

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.

First Sunday after Epiphany

January 8, 2023

Introit (*Ps.100; antiphon: Is. 6:1, Rev. 19:6*)



I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and | lifted up,*
and the train of his robe filled the | temple.

Then I heard the voice of a great multitude, | crying out,*
“Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Al- | mighty reigns.”

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth!*

Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with | sing
ing!

Know that the LORD, | he is God!*

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the
sheep of his | pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his | courts with praise!*

Give thanks to him; | bless his name!

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures for- | ever,*
and his faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

**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

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of Your people who call upon
You and grant that they both perceive and know what things they ought
to do and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with
You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual (*Ps. 72:18, 3*)

Blessèd be the LORD, the God of | Israel,*
who alone does | wondrous things.

Let the mountains bear prosperity for the | people,*
and the hills, in| righteousness!

Verse (*Ps. 100:1-2a*)

Make a joyful noise to the LORD | all the earth,*
serve the LORD with| gladness!

DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE LSB 184

Welcome and Prayer

Opening Hymn..... LSB 402

Invocation, Confession and

Absolution.....LSB 184-185

Introit—*See Propers**

Kyrie*LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis*LSB 187

Salutation and Collect of the Day*

Scripture Readings (*on back*):

Old Testament1 Kings 8:6-13

Gradual—*See Propers*

EpistleRomans 12:1-5

Alleluia and Verse*LSB 190

Gospel*Luke 2:41-52

Nicene Creed*LSB 191

Hymn of the DayLSB 410

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 401,
589, 637, 624**

Nunc Dimittis* LSB 199-200

Thanksgiving*LSB 200-201

Salutation*LSB 201

Benedicamus*LSB 202

Benediction*LSB 202

Closing HymnLSB 725

*Please Stand

Hymns for today—

OPENING HYMN

LSB 402.....The Only Son
from Heaven

SERMON HYMN

LSB 410....Within the Father's
House

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 401.....From God the
Father, Virgin-Born

LSB 589.....Speak, O Lord,
Your Servant Listens

LSB 637.....Draw Near and
Take the Body of the Lord

LSB 624.....The Infant Priest
Was Holy Born

CLOSING HYMN

LSB 725...Children of the
Heavenly Father

Old Testament: 1 Kings 8:6–13

⁶Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the Most Holy Place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. ⁷For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, so that the cherubim overshadowed the ark and its poles. ⁸And the poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the Holy Place before the inner sanctuary; but they could not be seen from outside. And they are there to this day. ⁹There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone that Moses put there at Horeb, where the LORD made a covenant with the people of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt. ¹⁰And when the priests came out of the Holy Place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD, ¹¹so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD. ¹²Then Solomon said, "The LORD has said that he would dwell in thick darkness. ¹³I have indeed built you an exalted house, a place for you to dwell in forever."

Epistle: Romans 12:1–5

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and

the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:41–52

⁴¹Now [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.



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