

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

Duluth, Minnesota



Day of Thanksgiving: All are Welcome!
November 22, 2015

8:45 & 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!
- 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.

November 22nd, 2015 Daily Lectionary Readings

Sunday	Mark 13:9-13
Monday	Mark 13:14-23
Tuesday	Mark 13:24-27
Wednesday	Mark 13:28-31
Thursday	Mark 13:32-27
Friday	Hebrews 12:14-29
Saturday	Hebrews 13:1-25

Scripture Readings

FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 8:7-18

⁷For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. ¹⁰You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

¹¹Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. ¹²When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, ¹³and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, ¹⁶and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷Do not say to yourself, “My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.” ¹⁸But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

PSALM 65

¹You are to be praised, O | God, in Zion; to you shall vows | be fulfilled.

²To you, the one | who answers prayer, to you all | flesh shall come.

³Our sins are strong- | er than we are, but you blot out | our transgressions.

**⁴Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your |
courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your
house, by the holiness | of your temple.**

⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of | our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans | far away.

**⁶You make firm the mountains | by your power;
you are girded a- | bout with might.**

⁷You still the roaring | of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor | of the peoples.

**⁸Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your |
marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to | sing for joy.**

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is | full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide | for the earth.

¹⁰**You drench the furrows and smooth | out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and | bless its increase.**

¹¹You crown the year | with your goodness,
and your paths over- | flow with plenty.

¹²**May the fields of the wilderness be | rich for grazing,
and the hills be | clothed with joy.**

¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak them
- | selves with grain; let them shout for | joy and sing.

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15

⁶The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written,

“He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹²for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

GOSPEL: LUKE 17:11-19

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

Worship Notes and Announcements

AS WE ARE PRAYING FOR ALL MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION, this week we remember in our prayers: Sandra & Mark Paulson; Barbara Savonen; Melanie & Ryan Neveau, Ethan and Emily; Michelle Rengo, Christopher and Zachary.

START YOUR SHOPPING WITH AMAZON SMILE! You shop. Amazon gives. By shopping through Amazon Smile, Amazon gives 0.5% of the price of your purchase to LCGS. You must log into Amazon Smile and designate Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd as your charity in order for the 0.5% to be passed along to Good Shepherd. Amazon Smile has the same prices, the same products, the same service as Amazon. Login here: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/41-0872836>



Today we welcome
Shanda & Ryan Hanson's son
Lewis Charles Hanson
into the body of Christ and into the mission
we share. Join us in giving thanks and
praise to God!



CHILI COOK-OFF 5th Annual Reaching Out Night/Chili Cook-Off
TONIGHT! November 22nd, 4-6:30 PM
Bring a pot of your favorite chili!

Please join in our community celebration of God's grace in our lives! We will work together making blankets, lasagnas and cold-weather kits for our mission partners. We will also celebrate the culmination of our fall stewardship campaign with a fun chili dinner "competition." A new chili champion will be crowned!

LAST SUNDAY FOOD DONATIONS (NEXT SUNDAY!) — On the last Sunday of each month, the Hunger Team will be promoting food donations. There will be a cart in the front of the sanctuary for your donations (place in cart before worship or youth will pick up donations during offering). A box will be available for monetary donations. Food donations to CHUM are always welcome! A list of "preferred" items is posted on the cart. Thank you!



Christmas Market & Silent Auction
December 6-13, 2015

**Country Market
Bake Sale
Kid's Gift Center
Vintage Corner
Silent Auction**

in the church library
December 6th-13th
(before and after worship)

OUR MARKETS NEED FILLING!!

We are preparing for our Christmas Market and Silent Auction by asking our members to consider how they can help. Seeking crafters, those who sew, bake or work with wood. Do you make jam, jellies or can pickles?

We are accepting donated items in the library beginning today! If you donate to the Silent auction, please leave a suggested value along with your donation.

Questions? Ask or call Marge Kangas, Nan Asperheim or Linda Susens.

PLEDGE CARDS — If you haven't already, please turn in your pledge cards this morning (extra pledge cards are available on the table in the Gathering Space) or bring it this evening to the Chili Cook-Off! This will help us with budget planning. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can share your gifts with Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd.

SERVING TEAM — Our next opportunity to serve at Damiano will be on December 6th. Sign up in the Gathering Space.

PASTY BAKE SALE — DECEMBER 3-5, 2015

"Coming together is our beginning; working together is our success!"

We plan to sell 2,200 pasties in December to support the ongoing mission of LCGS. Each 16-ounce pasty is made with potatoes, onions, carrots, rutabaga and a blend of pork and beef. Cost this year is \$5.

