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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)

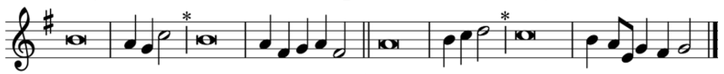
Our practice is prompted by our love, care, and concern for all people. If you are not a communicant member of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, please do not commune today. However, please know that we look forward to having you at the Lord's Table soon. We sincerely invite you to 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.

✝ *Soli Deo Gloria* ✝

Second Sunday After Christmas

January 4, 2026

Choir sings italicized parts.

Introit *(Psalm 8:1, 4-6; antiphon: Psalm 8:2)*

*Out of the mouths of babes and | infants,**
you have established strength be- | cause of your foes,
*to still the | enemy**
and | the avenger.
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth!*
You have set your glory a- | bove the heavens.
what is man that you are mind- | ful of him,*
and the son of man | that you care for him?
Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly | beings*
and crowned him with glo- | ry and honor.
You have given him dominion over the works | of your hands;*
you have put all | things under his feet.
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 for- | ever. Amen.
*Out of the mouths of babes and | infants,**
you have established strength be- | cause of your foes,
*to still the | enemy**
and | the avenger.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual *(Psalm 106:47; Isaiah 63:16b)*

Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the | nations,
that we may give thanks to your holy name and | glory in your praise.
You, O Lord, are our | Father,
our Redeemer from of | old is your name.

Verse *(Psalm 145:21)*

My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

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CLOSING HYMN

LSB 716 ..... I Walk in Danger All the Way

Old Testament: Genesis 46:1-7

[1]So Israel took his journey with all that
he had and came to Beersheba, and
offered sacrifices to the God of his
father Isaac. [2]And God spoke to Israel
in visions of the night and said, "Jacob,
Jacob." And he said, "Here am I."
[3]Then he said, "I am God, the God of
your father. Do not be afraid to go
down to Egypt, for there I will make
you into a great nation. [4]I myself will
go down with you to Egypt, and I will
also bring you up again, and Joseph's
hand shall close your eyes."
[5]Then Jacob set out from Beersheba.
The sons of Israel carried Jacob their
father, their little ones, and their wives,
in the wagons that Pharaoh had sent to
carry him. [6]They also took their
livestock and their goods, which they
had gained in the land of Canaan, and
came into Egypt, Jacob and all his
offspring with him, [7]his sons, and his
sons' sons with him, his daughters, and
his sons' daughters. All his offspring he
brought with him into Egypt.

Epistle: 1 Peter 4:12-19

[12]Beloved, do not be surprised at the
fiery trial when it comes upon you to
test you, as though something strange
were happening to you. [13]But rejoice
insofar as you share Christ's sufferings,
that you may also rejoice and be glad
when his glory is revealed. [14]If you are
insulted for the name of Christ, you are
blessed, because the Spirit of glory and
of God rests upon you. [15]But let none
of you suffer as a murderer or a thief
or an evildoer or as a meddler. [16]Yet if
anyone suffers as a Christian, let him
not be ashamed, but let him glorify
God in that name. [17]For it is time for
judgment to begin at the household of
God; and if it begins with us, what will
be the outcome for those who do not
obey the gospel of God? [18]And
"If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and
the sinner?"
[19]Therefore let those who suffer
according to God's will entrust their
souls to a faithful Creator while doing
good.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

[13]When [the wise men] had departed,
behold, an angel of the Lord appeared
to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise,
take the child and his mother, and flee
to Egypt, and remain there until I tell
you, for Herod is about to search for
the child, to destroy him." [14]And he rose
and took the child and his mother by
night and departed to Egypt [15]and
remained there until the death of
Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord
had spoken by the prophet, "Out of
Egypt I called my son."
[16]Then Herod, when he saw that he had
been tricked by the wise men, became
furious, and he sent and killed all the
male children in Bethlehem and in all
that region who were two years old or
under, according to the time that he had
ascertained from the wise men. [17]Then
was fulfilled what was spoken by the
prophet Jeremiah:
[18]"A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be comforted, because
they are no more."
[19]But when Herod died, behold, an
angel of the Lord appeared in a dream
to Joseph in Egypt, [20]saying, "Rise, take
the child and his mother and go to the
land of Israel, for those who sought the
child's life are dead." [21]And he rose and
took the child and his mother and went
to the land of Israel. [22]But when he
heard that Archelaus was reigning over
Judea in place of his father Herod, he
was afraid to go there, and being
warned in a dream he withdrew to the
district of Galilee. [23]And he went and
lived in a city called Nazareth, that
what was spoken by the prophets might
be fulfilled: "He shall be called a
Nazarene."

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