

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
September 13th, 2026

GATHERING

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

Prelude

Jesus Loves Me

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.*

***Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as your beloved children,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

At this font, you call us to take responsibility for each other and all your creation.

Empower us to support each other in our faith journey,
so that we may learn to trust you, God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world you made, and work for justice and peace.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

***Gathering Song**

This Little Light of Mine ELW 677



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,



let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

*Prayer of the Day

God, you are awesome, mighty, and wise - and you knelt to serve your disciples and gave up your life to give life to all people. You brought all things into being - and you care about all you have made. You know each one of us, our joy, our sadness, our fears, and our dreams. Help us to know you better, and to trust that you are always with us. **Amen.**

WORD

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

Children's Sermon

Blessing of the Backpacks

***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 13:1-13, 34-35**

The holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not

all of you.” For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am.

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying ELW 752

*Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

Prayers of the People

Listening Lord, we give you thanks that you hear and answer the prayers of our lips and our hearts. As a community we pray:

for the church universal, its ministry, and the mission of the gospel;

for the well-being of creation;

for peace and justice in the world;

for the nations and those in authority;

for our home, the Twin Ports;

for the poor, oppressed, sick, bereaved, lonely;

for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit;

for the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, our shared ministry and our community;

for all who receive the snacks and care bags we will assemble this morning;
for all students, staff, teachers, bus drivers, administrators, school board members, and families;
in thanksgiving for all who have died and now rest with you.
Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Hymn: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying ELW 752

*Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

~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.

Invitation to Offering

Offering of Tithes + Snacks

***Offering Presentation Verse: Sanctuary**

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You*

Give now
online



***Offering Prayer**

God, you give us all we have and invite us to replicate your generosity for the sake of our neighbors. Bless the gifts that we have offered: snacks, money, and our intention to serve. Use them to care for the world you so love. **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.

Holy Communion

Song during Communion: *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.

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 Song: *Be Present at Our Table, Lord

Be present in our schools, O Lord,
Bless students, staff, and teachers, Lord;
May minds expand and knowledge grow,
As seeds of lifelong learning sow.

Bless every home and neighborhood,
Where church and families work for good;
May generations join to share,
Your vision of a world that cares.

Be present at our table, Lord.
Be here and everywhere adored.
These mercies bless and grant that we
May strengthened for thy service be.

***Dismissal**

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Our service continues as we move to the gathering space to pack snacks
for school, to the fellowship hall to pack care bags, and build community
over our meal.

***Postlude** "Count on Me" by Bruno Mars

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

Altar Guild	Eric and Amy Kaiser	Projections Preparer Bruce Johnson
Projectionist	Karen Guerndt	Streaming Brian Fischer
Hospitality	Cyndi Venberg	Next Week: Nan Asperheim

~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.~

TODAY-Blessing of the Backpacks AND Pot-Luck: We will be collecting and packing Snacks for Schools for the 5th year in a row! Join us in the Fellowship Hall for brunch!

UPCOMING SPECIAL SUNDAYS!

Sunday, September 27th Bible Milestone for 3 year olds and 3rd graders and adults!

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

Sunday, October 11th Confirmation Sunday!

Children and Youth – Contact Katie to jump on the email list!

Katierich.lcgs@gmail.com

Registration and more information can be found on our website:

www.lcgsduluth.org/children--youth---family

First Day of Sunday School (pre-K-6th grade) SEPT. 20 Sunday School starts each Sunday at 8:45 am, downstairs in the big Fellowship Hall, then join us for worship at 9:30am in the sanctuary.

Confirmation (7th-9th graders) SEPT. 23rd, 6:00pm: Kick off Meeting - students & Parents

Men's Bible Study meets every Wednesday at 7:00am. ALL men are welcome in the Gathering Space.

