

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.

St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles

(Transferred)

June 28, 2023

Introit (*Ps. 89:1,5,15-16; antiphon: Ps. 119:46*)



I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]*
and shall not be | put to shame.

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever;*
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all
gener- | ations.

Let the heavens praise your wonders, | O LORD,*
your faithfulness in the assembly of the | holy ones!

Blessèd are the people who know the | festal shout,*
who walk, O LORD, in the light | of your face,
who exult in your name | all the day*
and in your righteousness are ex- | alted.

**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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and shall not be | put to shame.

Collect of the Day

Merciful and eternal God, Your holy apostles Peter and Paul received grace and strength to lay down their lives for the sake of Your Son. Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that we may confess Your truth and at all times be ready to lay down our lives for Him who laid down His life for us, even Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual (*Ps. Rom. 10:15b, 18b; Is. 52:7b, alt.*)

How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the | good news,*
who publish peace and bring good news of sal- | vation.

Their voice has gone out to | all the earth,*
and their words to the ends | of the world.

Verse (*Matthew 16:18b*)

On this rock I will | build my church,*
and the gates of hell shall not prevail a- | gainst it.

DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE LSB 184

Welcome and Prayer

Opening HymnLSB 518
vv. 1,19, 3

Invocation, Confession and
Absolution*LSB 184-185
Introit—*See Propers**

Kyrie*LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis*LSB 187-189

Salutation and Collect of the Day*

Scripture Readings (*on back*):

Old Testament.....Acts 15:1-12 (13-21)

Gradual—*See Propers*

EpistleGalatians 2:1-10

Alleluia and Verse*LSB 190

Gospel*Matthew 16:13-19

Nicene Creed*LSB 191

Hymn of the DayLSB 647

Sermon.....*Vicar Noah Kerstein*

Offertory and Offering* ...LSB 192-193

Prayer of the Church*

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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Lord's Prayer*LSB 196

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Nunc Dimittis*LSB 199-200

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Benedicamus*LSB 202

Benediction*LSB 202

Closing Hymn.....LSB 662

*Please Stand

Hymns for today—

OPENING HYMN

LSB 518 vv. 1, 19, 3 ... By All
Your Saints in Warfare

SERMON HYMN

LSB 647... Lord Jesus Christ,
the Church's Head

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 645.... Built On the Rock

LSB 618 I Come, O Savior,
to Thy Table

LSB 648 Glorious Things
of You Are Spoken

CLOSING HYMN

LSB 662... Onward, Christian
Soldiers

Old Testament:

First Reading: Acts 15:1–12 (13-21)

¹But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.”²And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders about this question. ³So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the brothers. ⁴When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they declared all that God had done with them. ⁵But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, “It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses.” ⁶The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter. ⁷And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. ⁸And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, ⁹and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith. ¹⁰Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? ¹¹But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.” ¹²And all the assembly fell silent, and they listened to Barnabas and Paul as they related what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles.

Epistle: Galatians 2:1–10

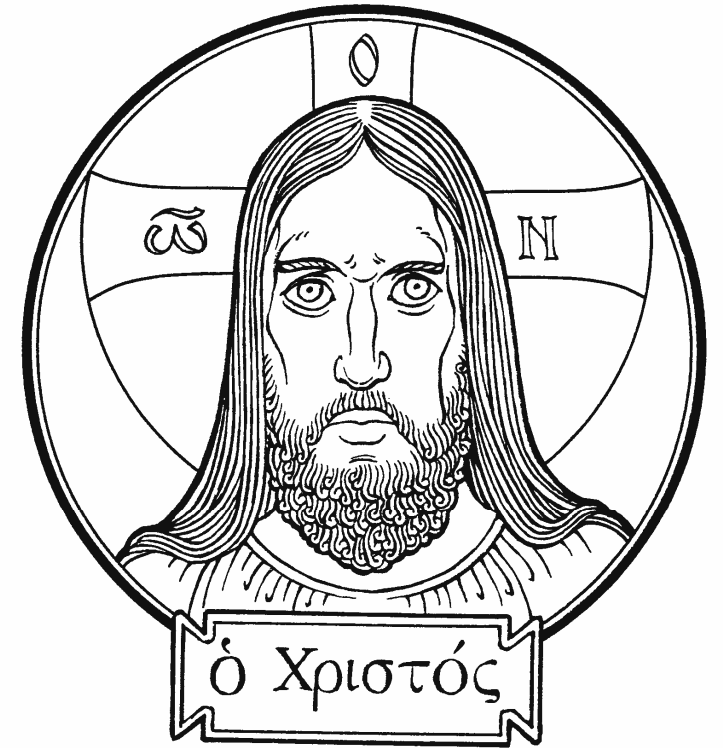
¹Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. ²I went up because of a revelation and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the gospel that I pro-

claim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain. ³But even Titus, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. ⁴Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery—⁵to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you. ⁶And from those who seemed to be influential (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—those, I say, who seemed influential added nothing to me. ⁷On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel to the circumcised ⁸(for he who worked through Peter for his apostolic ministry to the circumcised worked also through me for mine to the Gentiles), ⁹and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. ¹⁰Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:13–19

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

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