

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.

Wednesday in the Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2022



Psalm 111 (antiphon v. 9)

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.*
Holy and awesome | is his name!
Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my | whole heart,*
in the company of the upright, in the congre- | gation.
Great are the works | of the LORD,*
studied by all who de- | light in them.
Full of splendor and majesty | is his work,*
and his righteousness endures for- | ever.
He has caused his wondrous works to be re- | membered;*
the LORD is gracious and | merciful.
He provides food for those who | fear him;*
he remembers his covenant for- | ever.
He has shown his people the power | of his works,*
in giving them the inheritance of the | nations.
The works of his hands are faith- | ful and just;*
all his precepts are | trustworthy;
they are established forever and | ever,*
to be performed with faithfulness and up- | rightness.
He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.*
Holy and awesome | is his name!
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.**

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.*
Holy and awesome | is his name!

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.

Verse (Psalm 40:17b)

You are my help and my de- | liverer;*
do not delay, | O my God!

DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE LSB 184

Welcome and Prayer

Opening Hymn..... LSB 914

Invocation, Confession and
Absolution.....LSB 184-185

Psalm*—*See Propers*

Kyrie* LSB 186

Salutation and Collect of the Day*

Scripture Readings (*on back*):

Old Testament.....Isaiah 35:1-10

Gradual—*See Propers*

Epistle.....Titus 3:4-7

Alleluia and Verse*LSB 190

Gospel*John 1:1-18

Nicene Creed*LSB 191

Hymn of the Day.....LSB 389

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 HymnsLSB 567,
339, 636**

Nunc Dimittis* LSB 199-200

Thanksgiving*LSB 200-201

Salutation*LSB 201

Benedicamus*LSB 202

Benediction*LSB 202

Closing Hymn..... LSB 573

*Please Stand

Hymns for today—

OPENING HYMN

LSB 914.....Light of Light, O
Sole-Begotten

SERMON HYMN

LSB 389.....Let All Together
Praise Our God

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 567.....Not What These
Hands Have Done

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

LSB 636.....Soul, Adorn
Yourself with Gladness

CLOSING HYMN

LSB 573.....Lord, 'Tis Not
That I Did Choose Thee

Old Testament: Isaiah 35:1-10

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; ²it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. ³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. ⁹No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Epistle: Titus 3:4-7

⁴When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that being justified by his grace we

might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Holy Gospel: John 1:1-18

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") ¹⁶And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

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