matthew 28:18-20**

The holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.
18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit **20** and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Spoken and Sung Reflections: God with Us Through All Seasons

Spoken Reflection: Christ the King

Sung Reflection: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* (vs. 1) ELW 634

1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.
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and crown him Lord of all.

Spoken Reflection: Green Season/ Ordinary Time

Sung Reflection: *Children of the Heavenly Father* (vs. 1) ELW 781 (LCGS Favorite)

1 Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.

Spoken Reflection: Pentecost

Sung Reflection: *Spirit of Gentleness* (vs. 4) ELW 396 (LCGS Favorite)

Refrain Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain*

Spoken Reflection: Easter

Sung Reflection: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* (vs. 1) ELW 365 (LCGS Favorite)

1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Spoken Reflection: Lent

Sung Reflection: *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* (vs. 2) ELW 325 (LCGS Favorite)

2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Spoken Reflection: Christmas

Sung Reflection: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (vs. 1) ELW 270 (LCGS Favorite)

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"

Spoken Reflection: Advent

Sung Reflection: *All Earth is Hopeful* (vs. 1-2) ELW 266

1 All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last!
Furrows lie open for God's creative task:
this, the labor of people who struggle to see
how God's truth and justice set ev'rybody free.

2 People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell:
"A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel";
she conceived him, "God with us,"
our brother, whose birth
restores hope and courage to children of this earth.

*** 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:

Fill your church, the body of Christ, with grace upon grace, so that through our service, worship, and common life your people experience and share your love with all people. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Make your creation like a watered garden, that all creatures from the smallest insects to the largest whales might have abundant life. Renew struggling ecosystems and protect habitats that sustain endangered species. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Comfort all who sorrow, console all who mourn, and fill all who feel hopeless with grace upon grace especially those we name aloud and in our hearts —-—. Draw close to those who are near to death, and reassure them of your steadfast love.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Establish peace in places where conflict, war, and fear endure, especially in Gaza, Israel, Ukraine, Russia, Yemen, Iran, Sudan, South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, and Haiti. Shelter all people displaced by violence, poverty, or famine. Sustain local and international aid organizations.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Blessed are you for the saints of today and ages past. In the fullness of time, gather us with all the faithful departed into eternal life with you. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God-with-us, we commend these and all our prayers to your care, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

Next Sunday, we will begin an Advent practice of writing our prayers to be hung and prayed throughout the season. 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 - Pastor**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory: *What Wondrous Love Is This* - arr. Anne Buys

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***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.

Offering Prayer

Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

***Words of Institution**

Lord's Prayer

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

In communion, we experience Jesus for us. The simple elements of bread and wine/juice convey Jesus' love, forgiveness, and grace. All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing. Ushers will invite your pew; continue forward to the communion server on your side of the sanctuary. Please put a hand over your heart for a blessing only. If you wish to receive communion, hold open your hand to receive a wafer. Please tell the server if you need a gluten-free wafer. Dip the wafer in the wine (red) or juice (clear). You may immediately eat the wafer. Continue along the outside of the pews to return to your seat.

Songs during Communion: *One Bread, One Body* ELW 496 (LCGS Favorite)

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***Blessing**

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

***Sending Hymn:** *Let All Things Now Living* ELW 881 (LCGS Favorite)

***Dismissal** Go in peace, serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Postlude** *How Majestic is Your Name* - arr. John Carter

We are grateful for Linda Turpening, who is leading us in song this morning.

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

Altar Guild	Dave and Betsy Larsen	
Projections Preparer	Bruce Johnson	
Projectionist	Bruce Johnson	
Streaming	Brian Fischer	
Hospitality	Jena Hart	Next Week: Amy Loken

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Shared Worship Leadership:

Worship leadership belongs to all of us. You are invited to take a more active role in creating a welcoming, meaningful, worshipping experience for our congregation. The whiteboard in the entrance area presents an opportunity for everyone to be involved in a variety of roles in worship. Starting today, the back side includes a sign up for next Sunday. We recognize some folks might want the readings ahead of time, or some folks come at 9:30am or are at Sunday School and never get the chance to sign up to lead. We hope you will join in sharing leadership! Pastor Liz will be happy to work with you to ensure you feel confident.

