

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



... the LORD opens
the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up
those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.

PSALM 146:8, NRSV

September 6, 2015

Fifteenth 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. Communicants will be ushered forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisles. 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— Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

^{7a} the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Psalm 146

¹ Hal- | lelujah! Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

² **I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

³ Put not your | trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there | is no help.

⁴ **When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,
and in that day | their thoughts perish.**

⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;
who keeps promis- | es forever;**

⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those
who hunger. The LORD sets the | captive free.

⁸ **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those
who | are bowed down; the LORD | loves the righteous.**

⁹ The LORD cares | for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan
and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

¹⁰ **The LORD shall | reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. |
Hallelujah!**

Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

²⁴ [Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syro-Phoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.²⁷ He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.”²⁸ But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.”²⁹ Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.”³⁰ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.³² They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him.³³ He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue.³⁴ Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.”³⁵ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.³⁶ Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.³⁷ They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

September 6th 2015 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Daily Lectionary Readings

Sunday	Mark 7:24-30
Monday	Mark 7:31-37
Tuesday	Mark 8:1-10
Wednesday	Mark 8:11-13
Thursday	Mark 8:14-21
Friday	Mark 8:22-26
Saturday	James 1:19-27

Worship Notes and Announcements



AS WE ARE PRAYING FOR ALL MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION, this week we remember in our prayers: Marilyn Wall; Britta Keenan; Shirley Carlson; Amy & Kevin Haney

NEXT SUNDAY IS RALLY SUNDAY!

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE—Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to our Rally Sunday “Sunday School Open House” on September 13th from 10 – 11 AM. All families will have the opportunity to explore our church, register for Sunday School, and enjoy a special treat.



SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION— New this year, you can register online! Go to our website, lcgsduluth.com, look under the Children and Families tab and click on Sunday School.

THE BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS will take place September 13th during both the 8:45 and 11:00 service. Students are encouraged to bring their book-bags or backpacks to worship. Each child will receive a special prayer and a gift.



SERVING TEAM— Serving team needed TODAY at Damiano Center from 1:30 pm to 6:30 p.m. Sign up in Gathering Space after worship this morning.

CAN YOU HELP AT 11:00 SERVICE? We are recruiting USHERS for the 11:00 service; will train and support! Ushers can usually be scheduled for the same Sunday each month to help in your planning. Please call Linda Susens (525-6610) or leave a message in the church office (525-1922).

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.



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!"

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF— We celebrate our successes and then CONTINUE TO ASK FOR DONATIONS! We cannot help ourselves, the need continues... You have the opportunity again to reach out by donating school supplies. Donation boxes will be available in the Gathering Space for the next few weeks. Supplies needed include: 70-sheet notebooks, rulers, blunt scissors, pens, pencils and crayons (a full list of needed supplies is posted on the boxes).



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 **Issinlinemarathonteams**.

Donate to our team by check or at

www.crowdrise.com/lutheransocialservic

Thank you for your support!

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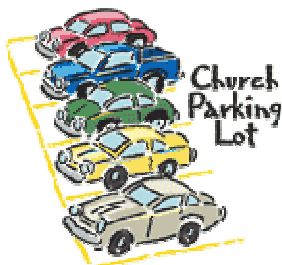
Deals on Wheels

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 Anita Jones
 Greeters Cyndi & Tod Venberg
 Acolytes volunteers needed
 Liturgist Linda Susens
 Reader Kathy Gustafson
 Ushers Jim Skoog, Dave Kreager, Ron Gullicks, Dave Johnson
 Communion Assistants Jody & Bonnie Keppers
 Altar Guild Ellen Ramsay, Judi Hermans
 Offering Counters Tom Seidelmann, John Boutin, Jim Moseley
 Accompanist Nona Harkness
 Projectionist Julie Seidelmann
 Gathering Space Treats Sara Vallie, Beverly Venberg
 Cynthia Venberg, Marilyn Wall

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

SUNDAY, September 6th

8:15 AM Hunger Team
9:30 AM Worship & Communion
10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship
10:30 AM Blood Pressure Checks

MONDAY, September 7th

Office closed for Labor day
8:30 AM Jazzercise

TUESDAY, September 8th

WEDNESDAY, September 9th

6:15 AM Men's Bible Study
8:30 AM Jazzercise
9:15 AM Gather Bible Study
10:00 AM Rebecca/Miriam Circle
1:00 PM Deb/Priscilla Circle
5:30 PM Resource Development
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, September 10th

6:00 PM Soccer
6:30 PM Garden Team

FRIDAY, September 11th

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

SATURDAY, September 12th

8:30 AM Jazzercise

SUNDAY, September 13th

RALLY SUNDAY

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

8:45 AM Worship
10:00 AM Healing Service
10:00 AM Sunday School
Open House
10:00 AM Wired Word
10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
11:00 AM Worship

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