

# Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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Sundays at 8 am and 10:30 am  
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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.

## St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

September 21, 2022

**Introit** (*Ps. 92:1-5; antiphon: Matt. 9:13b, c*)



I desire mercy, and not | sacrifice.\*  
For I came not to call the righteous, but | sinners.  
It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,\*  
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High;  
to declare your steadfast love in the | morning,\*  
and your faithful- | ness by night,  
to the music of the lute | and the harp,\*  
to the melody | of the lyre.  
For you, O LORD, have made me glad | by your work;\*  
at the works of your hands I | sing for joy.  
How great are your works, | O LORD!\*Your thoughts are | very deep!  
**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.**  
I desire mercy, and not | sacrifice.\*  
For I came not to call the righteous, but | sinners.

## Collect of the Day

O Son of God, our blessed Savior Jesus Christ, You called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist. Through his faithful and inspired witness, grant that we also may follow You, leaving behind all covetous desires and love of riches; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Gradual

 (*Ps. 119:105, 103; 45:1a, c*)

Your word is a lamp | to my feet\*  
and a light | to my path.  
How sweet are your words | to my taste,\*  
sweeter than honey | to my mouth!  
My heart overflows with a | pleasing theme;\*  
my tongue is like the pen of a | ready scribe.

## DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE LSB 184

Welcome and Prayer  
**Opening Hymn LSB 518 vs 1, 25, 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..... Ezekiel 2:8—3:11  
Gradual—*See Propers*  
Epistle ..... Ephesians 4:7-16  
Alleluia\* ..... LSB 190  
Gospel\* ..... Matthew 9:9-13  
Nicene Creed\* ..... LSB 191  
**Hymn of the Day ..... LSB 730**  
Sermon ..... *Vicar Noah Kerstein*  
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 611,  
634, 688**  
Nunc Dimittis\* ..... LSB 199-200  
Thanksgiving\* ..... LSB 200-201  
Salutation and Benedicamus\*  
..... LSB 201-202  
Benediction\* ..... LSB 202  
**Closing Hymn ..... LSB 941**  
\*Please Stand

## Hymns for today—

### OPENING HYMN

**LSB 518 vs 1, 25, 3.....**By All  
Your Saints in Warfare

### SERMON HYMN

**LSB 730.....**What Is the World  
to Me

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

**LSB 611.....**Chief of Sinners  
Though I Be

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

**LSB 688.....**"Come, Follow  
Me," the Savior Spake

### CLOSING HYMN

**LSB 941.....**We Praise You  
and Acknowledge You, O God

### Old Testament: Ezekiel 2:8—3:11

<sup>8</sup>"But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Be not rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you." <sup>9</sup>And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. <sup>10</sup>And he spread it before me. And it had writing on the front and on the back, and there were written on it words of lamentation and mourning and woe. <sup>3:1</sup>And he said to me, "Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel." <sup>2</sup>So I opened my mouth, and he gave me this scroll to eat. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it." Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey. <sup>4</sup>And he said to me, "Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with my words to them. <sup>5</sup>For you are not sent to a people of foreign speech and a hard language, but to the house of Israel— <sup>6</sup>not to many peoples of foreign speech and a hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to such, they would listen to you. <sup>7</sup>But the house of Israel will not be willing to listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to me. Because all the house of Israel have a hard forehead and a stubborn heart. <sup>8</sup>Behold, I have made your face as hard as their faces, and your forehead as hard as their foreheads. <sup>9</sup>Like emery harder than flint have I made your forehead. Fear them not, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house." <sup>10</sup>Moreover, he said to me, "Son of man, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears. <sup>11</sup>And go to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God,' whether they hear or refuse to hear."

### Epistle: Ephesians 4:7–16

<sup>7</sup>But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it says, "When he as-

cended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." <sup>9</sup>(In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup>so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. <sup>15</sup>Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

### Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:9–13

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. <sup>10</sup>And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup>But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."



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