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THURSDAY MORNINGS Experimenting with Morning Prayer at Good Shepherd.

Join us for a time of guided prayer and morning meditation; all are welcome - all ages
7:45 am Thursdays: November 12th, 19th, and December 3rd, 10th, and 17th
The church building and sanctuary will be open at 7:30 am
The guided prayer experience will start at 7:45 am and it will last about 15-20 minutes

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THIS WEEK! LAUNDRY LOVE TUESDAY! TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH 8:30AM
Extra special help needed Two days before Thanksgiving, will be our Laundry Love wash day. I wanted to get this out so that if you have time to come that morning, we will be helping many in need of clean clothes. We have become a fine-tuned merry group of giving and receiving joy from those in need. Thank you everyone for showing up! Susan Boutin

Giving Tree for Life House is up in the Gathering Space! From now until December 13th, they would appreciate gift cards from Walmart, Target, Super One, and Walgreens in the amounts of $10, $20 or $40. the staff at LifeHouse are so grateful for our church's continued support of their ministry

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NEWS FROM THE SYNOD!

The NE Minnesota Synod has been moving in! The new synod office will be located in the current Lower Lakeside room, and the other two classrooms on the lower walk-out level near the Fellowship Hall. The month of November will be busy with moving in!! We plan to have an open house in the new year — stay tuned!

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THE KID'S CLOSET NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Gently used children's clothing needed!

The Kid's Closet provides FREE clothing to Duluth Public Schools students with a referral from the social worker.

GREATEST NEED: Boys & Girls Pants sizes 6, 7 & 8!

Donations can be dropped off at the church or text Leigh Ann.

Thank you for supporting our kids!

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The next special treat is coming up on December 6th: traditional foods from their heritage or family favorites. Examples might be a special cookie, candy, bread, beverage etc. Share something at the gathering after church on December 6. Bring samples to church by 9:30 that day and include a note or display to show the way your family celebrates.

IF YOU BRING THEM DURING THE WEEK, WE CAN PUT THEM IN THE FREEZER. OTHERWISE BRING THEM BY 9:15 SUNDAY MORNING TO THE GATHRING SPACE!

Salvation Army Bell Ringing - December 5th & 12th (our 27th year)
Only a couple spots left! Cub Foods on Central Entrance (inside!). The dates are Saturday, December 5th and 12th, from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Sign-up on an easel in the gathering space. Call Marcia Semerau at with questions.

Join us for a discussion on

Decolonizing Theology

Join us as we discuss these key concepts:

1. Why does this matter?
2. What is colonialism and it's impact?
3. What is decolonization?
4. How can we engage in Decolonial Theology?

All are welcome! whether you are familiar with Decolonial Theology or this is your first time hearing about it—you are welcome!

- **Location: Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Duluth**
- **When: Thursday, Dec 10th**
- **Time: 6:30 - 8:00 PM**
- **What to bring: yourself, a non-alcoholic bevergae of your choice, and something to take notes on if you choose.**
- **We will also be having pizza! If you plan to attend and have dietary restrictions, please let us know.**

For questions or more information, please email gathertwinports@gmail.com

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Christi Belcourt- The Wisdom of the Universe, 2014

This Week at LCGS!

Nov 22, Christ the King Sunday
8:45AM Sunday School
8:45AM Choir rehearsal
9:30AM Worship
10:30AM Coffee Fellowship

Nov 23, Monday
9:00AM –2:00PM Quilters

Nov 24, Tuesday
8:30AM Laundry Love

Nov 25, Wednesday
7:00AM Men's Bible Study
NO Confirmation

Nov 26, Thursday
THANKSGIVING (Office closed)

Nov 27, Friday
(Office Closed)
8:00AM Women's "Son"rise Bible Conversation (ZOOM)

Nov 28, Saturday

Nov 29, 1st Sunday of Advent
8:45AM Choir Rehearsal
NO Sunday School
9:30AM Worship
10:30AM Coffee Fellowship

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