# 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.

## **Wednesday in the Fourth Sunday in Lent Laetare**

March 13, 2024

**Introit** (*Ps.* 122:1-2, 6, 8; antiphon: *Is.* 66:10a, 11a)



Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad for her,\* all you who | love her; that you may nurse and be | satisfied\* from her con- | soling breast. I was glad when they | said to me,\* "Let us go to the house | of the LORD!" Our feet have been | standing\* within your gates, O Je- | rusalem! Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem!\* May they be secure who | love you! For my brothers and com- | panions' sake\* I will say, "Peace be with- | in you!" 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. Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad for her,\* all you who | love her; that you may nurse and be | satisfied\* from her con- | soling breast.

#### Collect of the Day

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual (Ps. 122:1, 7)

I was glad when they | said to me,\*

"Let us go to the house | of the LORD!"

Peace be with- | in your walls\*

and security within your | towers!

#### **Tract** (*Psalm 125:1–2, 5b*)

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount | Zion,\* which cannot be moved, but abides for- | ever.

As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his | people,\* from this time forth and forevermore. Peace be upon | Israel!

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<sup>\*</sup>Please Stand

### **Hymns for today**—

#### **OPENING HYMN**

**LSB 743** ......Jesus, Priceless Treasure

#### **SERMON HYMN**

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

#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**LSB 711.....** Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

**LSB 642.....** O Living Bread from Heaven

**LSB 510** .. A Multitude Comes from the East and the West

**LSB 437....**Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

**LSB 450.....**O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

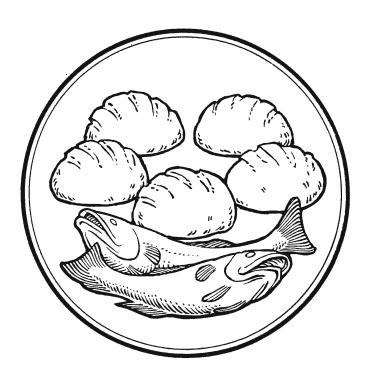
Old Testament: Isaiah 49:8-13 <sup>2</sup>And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>and the people of Israel said to them. "Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." 4Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. 5On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." 6So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, "At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup>and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that vou grumble against us?" 8And Moses said. "When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD." 9Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling." <sup>10</sup>And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. 11 And the LORD said to Moses. 12"I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God." <sup>13</sup>In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. 14And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. 16This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent." <sup>17</sup>And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. <sup>18</sup>But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. <sup>19</sup>And Moses said to them. "Let no one leave any of it over till the morning." 20But they did not listen to Moses. Some

left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. <sup>21</sup>Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

Second Reading: Acts 2:41-47 <sup>41</sup>So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. 42And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Holy Gospel: John 6:1-15 1 After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. 3 Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. 4Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. 5Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." 8One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him. <sup>9</sup>"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" 10 Jesus said. "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. 11 Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." 13So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said. "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!" <sup>15</sup>Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

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