

**You are invited to this week's activities  
at Good Shepherd**

<p><b>September 10, Sunday</b>  <b>RALLY SUNDAY! SPIRITSONG</b>  <b>BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS</b>              8:45AM Worship              10:00AM Sunday School Open House              10:00AM Coffee Fellowship              11:00AM Worship              5:00PM Choir Potluck @ Asperheim</p> <p><b>September 11, Monday</b>              8:30 AM Jazzercise (FH)              10:00 AM Quilting (FH)              10:00AM AARP Board Mtng (ULSR)              6:30PM Reaching Out Leadership Team              7:00PM Girl Scouts (LLSR)</p> <p><b>September 12, Tuesday</b>              1:00PM Staff meeting              5:30PM Resource Devlpmt Team              6:00PM Ruth Circle @ Blackwoods</p> <p><b>September 13, Wednesday</b>              6:15 AM Men's Bible Study (GS)              8:30 AM Jazzercise (FH)              9:15 AM Gather Bible Study (ULSR)              10:00 AM Reb/Miriam Circle (ULSR)              1:00 PM Deb/Priscilla Circle (ULSR)              6:00 PM Confirmation Mentor Training              7:00 PM Ready to Affirm              7:00PM Good Shepherd Choir              8:00PM Register for ELCA HS Youth Gathering meeting</p>	<p><b>September 14, Thursday</b>              9:30AM Bible Study              12:00PM Human Resources team              7:00PM Vision Council</p> <p><b>September 15, Friday</b>              7:00 AM Women's "Son" Rise Bible Conversation (GS)              8:30 AM Jazzercise (FH)              8:00 PM AA &amp; Al-anon</p> <p><b>September 16, Saturday</b>              8:30 AM Jazzercise (FH)</p> <p><b>September 17, Sunday</b>              8:45AM Worship &amp; Communion              9:45AM Blood Pressure checks              10:00AM Family Sunday School              10:00AM Wired Word              10:00AM Coffee Fellowship              11:00AM Worship &amp; Communion</p>
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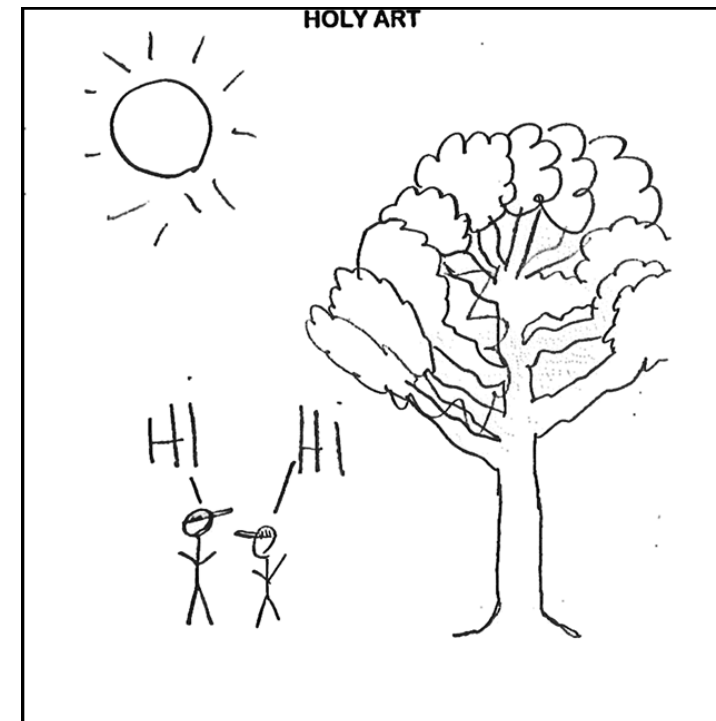
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**Lutheran Church of  
the Good Shepherd**  
Duluth, Minnesota



**September 10th, 2017**  
**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Rally Sunday**  
*SpiritSong*  
**8:45 and 11:00 AM Worship & Communion**

## Welcome to Worship!



We are happy you have chosen to worship at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd! Please use this bulletin as a guide for today's liturgy, found in the red *Evangelical Lutheran Book of Worship* in each pew.

**PARENTS & KIDS:** We have a few special things to help children enjoy worship:

- Just outside of the sanctuary, we have a Kids' Corner with a bookshelf filled with Bibles and other activities. You are welcome to bring a Bible into worship with you today!
- Please come up front for the Children's Sermon! (*Parents, you are welcome to come up with your child to help them feel more comfortable.*)

We love to have children in worship, but we also understand that sometimes kids (and parents!) need a break. Stop by our church's nursery (near the bathrooms) and say hi to Sydney! She will be more than happy to help!

### LEARN MORE

You will find a calendar of worship services and church events on the back page of this bulletin. Please pick up a current newsletter from the Welcome Center near the entrance for additional church news. Call the church office at 525-1922 or visit us at [www.lcgsduluth.com](http://www.lcgsduluth.com) if you would like more information about Good Shepherd.

