

# 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.

## The Visitation

(Transferred)

July 5, 2023

**Introit** (1 Sam. 2:1-2, 7-8; antiphon: Luke 1:46b-47)



*My soul magni- | fies the Lord,\*  
and my spirit rejoices in God my | Savior.*

My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted | in the LORD.\*

My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your sal- | vation.  
There is none holy like the LORD; there is none be- | sides you;\*  
there is no rock | like our God.

The LORD makes poor and | makes rich;\*  
he brings low and | he exalts.

He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the | ash heap\*  
to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of | honor.

For the pillars of the earth | are the LORD'S,\*  
and on them he has | set the world.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

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## Collect of the Day

Almighty God, You chose the virgin Mary to be the mother of Your Son and made known through her Your gracious regard for the poor and lowly and despised. Grant that we may receive Your Word in humility and faith, and so be made one with Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Gradual (Ps. 103:2; 105:5; 100:4)

Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*

And forget not all his | benefits.

Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,\*

His miracles, and the judgments he | uttered.

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

Give thanks to him; | bless his name!

## Verse (Luke 1:45)

Blessed is she | who believed,\*

That there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to  
her | from the Lord.

## DIVINE SERVICE SETTING

THREE LSB 184

Welcome and Prayer

**Opening Hymn..... LSB 518 vv. 1,  
22, 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 ..... Isaiah 11:1-5

Gradual—*See Propers*

Epistle ..... Romans 12:9-16

Alleluia\* ..... LSB 190

Gospel\* ..... Luke 1:39-45(46-56)

Nicene Creed\* ..... LSB 191

**Hymn of the Day.....LSB 384**

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 621,  
401, 385**

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

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

Salutation\* ..... LSB 201

Benedicamus\* ..... LSB 202

Benediction\* ..... LSB 202

**Closing Hymn..... LSB 935**

\*Please Stand

## Hymns for today—

### OPENING HYMN

**LSB 518 vv. 1, 22, 3...** By All  
Your Saints in Warfare

### SERMON HYMN

**LSB 384.....** Of the Father's  
Love Begotten

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

**LSB 621 .....**Let All Mortal  
Flesh Keep Silence

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

**LSB 385..** From East to West

### CLOSING HYMN

**LSB 935...** Tell Out, My Soul,  
the Greatness of the Lord

### Old Testament: Isaiah 11:1-5

<sup>1</sup>There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

<sup>2</sup>And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

<sup>3</sup>And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see,

or decide disputes by what his ears hear, <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

<sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

### Epistle: Romans 12:9-16

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited.

### Holy Gospel: Luke 1:39-45(46-56)

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup>and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup>and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup>And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup>For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

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