

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.

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2020

Introit (Ps. 24:1, 3-5; antiphon: Ps. 2:6-7)

Choir sings at 4 & 7 pm: *The LORD | said to me,*
"You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.
As for me, I have | set my King*
on Zion, my | holy hill."*



Congregation sings: *The earth is the LORD's and the full- | ness thereof,*
the world and those who | dwell therein.*

Who shall ascend the hill | of the LORD?*

And who shall stand in his | holy place?

He who has clean hands and a | pure heart,*

who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear
de- | ceitfully.

He will receive blessing | from the LORD*

and righteousness from the God of his sal- | vation.

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.

Choir sings: *The LORD | said to me,**

"You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.

*As for me, I have | set my King**

on Zion, my | holy hill."

Collect of the Day

O God, You make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our Judge; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual (Ps. 98:3b-4a, 2)



Congregation and choir sing:

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.*

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth.

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;*

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

DIVINE SERVICE SETTING

ONE LSB 151

Choir sings at 4 & 7 pm

Welcome and Prayer

Opening Hymn.....LSB 379

Invocation, Confession and

Absolution* LSB 151

Introit—*See Propers**

Kyrie* LSB 152

Scripture Readings (*on back*):

Old Testament Isaiah 7:10-14

Gradual—*See Propers*

Epistle 1 John 4:7-16

Alleluia and Verse*—*See Propers*

Gospel* Matthew 1:18-25

Hymn of the Day..... LSB 370

Sermon: *Pastor Adam Moline*

Apostles' Creed* LSB 158

Prayer of the Church*

Offering and Offertory* LSB 159

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 359 choir sings vs 1 & 2, **380,**

368, 364, , 358 vs 1-7, 361, 366

Nunc Dimittis* LSB 165

Collect* LSB 166

Candle Lighting **LSB 363**

Choir sings a verse in German, congregation then sings vs 1-3 from hymnal

Benediction* LSB 166

Closing Hymn..... LSB 387

*Please Stand

Hymns for today—

Choir sings at 4 & 7 pm

OPENING HYMN

LSB 379.....O Come, All Ye Faithful

SERMON HYMN

LSB 370.....What Child Is This

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 359.....Lo, How a Rose E'er
Blooming....*Choir sings vs 1 & 2*

LSB 380Hark! The Herald
Angels Sing

LSB 368...Angels We Have Heard
on High

LSB 364.....Away in a Manger

LSB 358 vs 1-7..... From Heaven
Above to Earth I Come

LSB 361 O Little Town of
Bethlehem

LSB 366 It Came upon the
Midnight Clear

CANDLE LIGHTING

LSB 363 Silent Night, Holy Night
*Choir sings a verse in German,
congregation then sings vs 1-3 from
hymnal*

CLOSING HYMN

LSB 387.....Joy to the World

Old Testament: Isaiah 7:10–14

¹⁰Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz,
¹¹“Ask a sign of the LORD your
God; let it be deep as Sheol or
high as heaven.” ¹²But Ahaz
said, “I will not ask, and I will not
put the LORD to the test.” ¹³And
he said, “Hear then, O house of
David! Is it too little for you to
weary men, that you weary my
God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord
himself will give you a sign. Be-
hold, the virgin shall conceive
and bear a son, and shall call his
name Immanuel.”

Epistle: 1 John 4:7–16

⁷Beloved, let us love one another,
for love is from God, and
whoever loves has been born of
God and knows God. ⁸Anyone
who does not love does not
know God, because God is love.
⁹In this the love of God was
made manifest among us, that
God sent his only Son into the
world, so that we might live
through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not
that we have loved God but that
he loved us and sent his Son to
be the propitiation for our sins.
¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we
also ought to love one another.
¹²No one has ever seen God; if
we love one another, God abides
in us and his love is perfected in
us. ¹³By this we know that we
abide in him and he in us, be-
cause he has given us of his
Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and
testify that the Father has sent
his Son to be the Savior of the
world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that
Jesus is the Son of God, God

abides in him, and he in God.

¹⁶So we have come to know and
to believe the love that God has
for us. God is love, and whoever
abides in love abides in God,
and God abides in him.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18–25

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ
took place in this way. When his
mother Mary had been betrothed
to Joseph, before they came to-
gether she was found to be with
child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And
her husband Joseph, being a just
man and unwilling to put her to
shame, resolved to divorce her
quietly. ²⁰But as he considered
these things, behold, an angel of
the Lord appeared to him in a
dream, saying, “Joseph, son of
David, do not fear to take Mary
as your wife, for that which is
conceived in her is from the Holy
Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and
you shall call his name Jesus, for
he will save his people from their
sins.” ²²All this took place to fulfill
what the Lord had spoken by the
prophet: ²³“Behold, the virgin
shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Im-
manuel” (which means, God with
us). ²⁴When Joseph woke from
sleep, he did as the angel of the
Lord commanded him: he took
his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until
she had given birth to a son. And
he called his name Jesus.

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