

# 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.

## Epiphany

January 6, 2021

**Introit** (*Ps. 72:1-2, 10-11; antiphon: Liturgical text*)



Behold the Lord, the ruler, has come,  
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his  
hand.

Give the king your justice, | O God,  
and your righteousness to the | royal son!  
May he judge your people with | righteousness,  
and your poor with | justice!

May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him |  
tribute;\*

may the kings of Sheba and Seba | bring gifts!  
May all kings fall down be- | fore him,  
all nations | serve him!

**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.**

Behold the Lord, the ruler, has come,  
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his  
hand.

## Collect of the Day

O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Gradual (*Is. 60:6b, 1*)

Those from She- | ba shall come.\*

They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the  
praises | of the LORD.

Arise, shine, for your | light has come,\*

and the glory of the LORD has risen up- | on you.

## DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE LSB 151

Welcome and Prayer

**Opening Hymn..... LSB 399**

Invocation, Confession and

Absolution\*..... LSB 151

Introit—*See Propers\**

Kyrie\*.....LSB 152

Hymn of Praise\* ....Gloria in Excelsis

Scripture Readings (*on back*):

Old Testament .....Isaiah 60:1-6

Gradual—*See Propers*

Epistle.....Ephesians 3:1-12

Alleluia and Verse\*—*See Propers*

Gospel\* .....Matthew 2:1-12

**Hymn of the Day.....LSB 397**

Sermon: .....*Pastor Adam Moline*

Nicene 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 395,  
396, 400**

Nunc Dimittis\*.....LSB 165

Collect\* .....LSB 166

Benediction\* .....LSB 166

**Closing Hymn..... LSB 370**

\*Please Stand

## Hymns for today—

### OPENING HYMN

**LSB 399**.....The Star Proclaims the  
King Is Here

### SERMON HYMN

**LSB 397**.... As with Gladness Men  
of Old

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

**LSB 395**.....O Morning Star, How  
Fair and Bright

**LSB 396**...Arise and Shine in  
Splendor

**LSB 400**.....Brightest and Best of  
the Stars of the Morning

### CLOSING HYMN

**LSB 370**.....What Child Is This

### Old Testament: Isaiah 60:1–6

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. <sup>3</sup>And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. <sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. <sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

### Epistle: Ephesians 3:1–12

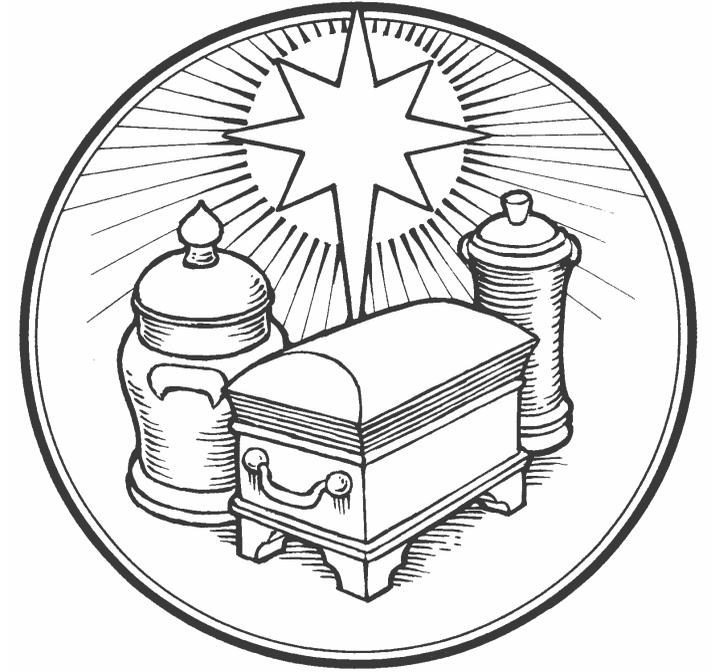
<sup>1</sup>For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup>assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. <sup>4</sup>When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup>which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. <sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the manifold

wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

### Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:1–12

<sup>1</sup>Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup>"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'" <sup>7</sup>Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." <sup>9</sup>After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup>And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

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