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 Moline or Goodroad 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. If you are not yet prepared to receive communion, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest and the pastor will give you a baptismal blessing.

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

August 27, 2023

Introit (*Ps.* 70:2b, 4a, 5b; antiphon: *Ps.* 70:1-2a) Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me!* O LORD, make haste to | help me! Let them be put to shame and con- | fusion* who | seek my life! Let them be | turned back* and brought to dishonor who de- | sire my hurt! May all who seek | you rejoice* and be | glad in you! You are my help and my de- | liverer:* O LORD, do | not delay! 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. Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me!* O LORD, make haste to | help me! Let them be put to shame and con- | fusion* who | seek my life!

Collect of the Day

Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual (*Ps. 34:1-2*)

I will bless the LORD at | all times;* his praise shall continually be | in my mouth. My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;* let the humble hear | and be glad.

Verse (*Ps.* 81:1)

Sing aloud to | God our strength;* shout for joy to the God of | Jacob.

DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE LSB 184

Welcome and Prayer Opening Hymn LSB 579 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 29:17-24 Gradual–See Propers Epistle 2 Corinthians 3:4-11 Alleluia and Verse*.....LSB 190 Gospel*.....Mark 7:31-37 Nicene Creed* LSB 191 Hymn of the Day LSB 545 Sermon..... Pastor Adam Moline Offertory and Offering*... LSB 192-193 Praver 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 602, 590, 655, 623 Nunc Dimittis*.....LSB 199-200 Thanksgiving*LSB 200-201 Salutation*LSB 201 Benedicamus*.....LSB 202 Benediction* LSB 202 Closing Hymn LSB 924 *Please Stand

Old Testament: Isaiah 29:17–24

Hymns for today—

OPENING HYMN

LSB 579 ... The Law of God Is Good and Wise

SERMON HYMN

LSB 545 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- LSB 602..... The Gifts Christ Freely Gives
- LSB 590.. Baptized into Your Name Most Holy
- LSB 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word
- LSB 623... Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

CLOSING HYMN

LSB 924.... Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

¹⁷Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? ¹⁸In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. ¹⁹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel. ²⁰For the ruthless shall come to nothing and the scoffer cease, and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off, ²¹who by a word make a man out to be an offender, and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate, and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in the right. ²²Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: "Jacob shall no more be ashamed. no more shall his face grow pale. ²³For when he sees his children, the work of my hands, in his midst, they will sanctify my name; they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob and will stand in awe of the God of Israel.²⁴And those who go astray in spirit will come to understanding. and those who murmur will accept instruction."

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3:4-11

⁴Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. ⁵Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, ⁶who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. ⁷Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, ⁸will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? ⁹For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. ¹⁰Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. ¹¹For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

Holy Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

³¹[Jesus] returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released. and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

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