

# 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.**

## Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

September 17, 2023

**Introit** (Ps. 86:4, 6, 15a, 16; antiphon: Ps. 86:1a, 2a, 3)



*Incline your ear, O LORD, and | answer me,\*  
save your servant, who trusts in | you—you are my God.*

*Be gracious to | me, O Lord,\**

*for to you do | I cry all the day.*

*Gladden the soul | of your servant,\**

*for to you, O Lord, do | I lift up my soul.*

*Give ear, O LORD, | to my prayer;\**

*listen | to my plea for grace.*

*But you, O Lord, are a God merci- | ful and gracious;\**

*turn to me and be | gracious to me;*

*give your strength | to your servant,\**

*and save the son | of your maidservant.*

**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

O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Gradual (Ps.118:8-9)

It is better to take refuge | in the LORD\*  
than | to trust in man.

It is better to take refuge | in the LORD\*  
than to | trust in princes.

## Verse (Ps.95:1)

*Oh come, let us sing | to the Lord;*

*let us make a joyful noise to the rock of | our salvation!*

## DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE LSB 184

Welcome and Prayer

**Opening Hymn** .....LSB 728

Invocation, Confession and

Absolution\* .....LSB 184-185

Introit—*See Propers\**

Gloria Patri\* .....LSB 186

Kyrie\* .....LSB 186

Hymn of Praise\* ..... Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation and Collect of the Day\*

Scripture Readings (*on back*):

Old Testament..... 1 Kings 17:8–16

Epistle .....Galatians 5:25–6:10

Alleluia and Verse\* .....LSB 190

Gospel\* ..... Matthew 6:24–34

Nicene Creed\* ..... LSB 191

**Hymn of the Day** ..... **LSB 760**

Sermon .....*Pastor Thomas Goodroad*

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 725,**

**750, 601, 581**

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

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

Salutation\* .....LSB 201

Benedicamus\* .....LSB 202

Benediction\* ..... LSB 202

**Closing Hymn** ..... **LSB 685**

\*Please Stand

## Hymns for today—

### OPENING HYMN

**LSB 728** ..... How Firm a Foundation

### SERMON HYMN

**LSB 760** .. What God Ordains Is Always Good

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

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

**LSB 750** .... If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

**LSB 601** ..... All Who Believe and Are Baptized

**LSB 581** .. These Are the Holy Ten Commands

### CLOSING HYMN

**LSB 685**.... Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

### Old Testament: 1 Kings 17:8–16

<sup>8</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to him, <sup>9</sup>“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup>So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” <sup>11</sup>And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup>And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” <sup>13</sup>And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son.” <sup>14</sup>For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” <sup>15</sup>And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

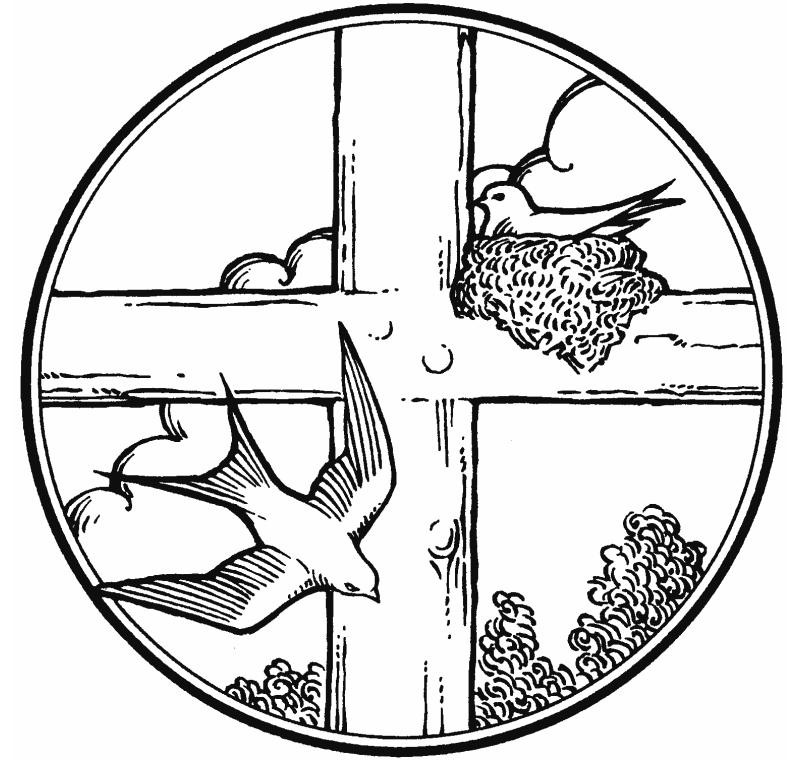
### Epistle: Galatians 5:25–6:10

<sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. <sup>26</sup>Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. <sup>6:1</sup>Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. <sup>4</sup>But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. <sup>5</sup>For each will have to bear his own load. <sup>6</sup>One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. <sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. <sup>8</sup>For the one who sows to his own flesh

will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. <sup>9</sup>And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

### Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:24–34

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus said:] “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. <sup>25</sup>“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup>For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup>But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. <sup>34</sup>“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”



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