

# 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)*

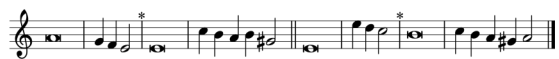
Our practice is prompted by our love, care, and concern for all people. If you are not a communicant member of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, please do not commune today.

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.**

## Sexagesima

February 4, 2024

**Introit** (Ps. 44:1-2, 7-8; antiphon: Ps. 44:23, 25a, 26a)



*Awake! Why are you sleeping, | O Lord?\**  
*Rouse yourself! Do not reject | us forever!*  
*For our soul is bowed down | to the dust.\**  
*Rise up; | come to our help!*

O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have | told us,\*  
what deeds you performed in their days, | in the days of old:  
you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them you | planted;\*

you afflicted the peoples, but them | you set free.  
But you have saved us | from our foes\*  
and have put to shame | those who hate us.  
In God we have boasted con- | tinually,\*  
and we will give thanks to your | name forever.

**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, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Gradual

 (Ps. 83:18, 13)

[Let your enemies] know that you alone, whose name | is the LORD,\*  
are the Most High | over all the earth.  
O my God, make them like | whirling dust,\*  
like | chaff before the wind.

## Tract

 (Ps. 60:1-2,5)

O God, you have re- | jected us,\*  
broken | our defenses;  
you have been | angry;\*  
oh, | restore us.  
You have made the land to quake; you have torn it | open;\*  
repair its breaches, | for it totters.  
That your beloved ones may be de- | livered,\*  
give salvation by your right hand | and answer us!

## DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE LSB 184

Welcome and Prayer  
**Opening Hymn** ..... **LSB 586**  
Invocation, Confession and  
Absolution\* ..... LSB 184-185  
Introit—*See Propers*\*  
Kyrie\* ..... LSB 186  
Gloria in Excelsis\* ..... LSB 187-189  
Salutation and Collect of the Day\*  
Scripture Readings (*on back*):  
Old Testament ..... Isaiah 55:10-13  
Gradual—*See Propers*  
Epistle ..... 2 Corinthians 11:19-12:9  
Tract\*—*See Propers*  
Gospel\* ..... Luke 8:4-15  
Nicene Creed\* ..... LSB 191  
**Hymn of the Day** ..... **LSB 823**  
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 533,  
526, 523, 561, 438**  
Nunc Dimittis\* ..... LSB 199-200  
Thanksgiving\* ..... LSB 200-201  
Salutation\* ..... LSB 201  
Benedictamus\* ..... LSB 202  
Benediction\* ..... LSB 202  
**Closing Hymn** ..... **LSB 655**

\*Please Stand

## Hymns for today—

### OPENING HYMN

**LSB 586**..... Preach You the Word

### SERMON HYMN

**LSB 823**..... May God Bestow on Us His Grace

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

**LSB 533** ..... Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure

**LSB 526** .... You Are the Way; through You Alone

**LSB 523** ..... O Word of God Incarnate

**LSB 561** ..... The Tree of Life

**LSB 438**..... A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

### CLOSING HYMN

**LSB 655** ..... Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

**Old Testament: Isaiah 55:10–13** <sup>10</sup>“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup>“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. <sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

### Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:19-12:9

<sup>19</sup>For you gladly bear with fools, being wise yourselves! <sup>20</sup>For you bear it if someone makes slaves of you, or devours you, or takes advantage of you, or puts on airs, or strikes you in the face. <sup>21</sup>To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that!

But whatever anyone else dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. <sup>22</sup>Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I. <sup>23</sup>Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. <sup>24</sup>Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. <sup>25</sup>Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; <sup>26</sup>on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; <sup>27</sup>in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. <sup>28</sup>And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. <sup>29</sup>Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant?

<sup>30</sup>If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. <sup>31</sup>The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. <sup>32</sup>At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of Damascus in order to seize me, <sup>33</sup>but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands.

<sup>1</sup>I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. <sup>2</sup>I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up

to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. <sup>7</sup>So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. <sup>9</sup>But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

**Holy Gospel: Luke 8:4–15** <sup>4</sup>When a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to [Jesus], he said in a parable: <sup>5</sup>“A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. <sup>6</sup>And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. <sup>7</sup>And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. <sup>8</sup>And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said these things, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” <sup>9</sup>And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, <sup>10</sup>he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’” <sup>11</sup>Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. <sup>12</sup>The ones along the path are those who have heard. Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. <sup>13</sup>And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. <sup>14</sup>And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. <sup>15</sup>As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.”

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