

# 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.

## The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

(Transferred)

June 22, 2022

**Introit** (*Luke 1:68, 76-79; antiphon: Mal. 3:1*)



Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way be- | fore me.\*

And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his | temple.

Blessèd be the Lord God of | Israel,\*

for he has visited and redeemed his | people.

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the | Most High,\*

for you will go before the Lord to pre- | pare his ways,

to give knowledge of salvation to his | people\*

in the forgiveness | of their sins,

because of the tender mercy | of our God,\*

whereby the sunrise shall visit us | from on high

to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shad- | ow of death,\*

to guide our feet into the | way of peace.

**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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## Collect of the Day

Almighty God, through John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, You once proclaimed salvation. Now grant that we may know this salvation and serve You in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Gradual (*Jer. 1:5, 9b*)

Before I formed you in the womb I | knew you,\*

and before you were born I conse- | crated you;

I appointed you a prophet to the | nations.\*

Behold, I have put my words | in your mouth.

## DIVINE SERVICE SETTING

THREE LSB 184

Welcome and Prayer

**Opening Hymn LSB 518 vs 1, 18, 3**

Invocation, Confession and

Absolution\*..... LSB 184-185

Introit—*See Propers\**

Kyrie\* ..... LSB 186

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day\*

Scripture Readings (*on back*):

Old Testament ..... Isaiah 40:1-5

Gradual—*see propers*

Epistle ..... Acts 13:13-26

Alleluia and verse\* ..... LSB 190

Gospel\* ..... Luke 1:57-80

Nicene Creed\* ..... LSB 191

**Hymn of the Day ..... LSB 346**

Sermon ..... *Pastor Clint K. Poppe*

Offertory and Offering\* .. LSB 192-193

Prayer of the Church\*

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

Preface\* ..... LSB 194

Sanctus\* ..... LSB 195

Lord's Prayer\* ..... LSB 196

Words of Institution\* ..... LSB 197

Agnus Dei\* ..... LSB 198

**Distribution Hymns ..... LSB 349,**

**344, 634**

Nunc Dimittis\* ..... LSB 199-200

Thanksgiving\* ..... LSB 200-201

Salutation and Benedicamus\*

..... LSB 201-202

Benediction\* ..... LSB 202

**Closing Hymn ..... LSB 338**

\*Please Stand

## Hymns for today—

### OPENING HYMN

**LSB 518 vs 1, 18, 3.....**By All  
Your Saints in Warfare

### SERMON HYMN

**LSB 346.....**When All the  
World Was Cursed

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

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

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

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

### CLOSING HYMN

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

### Old Testament: Isaiah 40:1–5

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup>A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup>And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

### Epistle: Acts 13:13–26

<sup>13</sup>Now Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. And John left them and returned to Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>but they went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. <sup>15</sup>After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say it." <sup>16</sup>So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said: "Men of Israel and you who fear God, listen. <sup>17</sup>The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. <sup>18</sup>And for about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. <sup>19</sup>And after destroying seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance. <sup>20</sup>All this took about 450 years. And after that he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet. <sup>21</sup>Then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. <sup>22</sup>And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, 'I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.' <sup>23</sup>Of this man's offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised. <sup>24</sup>Before his coming, John had proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. <sup>25</sup>And as John was finishing his course, he said, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but behold, after me one is coming, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie.' <sup>26</sup>"Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of

this salvation."

### Holy Gospel: Luke 1:57–80

<sup>57</sup>Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. <sup>58</sup>And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. <sup>59</sup>And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, <sup>60</sup>but his mother answered, "No; he shall be called John." <sup>61</sup>And they said to her, "None of your relatives is called by this name." <sup>62</sup>And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. <sup>63</sup>And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And they all wondered. <sup>64</sup>And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. <sup>65</sup>And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, <sup>66</sup>and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him. <sup>67</sup>And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying, <sup>68</sup>"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people <sup>69</sup>and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, <sup>70</sup>as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, <sup>71</sup>that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; <sup>72</sup>to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, <sup>73</sup>the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us <sup>74</sup>that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, <sup>75</sup>in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. <sup>76</sup>And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, <sup>77</sup>to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, <sup>78</sup>because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high <sup>79</sup>to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." <sup>80</sup>And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.



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