

# 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.**

## Circumcision and Name of Jesus

December 31, 2023

**Introit** (*Ps. 40:6-8; antiphon: Ps. 40:16*)



May all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you; \*  
may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great | is  
the LORD!"

Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me  
an | open ear.\*

Burnt offering and sin offering you have | not required.

Then I said, "Behold, | I have come; \*  
in the scroll of the book it is writ- | ten of me:

I desire to do your will, | O my God; \*  
your law is with- | in my heart."

**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.**

May all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you; \*  
may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great | is  
the LORD!"

## Collect of the Day

Lord God, You made Your beloved Son, our Savior, subject to the Law and caused Him to shed His blood on our behalf. Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit that our hearts may be made pure from all sins; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Gradual

 (*Heb. 8:10, 10:17*)

This is the covenant that I will make with the house of | Israel\*  
after those days, de- | clares the Lord:  
I will put my laws in- | to their minds,\*  
and write them | on their hearts.  
I will be their God, and they shall be my | people.\*  
I will remember their sins and their lawless | deeds no more.

## Verse

 (*Matthew 1:21*)

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name | Jesus,\*  
For he will save his people | from their sins.

## DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE LSB 184

### Opening Hymn ..... LSB 898

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*):

First Reading.....Numbers 6:22-27

Gradual—*See Propers*

Epistle ..... Galatians 3:23-29

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

Gospel\* ..... Luke 2:21

Apostles' Creed\* ..... LSB 192

**Hymn of the Day ..... LSB 900**

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 899,**

**374, 897, 403, 332**

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

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

Salutation\* ..... LSB 201

Benedicamus\* ..... LSB 202

Benediction\* ..... LSB 202

**Closing Hymn ..... LSB 725**

\*Please Stand

## Hymns for today—

### OPENING HYMN

**LSB 898** ..... The Ancient  
Law Departs

### SERMON HYMN

**LSB 900** ..... Jesus! Name of  
Wondrous Love

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

**LSB 899**... Across the Sky the  
Shades of Night

**LSB 374** .... Gentle Mary Laid  
Her Child

**LSB 897**.....O Rejoice, Ye  
Christians, Loudly

**LSB 403**..... O Savior of Our  
Fallen Race

**LSB 332**..... Savior of the  
Nations, Come

### CLOSING HYMN

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

### Old Testament: 2 Samuel 7:1–16

<sup>1</sup>Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, <sup>2</sup>the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent.” <sup>3</sup>And Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you.” <sup>4</sup>But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, <sup>5</sup>“Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? <sup>6</sup>I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. <sup>7</sup>In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”’ <sup>8</sup>Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. <sup>9</sup>And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup>from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. <sup>12</sup>When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup>He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. <sup>14</sup>I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, <sup>15</sup>but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away

from before you. <sup>16</sup>And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”

### Epistle: Galatians 4:1–7

<sup>1</sup>I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, <sup>2</sup>but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. <sup>3</sup>In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. <sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

### Holy Gospel: Luke 2:(22-31) 33–40

<sup>33</sup>And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup>And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup>(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.” <sup>36</sup>And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, <sup>37</sup>and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. <sup>39</sup>And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him

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