

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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Communion Statement:

In our congregation we follow the historic Lutheran practice of closed communion. This is nothing new, nor a novel innovation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Rather, for many centuries, this was the universal practice of all of Christendom, and to this day, is still practiced by the majority of the Christian Church.

We observe closed communion because the Lord's Supper is a public profession of our unity of faith. (1 Corinthians 10:16-17)

We believe Christ's body and blood are truly present in the bread and the wine for forgiveness of our sins. (1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

We observe closed communion to protect people in body and soul from taking the Lord's Supper to their judgment and harm. (1 Corinthians 11:27-32)

Our practice is prompted by our love, care, and concern for all people. If you are not a communicant member of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, please do not commune today.

However, please know that we look forward to having you at the Lord's Table soon. We sincerely invite you to visit with Pastors Poppe or Moline about the joys of Holy Communion. They will offer you instruction about our Lutheran faith and this sacrament of the Lord's Supper, so you will be ready to stand with us and partake of this wonderful meal.

Third Sunday in Advent

Introit (Ps. 80:1, 3, 14, 17; antiphon: Is. 62:11b, 30:30, 29)



Choir Sings: Rejoice in the Lord | always; *
again I will | say, Rejoice.

Let your reasonableness be known to | everyone. *
The Lord | is at hand.

LORD, you were favorable | to your land; *
you restored the fortunes of | Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of your | people; *
you covered | all their sin.

Will you not revive | us again, *
that your people may re- | joice in you?

Let me hear what God the | LORD will speak, *
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let

them not turn back
to | folly.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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Collect of the Day

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



(Ps. 50:2-3a, 5)

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth. *
Stir up your might and | come to save us!

Give ear, O Shepherd of | Israel, *
you who lead | Joseph like a flock!

Alleluia and Verse



Stir up | Your might*
And come to | save us.

DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE LSB 151

Welcome and Prayer

Opening Hymn..... LSB 343

Invocation, Confession and

Absolution* LSB 151

Introit—*See Propers**

Kyrie* LSB 152

Scripture Readings (*on back*):

Old Testament Isaiah 40:1-11

Gradual—*See Propers*

Epistle 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Alleluia and Verse*—*See Propers*

Gospel* Matthew 11:2-11

Hymn of the Day..... LSB 347

Sermon: Vicar Timothy Steele

Apostles' Creed* LSB 158

Offering and Offertory* LSB 159

Prayer of the Church*

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface* LSB 160

Sanctus* LSB 161

Lord's Prayer* LSB 162

Words of Institution* LSB 162

Agnus Dei* LSB 163

Distribution Hymns .. .LSB 345

(choir sings vs 3 alone),

349, 341, 346

Nunc Dimittis* LSB 165

Collect* LSB 166

Benediction* LSB 166

Closing Hymn..... LSB 338

*Please Stand

Hymns for today—

OPENING HYMN

LSB 343.....Prepare the Royal Highway

SERMON HYMN

LSB 347.....Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 345Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

LSB 349...Hark the Glad Sound

LSB 341.....Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

LSB 346.....When All the World Was Cursed

CLOSING HYMN

LSB 338.....Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Old Testament: Isaiah 40:1–8 (9-11)

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. ³A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." ⁶A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. ⁷The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. ⁸The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" ¹⁰Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹He will tend his flock like a shepherd he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom and gently lead those that are with young.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:1–5

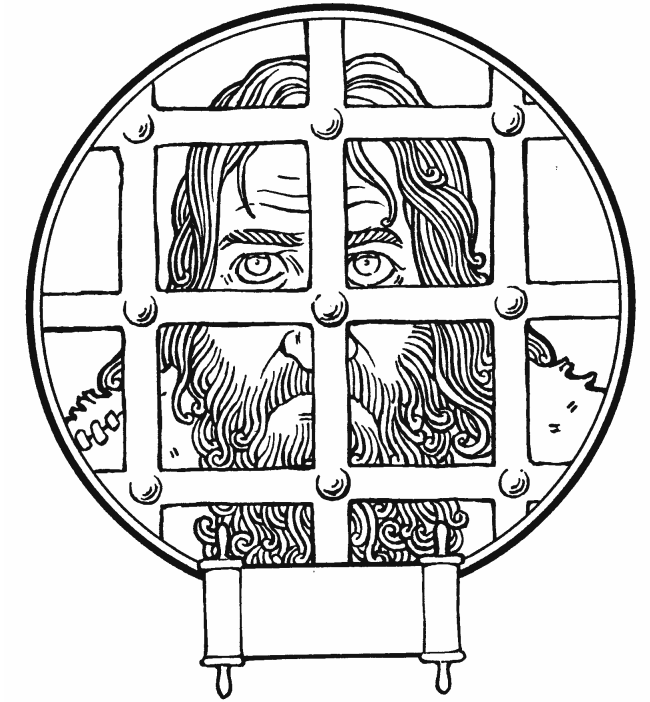
¹This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. ²Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. ³But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. ⁴I am not

aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. ⁵Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:2–11

²When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" ⁴And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶And blessed is the one who is not offended by me." ⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is he of whom it is written, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you." ¹¹Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

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