

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
September 6th, 2026

GATHERING

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

Prelude *Berceuse* by Louis Vierne

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,
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 (LCGS Favorite)** *Gather Us In* ELW 532



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

***Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

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

Children's Sermon

Romans 13:8-14

A reading from Romans:

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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!*

***Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20**

The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“ If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day (LCGS Favorite) *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* ELW 656



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend-ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

* 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 our church and for the fellowship of Christians around the world. Guide our congregation as we move forward with our new pastor. Help this to be a community in which we respect others' point of view. Teach us to be inclusive to all believers in the good for humankind. We give thanks for Cindy and all the members who provide delicious treats every Sunday.

Hear our prayer

We pray that those experiencing floods and earthquakes, tornadoes and hurricanes, are met with help and comfort. Grant that they feel seen and remembered.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all nations, leaders, and people with power. Guide the direction of our country. Help us to come together and support our neighbors, ensuring everyone's basic life needs are met. Remind us that we are all human with mutual needs. Teach us to respect those desires. Grant that fear not feed anger towards one another. We pray especially for our neighbors in Canada.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all experiencing the back to school season. As school starts, grant that the transition goes smoothly. Bring calm and joyful excitement to students, parents, teachers, and staff. Calm fears of the new and unknown. Keep all safe and healthy. Give grace to families as they navigate changes in schedules, school supply needs, and all the stressors of this season.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all in need of healing, especially those we name aloud and in our hearts —. We pray for those fighting cancer: give them the strength to keep going and keep fighting. Help those who seek a new home find the peace, safety, and comfort they desire. 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.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Prelude in E flat

***Offering Presentation Verse:**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
*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.*

ELW 885

***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

Song during Communion: *Let Us Break Bread Together* ELW 471

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

SENDING

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

***Blessing**

May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ fill you with every spiritual blessing.

Amen

May the God of faithfulness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

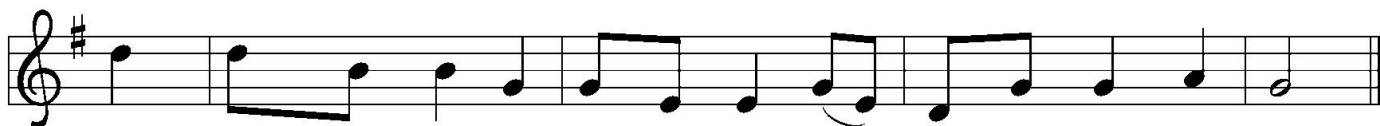
Amen

(Romans 15)

***Sending Hymn: *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (vs. 1, 4-6) ELW 886**



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!

- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

***Dismissal**

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

***Postlude**

Toccata in d minor by Gaston Belier

~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.~

TOMORROW -Labor Day Event –Monday, Sept 7th 9:00am-2:00pm

Come help our “labor of love” event for our community. We are making pillowcases for pediatric patients, IV port covers for chemo patients, laundry bags for Laundry Love.

We need people to cut, iron, sew. Machines and fabric provided. Bring a snack or just show up. Everyone is welcome! Questions to Sue Boutin

THIS SATURDAY! 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.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO The Installation Service will be held from 2:00-3:30 p.m., with a reception following.

NEXT SUNDAY-Blessing of the Backpacks AND Pot-Luck: September 13th

We will be collecting and packing Snacks for Schools for the 5th year in a row! Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a Potluck! Bring a favorite dish to share!

This Week at LCGS!

Sept, 6 Sunday

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

Sept 7, Monday

Labor Day-Office closed

9:00AM –2:00PM Sewing Service
Project

Sept 8, Tuesday

6:30PM Ruth Circle (Women's
Ministry) Upper Lakeside Rm

Sept 9, Wednesday

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

Sept 10, Thursday

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

Sept 11, Friday

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

Sept 12, Saturday

12:45PM Choir for Bishop Install
2:00pm Bishop Taryn Installation
at First Lutheran (all welcome)

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

8:45AM Choir Rehearsal
9:30AM Worship
10:30AM Coffee Fellowship

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

Altar Guild	Pat Johnson
Projections Preparer	Bruce Johnson
Projectionist	Jody Keppers
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