

# 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

### Psalm 111



- <sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!  
I will give thanks to the LORD with my | whole heart,\*  
in the company of the upright, in the congre- | gation.  
<sup>2</sup>Great are the works | of the LORD,\*  
studied by all who de- | light in them.  
<sup>3</sup>Full of splendor and majesty | is his work,\*  
and his righteousness endures for- | ever.  
<sup>4</sup>He has caused his wondrous works to be re- | membered;\*  
the LORD is gracious and | merciful.  
<sup>5</sup>He provides food for those who | fear him,\*  
he remembers his covenant for- | ever.  
<sup>6</sup>He has shown his people the power | of his works,\*  
in giving them the inheritance of the | nations.  
<sup>7</sup>The works of his hands are faith- | ful and just;\*  
all his precepts are | trustworthy;  
<sup>8</sup>they are established forever and | ever,\*  
to be performed with faithfulness and up- | rightness.  
<sup>9</sup>He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.\*  
Holy and awesome | is his name!  
<sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good under- | standing.\*  
His praise endures for- | ever!

**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.**

### Collect of the Day

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### Gradual (Ps. 50:2-3a, 5)

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God | shines forth.\*  
Our God comes; he does not keep | silence;  
“Gather to me my | faithful ones,\*  
who made a covenant with me by | sacrifice!”

## DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE LSB 151

Welcome and Prayer  
**Opening Hymn**..... LSB 331  
Invocation, Confession and  
Absolution\* ..... LSB 151  
Psalm 111—*See Propers*\*  
Kyrie\* ..... LSB 152  
Hymn of Praise ..... *omitted during  
Advent*  
Salutation and Collect of the Day\*  
Scripture Readings (*on back*):  
Old Testament ..... Malachi 4:1-6  
Gradual—*See Propers*  
Epistle ..... Romans 15:4-13  
Alleluia and Verse\*—*See Propers*  
Gospel\* ..... Luke 21:25-36  
**Hymn of the Day**..... **LSB 349**  
Sermon: ..... *Vicar Thomas Goodroad*  
Apostles' Creed\* ..... LSB 158  
Prayer of the Church\*  
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 339,  
634, 350**  
Nunc Dimittis\* ..... LSB 165  
Collect\* ..... LSB 166  
Benediction\* ..... LSB 166  
**Closing Hymn**..... **LSB 338**

\*Please Stand

## Hymns for today—

### OPENING HYMN

**LSB 331**.....The Advent of Our King

### SERMON HYMN

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

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

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

**LSB 634**.....The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

**LSB 350**.....Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come

### CLOSING HYMN

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

### Old Testament: Malachi 4:1–6

<sup>1</sup>“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2</sup>But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. <sup>3</sup>And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>4</sup>Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. <sup>5</sup>Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. <sup>6</sup>And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

### Epistle: Romans 15:4–13

<sup>4</sup>For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God’s truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.” <sup>10</sup>And again it is said, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.” <sup>11</sup>And again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gen-

tiles, and let all the peoples extol him.” <sup>12</sup>And again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.” <sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

### Holy Gospel: Luke 21:25–36

<sup>25</sup>[Jesus said:] “There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup>people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” <sup>29</sup>And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. <sup>30</sup>As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>34</sup>“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. <sup>35</sup>For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

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Advent Midweek 2  
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