Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
Wrapped in God's love Sunday, November 8th, 2026



GATHERING

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

Prelude Ubi Caritas *from Quatre Motets Op. 10* by Maurice Duruflé

Welcome

Invitation to Pledge: Frank Wanner
Offering

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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.

WORD

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

Children's Sermon - Katie

Romans 8:31-35, 37-38

A reading from Romans: **31** What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? **32** The Father who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? **33** Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. **34** Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes

for us. [35] Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?...

[37] No, in all these things we are more than victorious through God who loved us. [38] For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, [39] nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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: John 10:11-16**

The holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[11] (Jesus taught), "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. [12] The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. [13] The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. [14] I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, [15] just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. [16] I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Hymn of the Day Sung to the tune *Sanctuary:*

Lord, surround us with Your loving kindness.
Warm and gentle, strong and true.
With each blessing, may we be expressing
All the love that comes from You.

Wrapped in God's Love: PreK/ 6th Graders

We give you this gift to hold on to and remember
You are wrapped in God's Love

Invitation to Experiential Prayer:

- **Wrapping LCGS in God's Love with Singing**
  - Where True Charity and Love Abide ELW 642

- **Wrapped in God's Love**
  - Receive a shawl and prayer for yourself or someone else to remember you are wrapped in God's love.

- **Remembering Our Belovedness**
  - Come to the font and touch the baptismal water. Trace a heart on your palm, or have a loved one or the minister trace it, saying, "You are God's beloved one. Go in peace to share God's love."

- **Wrapping the World in God's Love**
  - Write a prayer on a strip of cloth and tie it onto the mesh frame on the hearts.

***Peace**

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

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: *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* ELW 588
Sung to: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* ELW 807

SENDING

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

***Blessing**

The holy Three,
the holy One
increase your hope,
strengthen your faith,
deepen your love,
and ☩ grant you peace.
Amen.

***Sending Hymn:** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* ELW 631

***Dismissal**

Go in peace, act in love, serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Postlude** *Improvisation on Hyfrydol*

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

Altar Guild	Sue Boutin	
Projections Preparer	Bruce Johnson	
Projectionist	Brent Jordan	
Streaming	Brian Fischer	
Hospitality	Susan Sage	Next Week: Jodi Stacken

TODAY! Connect with Pastor Liz! Everyone is invited to join a small group gathering to get to know Pastor Liz, share about themselves, and their hopes for our church. **TODAY! Sun Nov 8, 11:15am** at Mt. Royal Fine Foods.

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Story Project with Pastor Liz will be TONIGHT and next Sunday at 5:30pm.

Serve at Damiano Center! Sunday, November 15th. Food prep starts at 1:30pm and goes until 5:00 (come as long as you are able) serving starts at 4:30-6:30pm. If you have questions, see Brian Fischer or Marcia Semerau

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Women's Ministry (Formerly Ruth Circle) is meeting Tuesday morning at 10:00.

Generosity Sunday, November 15

We celebrate that God gifts us all things so that we and our neighbors might thrive! Please bring your pledges to be blessed as we celebrate the generosity of our congregation that sustains our shared ministry.

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Thank you to Missy Bergman, Jill Kaiser, Frank Wanner for sharing about the impact of LCGS and inviting us to join them in pledging support. In case you missed it, here is Missy's invitation:

The ministry of LCGS is making a difference!

Through worship, faith formation, service, fellowship, and outreach, LCGS is making a meaningful impact in the lives of individuals, families, and our community.

*One powerful example of this impact is our **Day Camp ministry**. Day Camp provides children with a welcoming place to grow in faith, build friendships, experience God's love, and create lasting memories. It also offers our youth mentors opportunities to develop leadership skills, build meaningful relationships with younger children, and live out their faith through service. Families are strengthened through the connections and support of our church community, while Day Camp serves as an important outreach opportunity to welcome new families, build relationships beyond our congregation, and share God's love with our wider community.*

These are just some of the ways LCGS is living out its mission and making a difference in the lives of others.

Because this ministry matters, our family supports LCGS through our participation, leadership, and financial gifts. My family believes in the mission of our church and are committed to helping its ministries grow and thrive so that we can continue making a difference for generations to come.

Pledge forms are available at church and here:
https://www.lcgsduluth.org/estimate-of-giving

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

This Week at LCGS!

Nov 8, Wrapped in God's Love Sunday
8:45AM Sunday School
8:45AM Choir rehearsal
9:30AM Worship
10:30AM Coffee Fellowship
11:15AM Meet Pastor Liz at Mount Royal Fine Foods
5:30PM Austin Story Project

Nov 9, Monday
9:00AM –2:00PM Quilters

Nov 10, Tuesday
10:00AM Women's Ministry
6:00PM Congregational Council

Nov 11, Wednesday
7:00AM Men's Bible Study
11:30 AM Staff meeting
6:00PM Confirmation

Nov 12, Thursday
7:45AM Morning Pray – All are welcome!
9:30AM Women's faith study

Nov 13, Friday
8:00AM Women's "Son"rise Bible Conversation (ZOOM)

Nov 14, Saturday

Nov 15, Sunday
8:45AM Choir Rehearsal
8:45AM Sunday School
9:30AM Worship
10:30AM Coffee Fellowship
1:30 PM Serving at Damiano Center
5:30PM Austin Story Project

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