

# 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.

## The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

(Transferred)

December 28, 2022

**Introit** (*Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b*)



These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.\*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the  
blood | of the Lamb.

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame; \*  
in your righteousness de- | liver me.

For you are my rock and my | fortress; \*

and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.

Into your hand I commit my | spirit; \*

you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.

**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, the martyred innocents of Bethlehem showed forth  
Your praise not by speaking but by dying. Put to death in us all  
that is in conflict with Your will that our lives may bear witness to  
the faith we profess with our lips; through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
and forever.

**Gradual** (*Psalm 71:4a, 5a, 6a, b, 8*)

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the | wicked.

For you, O Lord, | are my hope.

Upon you have I leaned from be- | fore my birth;

you are he who took me from my | mother's womb.

My mouth is filled | with your praise,

and with your glory | all the day.

## DIVINE SERVICE SETTING

THREE LSB 184

Welcome and Prayer

**Opening Hymn** .....LSB 676

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..... Micah 6:6-8

Gradual—*See Propers*

Epistle .....Philippians 1:3-11

Alleluia\* .....LSB 190

Gospel\* ..... Matthew 18:21-35

Nicene Creed\* ..... LSB 191

**Hymn of the Day..LSB 517 vv.1,9,3**

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 666,**

**370, 672**

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

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

Salutation and Benedicamus\*

.....LSB 201-202

Benediction\* ..... LSB 202

**Closing Hymn** ..... **LSB 725**

\*Please Stand

## Hymns for today—

### OPENING HYMN

**LSB 676**.....Behold a Host,  
Arrayed in White

### SERMON HYMN

**LSB 517 vv. 1, 9, 3**.....By All  
Your Saints in Warfare

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

**LSB 666**.....O Little Flock, Fear  
Not the Foe

**LSB 370**.....What Child Is This

**LSB 672**.....Jerusalem the  
Golden

### CLOSING HYMN

**LSB 725**.....Children of the  
Heavenly Father

#### Old Testament

#### **Jeremiah 31:15–17**

<sup>15</sup>Thus says the LORD:

“A voice is heard in Ramah,  
lamentation and bitter weeping.  
Rachel is weeping for her children;  
she refuses to be comforted for her  
children,

because they are no more.”

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD:

“Keep your voice from weeping,  
and your eyes from tears,  
for there is a reward for your work,  
declares the LORD,  
and they shall come back from the  
land of the enemy.

<sup>17</sup>There is hope for your future,  
declares the LORD,  
and your children shall come back to  
their own country.”

#### Epistle

#### **Revelation 14:1–5**

<sup>1</sup>Then I looked, and behold, on Mount  
Zion stood the Lamb, and with him  
144,000 who had his name and his  
Father’s name written on their fore-  
heads. <sup>2</sup>And I heard a voice from heav-  
en like the roar of many waters and  
like the sound of loud thunder. The  
voice I heard was like the sound of  
harpists playing on their harps, <sup>3</sup>and  
they were singing a new song before  
the throne and before the four living  
creatures and before the elders. No  
one could learn that song except the  
144,000 who had been redeemed  
from the earth. <sup>4</sup>It is these who have  
not defiled themselves with women,  
for they are virgins. It is these who  
follow the Lamb wherever he goes.

These have been redeemed from  
mankind as firstfruits for God and the  
Lamb, <sup>5</sup>and in their mouth no lie was  
found, for they are blameless.

#### Gospel

#### **Matthew 2:13–18**

<sup>13</sup>When [the wise men] had departed,  
behold, an angel of the Lord appeared  
to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise,  
take the child and his mother, and flee  
to Egypt, and remain there until I tell  
you, for Herod is about to search for  
the child, to destroy him.” <sup>14</sup>And he  
rose and took the child and his mother  
by night and departed to Egypt <sup>15</sup>and  
remained there until the death of Her-  
od. This was to fulfill what the Lord  
had spoken by the prophet, “Out of  
Egypt I called my son.”

<sup>16</sup>Then Herod, when he saw that he  
had been tricked by the wise men,  
became furious, and he sent and killed  
all the male children in Bethlehem and  
in all that region who were two years  
old or under, according to the time  
that he had ascertained from the wise  
men. <sup>17</sup>Then was fulfilled what was  
spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

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