

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
October 18, 2026

GATHERING

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

Prelude Fantasia by J. Pachelbel

Welcome and Announcements – Pastor Hank Noordzy

***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,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

**Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.
Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.
Turn our hearts back to you.
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

***Gathering Hymn**

Oh, Worship the King

ELW 842

1 Oh, wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.
 2 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 3 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
 4 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,
 5 O mea - sure - less might, in - ef - fa - ble love,

Oh, grate - ful - ly sing God's pow - er and love;
 Al - might - y, your pow'r has found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
 while an - gels de - light to hymn you a - bove,

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,
 the hum - bler cre - a - tion, though fee - ble their lays,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our mak - er, de - fend - er, re - deem - er, and friend.
 with true ad - o - ra - tion shall sing to your praise.

*Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

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

Children's Sermon - Parker Hinnenkamp

Psalm: Psalm 96:1-13

- ¹ Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- ² **Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**
- ³ Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.
- ⁴ **For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.**
- ⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.
- ⁶ **Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**
- ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- ⁸ **Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**
- ⁹ Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.
- ¹⁰ **Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will
judge the peoples with equity."**
- ¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is
therein.
- ¹² **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O
LORD, for you come to judge the earth.**
- ¹³ You will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with your truth.

***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 22:15-22**

The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” ²¹ They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

The gospel of the Lord

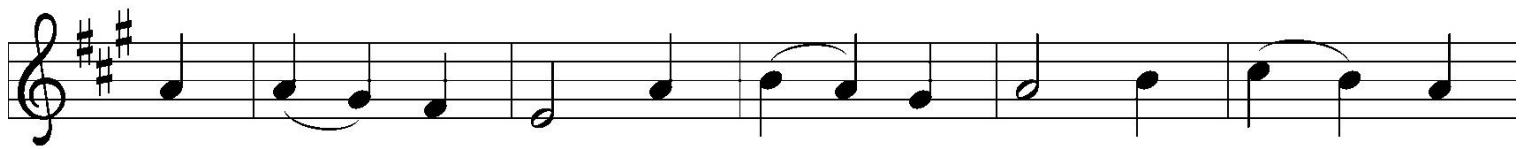
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – Pastor Hank Noordzy

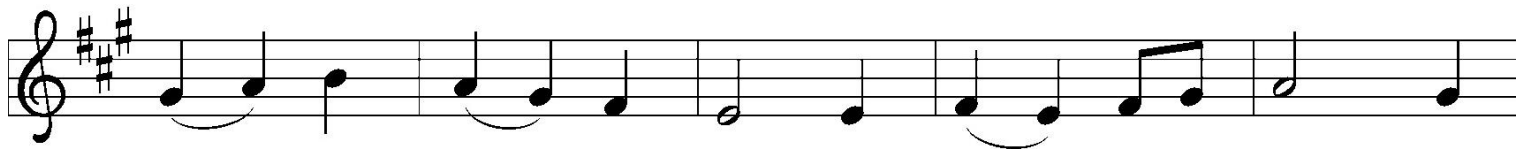
Hymn of the Day

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

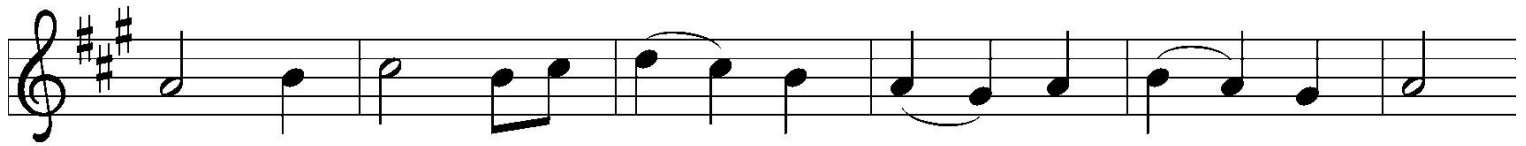
ELW 729



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

* 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 your church in every nation. Remind us that our "citizenship is in heaven," and our fellowship expands beyond borders. Grant that each congregation might meet the needs of their neighbors with your grace and love. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for every nation, their people, and leaders. Bring all wars and conflict to an end and establish a peace that allows each person to thrive. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all in need of healing, especially those we name aloud and in our hearts ———.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for our schools and all who work and study. Show us how we might best support our schools, especially through the stress of the upcoming referendum vote. We pray for police officers and emergency responders.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all who have died and now rest in you. Comfort us with your promise of eternal life.