**September 10th, 2017**

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Daily Lectionary Readings**

**All are welcome at God's table!**

Sunday	Romans 14:1-23
Monday	Matthew 18:10-35
Tuesday	Romans 8:26-30
Wednesday	Romans 8:31-39
Thursday	Romans 9:1-5
Friday	Romans 9:6-18
Saturday	Romans 9:19-29



## Confirmation Dates and Details for 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>

### Grade Families

Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 – Mentor Training

This training is open to everyone – but especially those adults who are interested in helping out with the Confirmation program! Whether you're able to mentor every week, or as a substitute – you should be part of this training!

Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Kick Off!

This night is intentionally created just for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade families? Why?

To meet each other!

To give you a "big picture" vision of our Confirmation program

To answer any questions or concerns you have, as the newest members of our Confirmation program

### Serving team needed

Sunday, Sept 17th. Join us at Damiano begins 1:30 pm until about 6 Pm

### Thank you to the following individuals who assisted in today's worship service:

**Welcome Center**.....Kathy Kreager 8:45 Donna Shafer 11:00  
**Greeter** .....volunteer needed 8:45 Audrey Madson 11:00  
**Acolytes**.....volunteers needed  
**Liturgist**.....Sue Boman  
**Reader** ..... Steve Kramer 8:45 11:00  
**Ushers**. Jim Skoog, Dave Kreager, Ron Gullicks, Dave Johnson 8:45; Laurel & Bill Pagel, ..... Fred Nervick, Karen Guerndt, Cheryl Racine, Mike & Cynthia Bradley 11:00  
**Altar Guild** ..... Judi Hermans  
**Offering Counters**..... Linda Susens, Mike Ronchetti, ..... Elizabeth Lundgren, Sandy Scott  
**Accompanist** ..... Linda Turpening  
**Projectionist**..... 8:45 Bruce Johnson, 11:00 Marcia Semerau  
**Gathering Space Treats**..... Arlene Olson, Barb Olson, Carol Olson, Lois Opseth

**A Journey of Renewal with *The Saint John's Bible*:  
From Conflict to Communion**

St. Scholastica Monastery, Duluth, MN      September 19 – 21, 2017



**“Listening to the word of God in Scripture”**

These words describe how Lutherans and Catholics have been able to overcome the condemnations of the past and experience a powerful consensus on Luther, the Reformation and the doctrine of justification. The divisions in the church have been very deep, touching all of us in some way. But the ecumenical consensus of the last 50 years goes even deeper, to our unity in Christ.

This month we have the opportunity to celebrate the unity of Lutherans and Catholics in a stunning way. Once again we will be collaborating with the Sisters of Saint Scholastica Monastery to bring *The Saint John's Bible* to Duluth. On September 19-21 we will be co-sponsoring “A Journey of Renewal with *The Saint John's Bible*: From Conflict to Communion.” Our prayer is that through the presentations, teaching, worship and conversations, we would experience “that they may all be one!” The entire community is welcome to all of the events, but of special interest will be the community worship services on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Please take advantage of this amazing opportunity!

**See insert for event schedule. All are welcome, invite a friend!**

**Movie about Martin Luther:** PBS will air “**Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World**” on Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m. Martin Luther triggered a seismic upheaval that rocked the western world in the 1500s—with an impact that continues to reverberate to this day. This film tells the great adventure story of his life. At the same time, it examines his quest for truth, including “Who am I?” and “What is my purpose?”

**CHUM Church** meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month at Peace Church. Today and in October, LCGS will be hosting with Family of God Lutheran! Join us! 4:00pm Pre-worship Gathering in the Fellowship Hall 4:35 pm Worship in the sanctuary. 5:15pm Light supper served in the Fellowship Hall.

**Pick up an extra!** While you are shopping this week, grab some extra school supplies for LWR! Our kits take pens, pencils, 70 sheet notebooks, Crayons, blunt scissors, Rulers and Erasers. See list in gathering space, LWR Kits! Lists are in the Welcome Area.

**PRELUDE**

Linda Turpening

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory  
Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory  
Rise and shine and (clap) give God the glory, glory  
Children of the Lord!  
(Repeat)

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

Leader: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Congregation: Amen.**

Leader: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**Congregation: Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

\*GATHERING SONG

"Dance With Me"

F C F C F C F

This is ho - ly time we're ga-thered to - ge - ther to wor - ship you to

8 C F Dm C Dm C Dm C

love one an-oth - er And as we pray And as we sing And as we dance and

16 Dm C Dm C Dm G Gsus<sup>4</sup> G

as we dream Oh Lord I beg of you Just this one thing

Chorus

24 C F C F C F C

Won't you dance with me Through-out the heav - ens and be - low the sea and u - pon the moun

32 F Dm C Dm C

tain tops Flow with the breeze Come car - ry me

37 Dm G C F C

Lord won't you dance with me.

42 C F C F C F C F

dance with me Through-out the heav - ens and be - low the sea and u - pon the moun - tain tops.

50 Dm C Dm C Dm G C F C

Flow with the breeze Come car - ry me Lord won't you dance with me.

