

# 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 Day

December 25, 2020

**Introit** (Ps. 98:1-4; antiphon: Is.9:6)



For to us a child is born, to us a son is | given; \*  
and the government shall be upon his | shoulder,  
and his name shall be called Wonderful | Counselor, \*  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.  
Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things! \*  
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.  
The LORD has made known his sal- | vation; \*  
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.  
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house  
of | Israel. \*  
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.  
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth; \*  
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!  
**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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and his name shall be called Wonderful | Counselor, \*  
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## Collect of the Day

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Gradual (Ps.118: 26a, 27a, 23)

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD! \*  
The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine up- | on us.  
This is the LORD's | doing; \*  
it is marvelous | in our eyes.

## DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE LSB 151

Welcome and Prayer  
**Opening Hymn..... LSB 387**  
Invocation, Confession and  
Absolution\* ..... LSB 151  
Introit—*See Propers* \*  
Kyrie\* ..... LSB 152  
Scripture Readings (*on back*):  
Old Testament .....  
.....Exodus 40:17-21, 34-38  
Children sing LSB 378 vs 1 & 3  
Epistle ..... Titus 3:4-7  
**Gospel Procession..... LSB 391**  
Gospel\* ..... John 1:1-14(15-18)  
**Hymn of the Day..... LSB 384**  
Sermon: ..... *Pastor Clint K. Poppe*  
Athanasian Creed\* ..... LSB 319  
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 375,  
379, 380, 386**  
Nunc Dimittis\* ..... LSB 165  
Collect\* ..... LSB 166  
Benediction\* ..... LSB 166  
**Closing Hymn..... LSB 390**

\*Please Stand

## Hymns for today—

### OPENING HYMN

LSB 387.....Joy to the World

### GOSPEL PROCESSION

LSB 391..... Rejoice, Rejoice This  
Happy Morn

### SERMON HYMN

LSB 384.....Of the Father's Love  
Begotten

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 375 .....Come, Your Hearts and  
Voices Raising

LSB 379...O Come, All Ye Faithful

LSB 380.....Hark! The Herald  
Angels Sing

LSB 386.....Now Sing We, Now  
Rejoice

### CLOSING HYMN

LSB 390.....Let Us All with Glad-  
some Voice

### Old Testament:

#### Exodus 40:17–21, 34–38

<sup>17</sup>In the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, the tabernacle was erected. <sup>18</sup>Moses erected the tabernacle. He laid its bases, and set up its frames, and put in its poles, and raised up its pillars. <sup>19</sup>And he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent over it, as the LORD had commanded Moses. <sup>20</sup>He took the testimony and put it into the ark, and put the poles on the ark and set the mercy seat above on the ark. <sup>21</sup>And he brought the ark into the tabernacle and set up the veil of the screen, and screened the ark of the testimony, as the LORD had commanded Moses. . . .<sup>34</sup>Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. <sup>35</sup>And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. <sup>36</sup>Through-out all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. <sup>37</sup>But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. <sup>38</sup>For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.

### Epistle: Titus 3:4–7

<sup>4</sup>But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup>he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup>whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup>so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

### Holy Gospel: John 1:1–14(15-18)

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

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