How can I get involved? Help us solicit sales. Tell your friends, neighbors and co-workers about our sale. Volunteers are needed to peel potatoes, carrots, onions and rutabaga on December 3rd from 5-9 pm. Volunteers are needed to make & bake pasties December 4th from 8 am—8 pm; and December 5th from 8 am to finish! This is a fun event from beginning to end. **Please sign up for the shift of your choice** in the Gathering Space or call the church office at 525-1922.

Update from the 2015 Budget Forums

Thank you members of Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd for the outpouring of ideas on how LCGS can work to improve our potential 2015 budget shortfall. The ideas generated were varied in scope, in timing, in complexity, and in "out of the box"-ness. What a blessing to have so many diverse ideas.

All suggestions were compiled into a list and presented to the Finance Task Force. This committee evaluated the list with the criterion of "what can we do that will impact 2015 budget" as the first sweep. Using this criterion, six suggestions were tagged as likely to have impact in 2015.

These six suggestions were then presented to the Resource Development Team. RDT agreed that these six ideas could be tackled this year and individuals and teams agreed to be responsible for launching them.

RDT then shared these ideas with the Vision Council who fully supported the efforts.

As you read this, five of the efforts are already underway. They are:

- The Christmas Market and Silent Auction, which will run from Dec 6-13
- Sale of 8 cemetery plots owned by LCGS, which will be offered to LCGS members at a reduced rate (see page 8)
- Music Concert featuring Christa Overson, our choirs, and other members, planned for January (scheduling conflicts require a 2016 date)
- Amazon Smile designation for LCGS, allowing anyone to set aside a portion of their Amazon purchases to support LCGS
- An end of year appeal

There are many more excellent ideas on the list which can be implemented in 2016 to supplement our ongoing mission.

Thank you for supporting LCGS' mission by sharing your time, talent, treasure, and ideas.

Rachael Perlinger, Vision Council President



Cemetery Lots for Sale

Eight cemetery lots at Sunrise Cemetery were donated to LCGS many years ago by two congregation members. The donors made it clear the lots could be sold at a time determined by the church.

A decision has been made to sell the lots, and use the proceeds to help balance the 2015 budget. Congregation members will be given the first opportunity to purchase the lots, before advertising to the public.

The lots are located at Sunrise Cemetery, 4798 Miller Trunk Hwy, in Lot 47, section 21, spaces 5 – 12. Each lot is valued at \$1200.00, however the lots are being offered to congregation members for \$900.00 each.

If you are interested in purchasing one or more lots, or want additional information, please contact Susan Sage @218-213-8279 or sage_susan@yahoo.com.

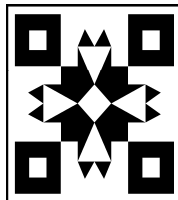
Consider this a **win/win** opportunity!! You can purchase lots at a discounted rate, and at the same time, help the church balance the 2015 budget.

Traveling Synod Quilt

The beautiful quilt hanging in the Gathering Space is a Traveling Synod Quilt, made by the Women of the Lake Superior Conference. There are thirty squares from thirty churches and Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd is one of them! Thank you to Ardy Bloomquist for making the Good Shepherd square. The quilt will be sold at the World Hunger Silent Auction during the Synod Assembly in May, 2016. The quilt will be on display at Good Shepherd through Sunday, November 29th, and it moves on from here to Kenwood Lutheran Church. There is a bid sheet by the quilt if you would like to make a bid.

This beautiful quilt is also featured on note cards (see display) that are for sale in packs of 5 for \$5. All proceeds go to the Phebe Hospital Solar Energy Project. Phebe Hospital and School of Nursing is a vitally important regional health facility in rural Liberia, serving over 50,000 patients and training 250 mid-level health care workers annually. The hospital experiences daily electricity blackouts — including during surgery and other life-saving medical procedures. They are working with a MN solar energy nonprofit to install a solar array capable of providing sustainable and life-giving energy to Phebe.

To purchase cards, contact First Lutheran Church, 1100 E. Superior Street or call 218-728-3668.



PAINTINGS IN THE GATHERING SPACE

Because of a gracious and generous donor, Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry was able to commission Duluth Artist, Ann Jenkins, to complete 6 paintings. These works of art will be the centerpiece of the design for the lower level of the new dining hall/retreat space at Camp Vermilion. As we await the completion of the building (scheduled for May 2016) these paintings will be on display in churches around God's great northwoods to help raise funds and awareness for the building project. We celebrate the creativity of both Ann and our donors. It is great to be alive in God's great and colorful northwoods!