**Houston: We have a Gathering!**

Next summer: Houston, Texas will host the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering! This amazing opportunity for high school students happens just once every three years. High school students from all over the Synod will travel together, stopping in Galveston, TX for a few days of Service Projects, Worship, and Bible Studies. Then, high school students from all across with country (and world!) will meet in Houston for Mass Gathering Worship Experiences, more service projects, and even more faith formation opportunities. In order to participate, you must be entering grades 9-12 this fall and you **MUST ATTEND A MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY, Sept. 13, at 8:00 pm.** At this meeting, we will fill out the necessary paperwork to register for this amazing event. Registration **CLOSES** on Monday, Sept. 25. This is a firm and final deadline for all.



***Create, Laugh, Learn!***

We need your talents as we get closer to our Marketplace Fundraiser event this November. Last year we raised over \$6000. **All fundraising profits will go to benevolent causes for our church, and community! Think of all the ways this money could benefit others.** Please consider donating your gifts of handmade items, bakery goods, silent auction services and baskets, or vintage items. If your talents are pricing, display, communication, volunteer organization and calling please consider a few hours of your time. **Stay tuned for more updates as we approach our fall event.**

**"Winter Creations" September 26th 9:00am**

Do you have a Christmas cup or vase you'd like to part with? Please leave at the office for an October workshop.

Next month, we are inviting anyone to join us for making holiday items for sale. We have some nice donated flannel for pajamas and need help putting them together. Bring a machine or use ours. We will give you something to do if you want to help. Hope to see you there!

Sue Boutin 525-3994



**Do you enjoy singing?** Our adult choir is a marvelous place to build community, learn Biblical truth and proclaim it in a beautiful and creative way. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM, usually three times a month, and sing twice a month for worship. We welcome all singers, even those who cannot commit to our entire schedule. Just come when you can. Ability to read music is not necessary and folks who have never sung in a choir are more than welcome. First Rehearsal : Wed. Sept 13, at 7pm



## Worship Notes and Announcements

**AS WE ARE PRAYING FOR ALL MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION**, this week we remember in our prayers: Diane & Dick Simonson; Judy & Earl Rogers; Lorrie & Scott Bradt, Mitch and Faith; Betsy & Nick Crist, Henry and Elizabeth



### Sunday School Announcements

**The kick-off to the Sunday School Year Today!** Please join us in worship for the **Blessing of the Backpacks**. Then, in between services, join us for the **“Sunday School Open”**: Mini Golf your way through the Sunday School Classrooms! This is a great way for new families to explore the church, kids to see their classrooms, and families to meet each other! After you’ve completed all 9 “Holes” – join us in the Fellowship Hall for a special treat!



Want to learn more about the Sunday School Year? Join us on **Sunday, September 17th for a Family Sunday School Day!** We’ll share the theme for the year, special events that we have planned, and then we’ll close with some great activities – including a service project everyone in your family can do!



### **Wired Word** 10am Upper Lakeside Room

Join us for a discussion about social media. Examples used are a professor losing his job over a comment on a private Twitter account, the other about a mega church not opening their doors to hurricane victims. How do we share our beliefs on social media and how does it affect others? Everyone is welcome, previous reading required.

**OWLS** (Older, Wiser, Lutherans) Our **September** outing:

### **THE ST. LOUIS RIVER EXPERIENCE**

When: Monday, September 18th

Time: 10:30am-12:30pm - each cruise holds 14 people

Where: leaves from the Spirit Lake Marina in Riverside

carpool from church at 9:30 OR just go to the marina

**rsvp to Nan Asperheim at 724-7733 by September 11th**

The cruise is Free! Handicap accessibility available. This is a good time to invite your friends to join us.



**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY** Leader: Let us pray.

**Congregation:** Dear Lord, source of all goodness: Thank you for teachers, for schools, and for all the opportunities we are given to learn about your fascinating world. We pray for all students, that they may experience school as a lively place for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom. Bless our students. Bless our teachers. In Jesus name, Amen.

### SPECIAL MUSIC

“God Loves Us So”

Jenna Meyer, soloist

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Katie Rich

(Please sing “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” as the children walk to and from the children’s message.)

### Romans 5:5-8

5and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

6For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. 8But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

### Psalm 46

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.

<sup>6</sup>**The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

<sup>8</sup>**Come, behold the works of the LORD;  
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

<sup>9</sup>He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup>"Be still, and know that I am God!

I am exalted among the nations,  
I am exalted in the earth."

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**ROMANS 14:7-9**

<sup>7</sup>We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

**SERMON**

Pastor Tim Berdahl

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "My God Is Powerful"

Chorus: My God is powerful, He stands invincible  
I will hold on to Him, I will hold on to Him  
Through God I will overcome  
He's the rock that will never move  
I will hold on to Him, I will hold on to Him

His power moves the earth and sky  
Takes me to the highest heights  
My God is powerful!  
His power will forgive and heal  
Crushes darkness Drives our fear  
My God is powerful!

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: the Peace of Christ be with you always.

**Congregation: And also with you.** (greet one another with: *Peace be with you*)

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**

"Nothing Without You"

Spiritsong

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*THE 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.

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**SENDING SONG**

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

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**Postlude**

Linda Turpening

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