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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 Eve

December 24, 2023

Introit (*Psalm 24:1, 3-5; antiphon: Psalm 2:6-7*)



The Lord | said to me,

"You are my Son; today I | have begotten you.

*As for me, I have | set my King
on Zi- | on, my holy hill."*

The earth is the Lord's and the full- | ness thereof,
the world and | those who dwell therein.

Who shall ascend the hill | of the Lord?

And who shall stand | in his holy place?

He who has clean hands and a | pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not | swear deceitfully.

He will receive blessing | from the Lord
and righteousness from the God of | his sal- | vation.

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 God, You make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our Judge; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual

 (*Ps. 25:3,4*)

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the | LORD, all the earth.

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;

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

Verse

 (*Ps. 2:7*)

The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you."

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*Please Stand

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OPENING HYMN

LSB 379 O Come, All Ye
Faithful

SERMON HYMN

LSB 359 Lo, How a Rose
E'er Blooming

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

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LSB 361 O Little Town of
Bethlehem

LSB 364... Away in a Manger

LSB 367 Angels from the
Realms of Glory

LSB 366.... It Came upon the
Midnight Clear

LSB 368..... Angels We Have
Heard on High

LSB 370.. What Child Is This

LSB 376 Once in Royal
David's City

CLOSING HYMN

LSB 363..... Silent Night

Old Testament: Isaiah 7:10–14

¹⁰Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹²But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” ¹³And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

Epistle: 1 John 4:7–16

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18–25

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). ²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

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