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd will be hosting the gallery through the Thanksgiving weekend.

The display includes information on how an individual can make a gift to the "Watch them Flourish" appeal to raise \$2.4 million. In September, the LCGS Endowment Fund Board approved a three year gift of \$15,000 toward this project.

Joel Abenth, Executive Director, Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry
Camp Hiawatha - Camp Vermilion

DULUTH CLIMATE HIKE, PART DEUX: LOCAL PATHWAYS TO PARIS

Come ring in the holidays on November 29th with the ELCA NE Minnesota Synod Creation Care Team and Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light, as we march in fellowship and solidarity to encourage global leaders to take strong climate actions at the upcoming Paris Climate Change Conference (COP21). We will also explore ways that you can support your planet locally.

We'll be meeting at First Lutheran Church, 1100 E. Superior, at 2 pm with Holiday cheer, treats, and networking. After a few introductory speakers, we'll be marching for Climate Action beside our own natural wonder, Lake Superior, along the Lakewalk and returning to First Lutheran along Superior Street. Upon our return, we'll have more refreshments, speakers, networking, and assistance from community partners to help you with actions you can take to help our wonderful corner of the world do it's part.

Climate party ends at 4pm., but not our work for a healthy planet!



Wired Word

10am Upper Lakeside Room

The ISIS attacks in Paris are certainly sad news. We will discuss the “I will not hate” response of the husband of one of the victims. His story gives us a chance to consider the ways in which we who follow Jesus respond when faced with the deep pain of loss. We will also explore the valor of a Lebanese father who gave his life to save others from a would-be assassin.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING DECEMBER 5TH & 12TH —

Sign up today in the Gathering Space for one or two one-hour time slots to ring bells indoors at Cub Foods (on Central Entrance) on December 5th & 12th (10:00 AM to 8:00 PM). Call Marcia Semerau at 722-1042 with questions.

COOKIES FOR OUTREACH — You can help brighten someone’s holiday season! Good Shepherd’s Visitation Team is collecting cookies for our home-bound members as well as for the CHUM Drop-in Center and the St. Louis County Jail. Please put your homemade cookies (marked “Visitation”) on the counter in the church office by 9:00 Monday morning, December 7th. Because of food allergies, if you bake with nuts, peanut butter or coconut, please label your cookies accordingly. Questions, contact Marcia Semerau at 722-1042.

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

- Welcome Center** Nan Asperheim (8:45); volunteer needed (11:00)
- Greeters** Earley Family (8:45); Sue & John Boutin (11:00)
- Acolytes** Zack & Nick Jensen (8:45)
- volunteers needed (11:00)
- Liturgist**..... Joe Johnson
- Readers** Steve Kramer (8:45); Mary Davidson (11:00)
- Ushers** Earley Family (8:45)
- Volunteers needed (11:00)
- Altar Guild**..... Kathy Gustafson
- Communion Assistants** Bob & Beth Lee (8:45)
- Kathy Gustafson (11:00)
- Offering Counters** Linda Susens, Mike Ronchetti
- Elizabeth Lundgren, Sandy Scott
- Accompanist**..... Linda Turpening
- Projectionist** Bruce Johnson (8:45); Rosemary Guttormsson (11:00)
- Gathering Space Treats** Ruth Hemming, Judith Hermans
- Carolyn James, Jody Jensen

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

SUNDAY, November 22nd

8:45 AM Worship & Communion
10:00 AM Sunday School —
 Christmas Worship Practice
10:00 AM Wired Word (ULSR)
10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
11:00 AM Worship & Communion
4:00 PM Reaching Out Night/
 Chili Cook-Off

MONDAY, November 23rd

8:30 AM Jazzercise
10:00 AM Needle Art Board
10:30 AM Needle Art Guild
7:00 PM Girl Scouts

TUESDAY, November 24th

7:00 PM Ecumenical Thanksgiving
Service at **Lakeside Presbyterian**

WEDNESDAY, November 25th

6:15 AM Men's Bible Study
8:30 AM Jazzercise
(No Confirmation)

THURSDAY, November 26th

Thanksgiving Day (Office Closed)

FRIDAY, November 27th
(Office Closed)

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

SATURDAY, November 28th

8:30 AM Jazzercise

SUNDAY, November 29th

First Sunday of Advent

8:45 AM Worship & Communion
(No Sunday School)
10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
11:00 AM Worship & Communion



**Remember your
food donations
November 29th!**

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