

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

December 19, 2021

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

Choir sings italics



*Show*er, 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 pro- | claims 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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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.

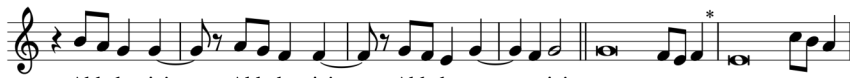
Gradual (*Ps. 145:18, 21*)

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.



Al-le-lu-ia!___ Al-le-lu-ia!___ Al-le-lu-ia!

Verse (*Psalm 40:17b*)

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 332

Invocation, Confession and

Absolution* LSB 151

Introit—*See Propers**

Kyrie* LSB 152

Hymn of Praise *omitted during Advent*

Salutation and Collect of the Day*

Scripture Readings (*on back*):

Old Testament

..... Deuteronomy 18:15-19

Gradual—*See Propers*

Epistle Philippians 4:4-7

Alleluia and Verse*—*See Propers*

Gospel* Luke 1:39-56

Hymn of the Day..... LSB 935

Sermon: *Vicar Thomas Goodroad*

Apostles' Creed* LSB 159

Prayer of the Church*

Offertory* LSB 159

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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 357,
334, 336, 349**

Nunc Dimittis* LSB 165

Collect* LSB 166

Benediction* LSB 166

Closing Hymn..... LSB 933

*Please Stand

Hymns for today—

OPENING HYMN

LSB 332.....Savior of the Nations, Come

SERMON HYMN

LSB 935... Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

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

LSB 334.....O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

LSB 336.....Lo! He Comes with Cloudy Descending

LSB 349.....Hark the Glad Sound

CLOSING HYMN

LSB 933.....My Soul Rejoices

Old Testament:

Deuteronomy 18:15–19

¹⁵“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—¹⁶just 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.’ ¹⁷And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸I 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. ¹⁹And 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

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

Holy Gospel: Luke 1:39–56

39 In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, 40 and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. 41 And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her

womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, 42 and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! 43 And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. 45 And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.” 46 And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.” And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

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