

# 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.

## Advent Midweek 2

December 9, 2020

**Introit** (*Ps. 19:1, 4-6; antiphon: Is. 45:8a*)



Shower, O heavens, | from above,\*  
and let the clouds rain down | righteousness;  
let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may | bear fruit;\*  
let the earth cause them | both to sprout.  
The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,\*  
and the sky above proclaims his | handiwork.  
Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to  
the end | of the world.\*  
In them he has set a tent | for the sun,  
which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his | chamber,\*  
and, like a strong man, runs its | course with joy.  
Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the | end of  
them,\*  
and there is nothing hidden | from its heat.  
**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

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that  
the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and  
mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and forever.

## Gradual

 (*Ps. 145:18, 21*)

The LORD is near to all who | call on him,\*  
to all who call on | him in truth.  
My mouth will speak the praise | of the LORD,\*  
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and | ever.

## DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE LSB 151

Welcome and Prayer

**Opening Hymn..... LSB 339**

Confirmation Questioning Part II  
Scripture Readings (*on back*):

Old Testament .....Isaiah 9:2-7

Gradual—*See Propers*

Epistle ..... Titus 3:4-7

Alleluia and Verse\* .....LSB 156

Gospel\* ..... John 1:1-18

**Hymn of the Day..... LSB 384**

Sermon: .....*Pastor Clint K. Poppe*

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 344,  
345, 346**

Nunc Dimittis\* .....LSB 165

Collect\* .....LSB 166

Benediction\* .....LSB 166

**Closing Hymn..... LSB 338**

\*Please Stand

## Hymns for today—

### OPENING HYMN

**LSB 339**.....Lift Up Your Heads,  
You Everlasting Doors

### SERMON HYMN

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

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

**LSB 344**...On Jordan's Bank the  
Baptist's Cry

**LSB 345**.....Hark! A Thrilling Voice  
Is Sounding

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

### CLOSING HYMN

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

### Old Testament: Isaiah 9:2–7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. 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. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

### Epistle: Titus 3:4–7

<sup>4</sup>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 1:1–18

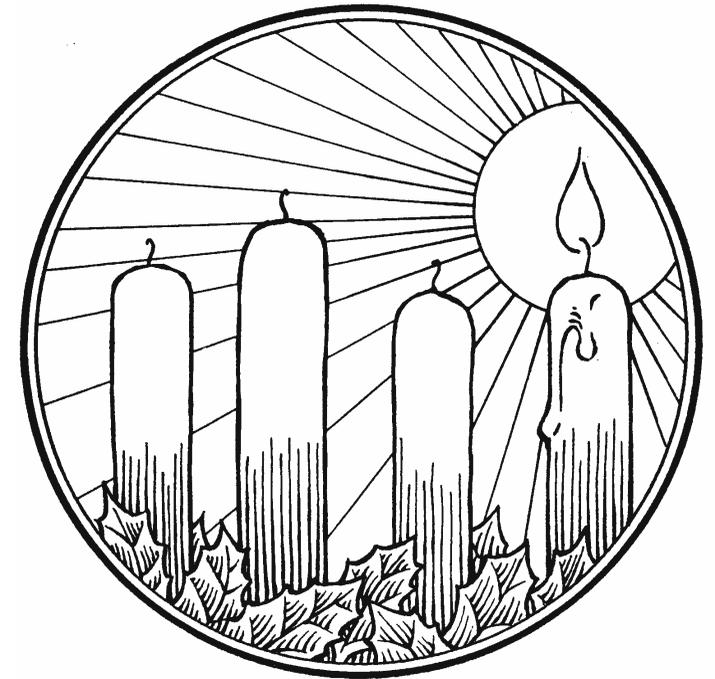
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

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. (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.'") And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 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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