

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.**

The Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Day

December 25, 2023

Introit (*Ps. 98:1-4; antiphon: Is.9:6*)



*For to us a child is born, to us a son is | given;**

*and the government shall be up- | on his shoulder,
and his name shall be called Wonderful | Counselor,**

Mighty God, Everlasting | Father, Prince of Peace.

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!*

His right hand and his holy arm have worked sal- | vation for him.

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;*

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight | of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.*

All the ends of the earth have seen the sal- | vation of our God.

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

break forth into joyous song | and sing praises!

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, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; 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: 26a, 27a, 23*)

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!*

The LORD is God, and he has made his light to | shine upon us.

This is the LORD's | doing;*

it is | marvelous in our eyes.

Verse (*Liturgical Text*)

A holy day has dawned upon us.

Come, all you nations, and worship the Lord.

DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE LSB 184

Welcome and Prayer

Processional Hymn **LSB 386**

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....Exodus 40:17-21, 34-38

Gradual—*See Propers*

Epistle.....Titus 3:4-7

Alleluia and Verse*LSB 952

Gospel* John 1:1-14(15-18)

Athanasian Creed* LSB 319-320

Hymn of the Day..... **LSB 358**

Sermon *Pastor Adam Moline*

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 370,**

360, 376, 378, 332

Nunc Dimittis* LSB 199-200

Thanksgiving*LSB 200-201

Salutation*LSB 201

Benedicamus*LSB 202

Benediction*LSB 202

Closing Hymn..... **LSB 372**

*Please Stand

Hymns for today—

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

LSB 386..... Now Sing We,
Now Rejoice

SERMON HYMN

LSB 358..... From Heaven
Above to Earth I Come

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 370.. What Child Is This

LSB 360..... All My Heart
Again Rejoices

LSB 376 Once in Royal
David's City

LSB 378 Break Forth, O
Beauteous Heavenly Light

LSB 332 Savior of the
Nations, Come

CLOSING HYMN

LSB 372 ... O Jesus Christ,
Thy Manger Is

Old Testament:

Exodus 40:17–21, 34–38

¹⁷In the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, the tabernacle was erected. ¹⁸Moses erected the tabernacle. He laid its bases, and set up its frames, and put in its poles, and raised up its pillars. ¹⁹And he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent over it, as the LORD had commanded Moses. ²⁰He took the testimony and put it into the ark, and put the poles on the ark and set the mercy seat above on the ark. ²¹And he brought the ark into the tabernacle and set up the veil of the screen, and screened the ark of the testimony, as the LORD had commanded Moses. . . .³⁴Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁵And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁶Through-out all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. ³⁷But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. ³⁸For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.

Epistle: Titus 3:4–7

⁴But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Holy Gospel: John 1:1–14(15-18)

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") ¹⁶For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

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