

**Lutheran Church of
the Good Shepherd**
Duluth, Minnesota



August 23, 2015

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 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!
- In the back of the sanctuary are Joy Bags filled with fun activities for younger kids.
- Come sit in the front of the sanctuary so your child can see everything that's happening!
- In the pews, are "Holy Art" cards for kids of all ages to draw on.
- 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 Kayla! She will be more than happy to help!

COMMUNION—You are invited to join us this morning in Holy Communion. We believe that Christ is present in the bread and wine given at the Lord's Supper — a sacrament offered to renew the relationship God began in Baptism. **Communion will be served today by Intinction.** Communicants should come forward to the two serving stations, receive the wafer of bread and dip it into the (first) chalice of wine or the (second) chalice of grape juice. Children not yet instructed to receive the Sacrament are invited forward for a blessing. The first two pews on the pulpit side are reserved for people who are unable to go up to the communion rail. Please sit there if you wish to have communion brought to you. Gluten free communion wafers are available, let the communion server know if you would prefer this option.

Scripture Readings

FIRST READING— Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

¹ Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a} And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴ “Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵ Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

¹⁶ Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; ¹⁷ for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸ and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

Psalm: Psalm 34:15-22

¹⁵ The eyes of the LORD are up- | on the righteous,
and God’s ears are open | to their cry.

¹⁶ **The face of the LORD is against those | who do evil,
to erase the remembrance of them | from the earth.**

¹⁷ The righteous cry, and | the LORD hears them
and delivers them from | all their troubles.

¹⁸ **The LORD is near to the | brokenhearted
and saves those whose spir- | its are crushed.**

¹⁹ Many are the troubles | of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers them from | every one.

²⁰ **God will keep safe | all their bones;
not one of them | shall be broken.**

²¹ Evil will bring death | to the wicked
and those who hate the righteous | will be punished.

²² **O LORD, you redeem the life | of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished.**

Gospel: John 6:56-69

[Jesus said,]⁵⁶ “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”⁵⁹ He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰ When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?”⁶¹ But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you?⁶² Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?⁶³ It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.⁶⁴ But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him.⁶⁵ And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

⁶⁶ Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him.⁶⁷ So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?”⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.⁶⁹ We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

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Daily Lectionary Readings

Sunday	John 6:60-65
Monday	John 6:66-71
Tuesday	Ephesians 6:1-4
Wednesday	Ephesians 6:5-9
Thursday	Ephesians 6:10-17
Friday	Ephesians 6:18-20
Saturday	Ephesians 6:21-24

Worship Notes and Announcements



AS WE ARE PRAYING FOR ALL MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION, this week we remember in our prayers: Sharla & Jim Anderson; Joyce Dohlin; Jenna & Andrew Bergee

ALTAR FLOWERS— Today the altar flowers are provided by *Mary Thorene* in memory of *John Thorene*. The flower calendar is posted on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. Sign up to sponsor altar flowers in honor of or to memorialize loved ones, or celebrate a special event. The cost is \$35.

CORRECTION— On August 16th, the altar flowers were provided by Tom and Julie Seidemann in celebration of their 42 Anniversary.



ATTENTION RUNNERS— Please join Pr. Dave in running the Wheels Off Half Marathon or the Tunnel 10k on September 19th! Our team is raising money for the Center for Changing Lives in Duluth, our dream for ending youth homelessness. Pr. Dave is running in honor of Bob and Ann Niedringhaus, who are so important to this project. Register at northshorerun.com and use the discount code **Iss131** for the Half (\$59) or **Iss10k1** for the 10k (\$35). Our team is named Issinlinemarathon.com.

Donate to our team by check or at

www.crowdrise.com/luteransocialservic

Thank you for your support!

SERVING TEAM— Serving team needed! Sunday, September 6th at Damiano Center from 1:30 pm to 6:30 p.m. Sign up in Gathering Space after service this morning.



FOCUSED FOOD DRIVE— August 16th-September 20th drop off your food shelf items and watch our donations grow! This month our focus is on CHUM’s requests for:

- Tuna,
- Thick soups
- Meals in a can like chili or spam
- Peanut butter.

Watch the donations pile up, when you “buy an extra!”

CHOIR PICNIC— Summer is coming to a close and it is time to have our end of the summer choir picnic. The Asperheim’s have generously agreed to open there home to our group on August 26th at 6:30 PM. Please bring something to share. Spouses and families are welcome.

GARDEN TEAM— Our Garden team is holding a fall event planning meeting Thursday, September 10th at 6:30 in the Gathering Space. Anyone with an interest in learning about plants from each other, having fun, and nurturing our spirits through gardening are welcome to join our team.



BLESSING OF THE BACK PACKS— Our annual Blessing of the Backpacks will take place on Sunday, September 13th at both the 8:30 & 11 AM Worship Services.



Sunday School Registration— New this year, our Sunday School registration is available on line. Go to our website lcsduluth.com, look under the Children and Families Tab and click on Sunday School.

Fundraising



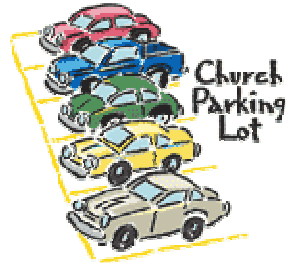
Deals on Wheels

Parking Lot Sale

Saturday, September 19th, 2015

9:00 AM– 1:00 PM

- ★ Gather your Rummage, Hand Crafted, Home Made or Baked Goods.
- ★ Get Creative! Turn your pick-up , van or family sedan into your own personal store front.
- ★ 100% of the profits are yours to keep.
- ★ \$20 deposit reserves your spot
- ★ Space is limited! Call Nan today 218-724-7733
- ★ No wares to sell? That's O.K. We need shoppers too. Treasure and treats abound!



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

Welcome Center Barb & Don Garnett
Greeter.....volunteer needed
Acolytes volunteers needed
LiturgistKathy Gustafson
Reader..... Cyndi Venberg
Ushers..... Mike & Deb Klopp; Pat & Susan Sage; Jerry Asperheim
Altar Guild.....Chris & Carolyn James
Offering Counters.... Doug Carlson, Audrey Madson, Nancy Cayemberg
Accompanist..... Linda Turpening
Projectionist..... Marcia Semerau
Gathering Space Treats Jodi Stacken, Sheila Stevens, Tina Stoneburner, Linda Susens

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

SUNDAY, August 23rd

9:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship

MONDAY, August 24th

8:30 AM Jazzercise
10:00 AM Quilting
6:30 PM Quilting

TUESDAY, August 25th

6:00 PM Soccer (Field)

WEDNESDAY, August 26th

6:15 AM Men's Bible Study
8:30 AM Jazzercise
6:30 PM Choir Picnic (Asperheim's)
7:00 PM Prayer Shawl (GS)

THURSDAY, August 27th

9:30 AM Newsletter Assembly
4:00 PM Duluth East Volleyball
Dinner

FRIDAY, August 28th

7:00 AM Women's "Son"rise Bible
Conversation
8:30 AM Jazzercise
8:00 PM AA & Al-anon

SATURDAY, August 29th

8:30 AM Jazzercise

SUNDAY, August 30th

9:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship

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