

# 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.

## Fourth Sunday in Advent

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



*Choir sings: 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 for- | ever. Amen.**

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and let the clouds rain down | righteousness;  
let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may | bear fruit; \*  
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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 for- | ever and ever.

## Alleluia and Verse



You are my help and my de- | liverer;\*  
Do not delay | O my God!

## DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE LSB 151

Welcome and Prayer  
**Opening Hymn..... LSB 344**  
Invocation, Confession and  
Absolution\* ..... LSB 151  
Introit—*See Propers\**  
Kyrie\* ..... LSB 152  
Scripture Readings (*on back*):  
Old Testament .....  
..... Deuteronomy 18:15-19  
Gradual—*See Propers*  
Epistle ..... Philippians 4:4-7  
Alleluia and Verse\*—*See Propers*  
Gospel\* ..... John 1:19-28  
**Hymn of the Day..... LSB 357**  
*Choir will sing vs 1 in Latin, congrega-  
tion will sing vs 1-7 after that*  
Sermon: ..... Pastor Adam Moline  
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 349,  
339, 345, 346**  
Nunc Dimittis\* ..... LSB 165  
Collect\* ..... LSB 166  
Benediction\* ..... LSB 166  
**Closing Hymn..... LSB 338**

\*Please Stand

**Hymns for today—**

**OPENING HYMN**

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

**SERMON HYMN**

**LSB 357**.....O Come, O Come,  
Emmanuel

*Choir will sing vs 1 in Latin, congrega-  
tion will sing vs 1-7 after that*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**LSB 349** .....Hark the Glad Sound

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

**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:**

**Deuteronomy 18:15–19**

<sup>15</sup>“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—<sup>16</sup>just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’<sup>17</sup>And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.

<sup>19</sup>And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.”

**Epistle: Philippians 4:4–7**

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanks-giving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Holy Gospel: John 1:19–28**

<sup>19</sup>This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” <sup>20</sup>He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” <sup>21</sup>And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” <sup>22</sup>So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” <sup>23</sup>He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.” <sup>24</sup>(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) <sup>25</sup>They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” <sup>26</sup>John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, <sup>27</sup>even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” <sup>28</sup>These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

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