

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.

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2021

Introit (*Ps. 2:1-2, 4-6; antiphon: Liturgical Text*)

Choir sings italics



When | all was still, and it was | midnight,
your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the | royal throne.*

Why | do the | nations rage
and the peoples | plot in vain?*

*The | kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel to-
gether,**

against the LORD and against his a- | noointed.

He who | sits in the | heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in de- | rision.*

Then | he will speak to them | in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, | saying,*

“As for | me, I have | set my King
on Zion, my | holy hill.”*

**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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your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the | royal throne.*

Collect of the Day

O God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual (*Ps. 98:3b-4a, 2*)

All the | ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.*

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth.

The | LORD has made known his sal- | vation;*

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

LSB 952

Alleluia and Verse (*Psalms 95:1a, 6b*)

Alleluia. *Oh come, let us sing to the LORD. Let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!*

Alleluia.

DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE LSB 151

Welcome and Prayer

Processional HymnLSB 379

Invocation, Confession and

Absolution* LSB 151

Introit—*See Propers**

Kyrie* LSB 152

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day*

Scripture Readings (*on back*):

Old TestamentIsaiah 9:2-7

Gradual—*See Propers*

Epistle Titus 2:11-14

Alleluia and Verse*—*See Propers*

Gospel* Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

Hymn of the Day **LSB 380**

Sermon:*Pastor Clint K. Poppe*

Apostles' Creed*LSB 159

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 358**

vs. 1-5, 364, 368, 370, 374, 386,

361, 366

Nunc Dimittis*LSB 165

Collect*LSB 166

Candle Lighting **LSB 363**

Benediction*LSB 166

Closing Hymn..... **LSB 387**

*Please Stand

Hymns for today—

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

LSB 379.....O Come, All Ye Faithful

SERMON HYMN

LSB 380 ...Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 358 vs 1-5.....From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

LSB 364.....Away in a Manger

LSB 368.....Angels We Have Heard on High

LSB 370.....What Child Is This

LSB 374.....Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

LSB 386.....Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

LSB 361.....O Little Town of Bethlehem

LSB 366.....It Came upon the Midnight Clear

CANDLE LIGHTING

LSB 363.....Silent Night, Holy Night

CLOSING HYMN

LSB 387.....Joy to the World

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. ³You 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. ⁴For 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. ⁵For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For 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. ⁷Of 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 2:11-14

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹²training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from

the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" ¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.



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