Women's Faith Study starts up again this Thursday, September 17th at 9:30am

September Damiano service day!! Next Sunday! We really need volunteers to prepare and/or serve food on Sunday, Sept 20th No experience necessary and this is 18+ years old. Any Questions can be directed to Brian Fischer

Austin Story Project: Connect with God, self, and others as we gather around our stories and Jesus' story. Limited-term small group gathering Mondays at LCGS 6pm: Sept 21, 28, October 5, 12, 26, and Nov 2. Please RSVP to Pastor Liz: 525-1922 or pastor@lcgsduluth.org



CHUM IS DESPERATLY LOW ON FOOD and continues to take empty egg cartons. Please put any shelf-stable food and egg cartons in the entryway on the wooden cross



**Do you love coffee and treats after worship as much as we do?
It's hard to imagine NOT having time together with each other!**

Gathering Goodies Takes on Fun New Ideas.

We invite you to donate some of the cookies, bars, muffins, or other goodies to the celebration of community shared each Sunday. Bring them anytime and put them in the downstairs freezer by the dishwasher. Or you can make a donation for HOSPITALITY FUND in our account. We'd like to keep a good supply for weekly gatherings, and you can help support this mission. See Cyndi Venberg with Questions.

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

Bishop Taryn Montgomery will preside over Pastor Liz's installation in our congregation. The LCGS Congregational Council and the Call Committee will host a reception following the service. All are invited and welcome to attend!

To help mark the occasion, we are gathering an intergenerational choir of all ages to sing during the service. The piece is approachable, joyful, and designed to bring singers of different ages together.

Please come to as many rehearsals as you are able: All rehearsals are in the sanctuary.

Wednesday, September 16, 6:00

PM Saturday, October 3, 10:00 AM

Tuesday, September 22, 6:00 PM

Sunday, October 4, 8:30-9:00 AM

Are you a knitter or crocheter? Prayer Shawl ministry will be meeting again on the 3rd Monday of every month (Sept. 21) at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Prayer shawls are created by members, prayed over, then given to anyone who needs some extra love. Please let us know if you know someone you would like to gift a shawl to!

Calling all ladies! 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.
If interested, please leave your email and phone number so we can add you to our weekly mailing list. Sue Boutin

LAUNDRY LOVE: *Laundry Love is a no-cost laundry program, open every Tuesday morning. Laundry Love is staffed and funded entirely by volunteers who believe that everyone deserves dignity and clean clothes!*

Good Shepherd will be volunteering at Maytag Duluth 820 E 4th Street every 4th Tuesday of the month (Sept 22), 8:30-11:30 am. People ask me, "How can I help?" Here are some suggestions: Volunteer! Donate \$ to LCGS Laundry Love! Make laundry bags with us on Mondays! Donate unused towels and washcloths!



LCGS Office is open: M – Th: 9am-4pm Friday: 9am – noon

Pastor Liz Davis: pastorliz@lcsduluth.org, 218-216-2522

Katie Rich, Director of Faith Formation: KatieRich.lcgs@gmail.com

Parker Hinnenkamp: music@lcsduluth.org

Christine Whitcomb: office@lcsduluth.org, 218-525-1922

Amie Abenth: communications@lcsduluth.org

This Week at LCGS!

Sept, 13 Sunday Blessing of Backpacks! And Pot Luck!

8:45AM Choir rehearsal

9:30AM Worship

10:30AM Service project and potluck

Sept 14, Monday

9:00AM –2:00PM Quilters

Sept 15, Tuesday

6:00PM Congregational council

Sept 16, Wednesday

7:00AM Men's Bible Study

11:30AM Staff Meeting

6:00PM intergenerational choir rehearsal

Sept 17, Thursday

9:30AM Women's faith study

1:00PM Al-Anon

7:00PM AA

Sept 18, Friday

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

Sept 19, Saturday

Sept 20, Sunday-

8:45AM Choir Rehearsal

8:45AM Sunday School

9:30AM Worship

10:30AM Coffee Fellowship

1:30PM Damiano serving