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 - Pastor**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering

Just As I Am

*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.*

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*Words of Institution

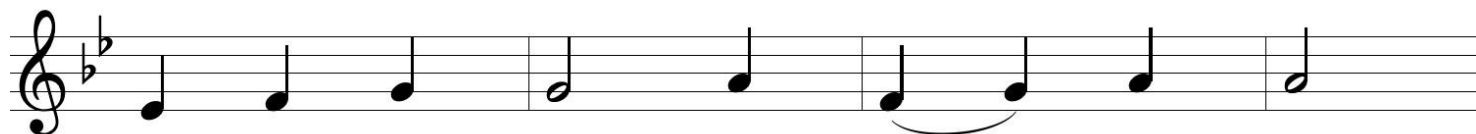
Lord's Prayer

**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.**

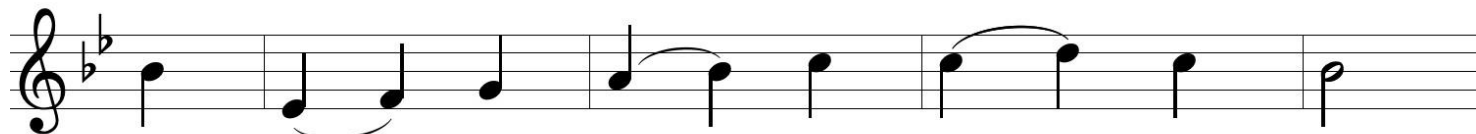
Distribution

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.

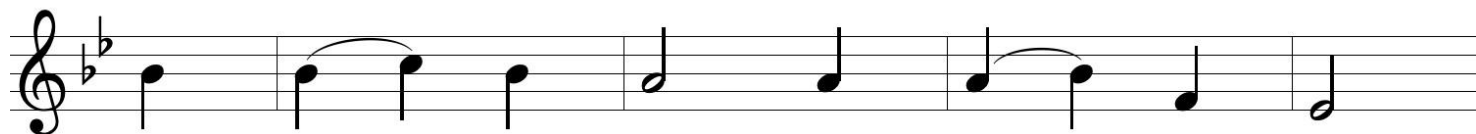
Song during Communion: *Just As I Am, Without One Plea* ELW 592
(LCGS Favorite)



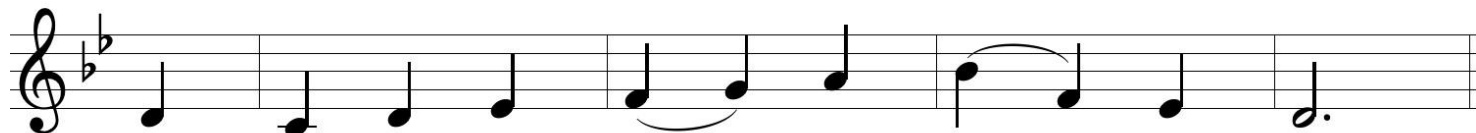
1 Just as I am, with - out one plea,
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive,
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known



but that thy blood was shed for me,
with man - y_a con - flict, man - y_a doubt,
wilt wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve;
has bro - ken ev - 'ry bar - rier down;



and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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:** *God of Grace, God of Glory*

ELW 705



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

***Dismissal - Pastor**

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Postlude**

Hyfrydol by Healey Willan

A very special Thank You to Pastor Hank Noordzy who is leading us in worship today as Pastor Liz is at a continuing education conference.

~Thank you for sharing your favorite hymns and songs! Favorite hymns of LCGS will be noted in the bulletin. We would love to hear and share your stories about hymns that are important to you; please contact Pastor Liz or Parker.~

This Week at LCGS

Oct 18, Sunday

8:45AM Sunday School
8:45AM Choir rehearsal
9:30AM Worship
10:30AM Coffee Fellowship
1:30 PM Damiano Serving

Oct 19, Monday

9:00AM –3:30:00PM Quilters
10:30AM Prayer shawl Ministry

Oct 20, Tuesday

Oct 21, Wednesday

7:00AM Men's Bible Study
NO Confirmation

October 22, Thursday

9:30AM Women's Faith Study
1:00PM Al-Anon
7:00PM AA

October 23, Friday

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

October 24, Saturday

October 25, Reformation Sunday

8:45AM Choir Rehearsal
8:45AM Sunday School
9:30AM Worship -REVERSE
TRICK OR TREAT FOR FRUIT!
10:30AM Fellowship

LCGS Office is open: M – Th: 9am-4pm Friday: 9am – noon
Pastor Liz Davis: pastorliz@lcgsduluth.org, 218-216-2522
Katie Rich, Director of Faith Formation: KatieRich.lcgs@gmail.com
Parker Hinnenkamp: music@lcgsduluth.org
Christine Whitcomb: office@lcgsduluth.org, 218-525-1922
Amie Abenth: communications@lcgsduluth.org