

NOTE ON PARTICIPATING IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church throughout history, Closed Communion is observed by this congregation, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those who:

- (a) are baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
- (b) have been instructed in the truth of Holy Scriptures as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, have been confirmed in and are a faithful member of a congregation of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod or a denomination that has altar fellowship with the LC-MS, and continues to embrace this same Lutheran faith in the same way that it is believed, taught, confessed, and practiced at this congregation;
- (c) believe that in this Sacrament Christ Jesus is truly present (The Real Presence) in, with, and under the bread and wine which is the Real Body and Blood of Christ that is distributed to and orally received by you, bestowing on you the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation;
- (d) that you have truly examined yourself and have repented of all your sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this Holy Meal.

If you are a guest at Shepherd of the Springs Lutheran Church, we kindly ask that you first speak with our pastor before receiving this Blessed Sacrament. It is in accord with Holy Scripture that we practice Closed Communion and, therefore, it is an expression of our sincere friendship and concern for your spiritual welfare. If you desire to learn more about our beliefs we ask you to speak with our pastor.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Quasimodo Geniti) *The Wounds of Christ Give Us Life*

"For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood" (1 John 5:7); these three point to Christ and flow from Christ. Jesus shows His disciples His hands and His side, from which blood and water flowed, saying *"Peace be with you."* He presents the wounds which turn our fear to gladness and which restore us to the Father. Jesus breathes on His disciples and says, *"Receive the Holy Spirit"* (St. John 20:23). His breath, His words are Spirit and life. They raise up our dry, dead bones and give us new and everlasting life (Ezek. 37:1-14). Christ now gives His ministers to speak His forgiving, Spirit-filled words to the penitent in His stead. Our Lord continues to come to His people, presenting His wounds to us in the Sacraments of water and blood. He bids us to touch His side at His table, to receive His risen body and blood in true faith, that believing we may have life in His name.

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A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

April 27, 2025



*Quasi modo geniti infantes,
rationale sine dolo lac concupiscite*

"As newborn infants, desire the pure milk"

Quasimodo Geniti: The Second Sunday of Easter
"Office of the Holy Ministry Sunday"

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[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Processional

Hymn **"The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"** #464
(Refrain is sung at the beginning of the Hymn
and then once again after Stanza 5.)

Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution p. 184

Service of the Word

Introit

Like newborn infants, Alleluia,
long for the pure spiritual milk of the Word. Alleluia.
Sing aloud to God our strength;
shout for joy to the God of Jacob!
In distress you called, and I delivered you;
I answered you in the secret place of thunder.
I am the LORD your God,
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it;
and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.
(Ps. 81:1, 7a, 10, 16b; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2a)

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Gloria in Excelsis p. 187
Salutation p. 189

Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter: Almighty God
grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may
by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus
is Lord and God; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God,
now and forever. **A - - - men!**

[We are seated]

Prophecy of the Day **Ezekiel 37:1-14**
[Prophesy to Dead Bones]
This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Verse

[During Easter season, the Gradual is replaced with the Verse]

Alleluia. He has risen from the dead,
and behold, he is going before you to Galilee.
Alleluia!
Eight days later Jesus came and stood among them and said,
"Peace be with you." Alleluia!
(Matt. 28:7b; John 20: 26a, c)

Epistle of the Day **1 John 5:4-10a**
[The Testimony of God is Greater]
This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

[We rise] **Triple Alleluia** p. 190

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Holy Gospel of the Day **St. John 20:19-31**

[The Institution of the Office of the Apostolic Ministry]

Responses to the Holy Gospel **p. 190**

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[We are seated]

Hymn of the Day
"O Sons and Daughters of the King" #470

Sermon

[We rise]
Offertory **"This is the Feast"** p. 155

[We are seated]

The offering is received

God richly bless you for your support of His work among us!

[We rise] **Prayer of the Church**

Service of the Sacrament p. 194

[Please review our Communion Policy on the back of this Guide]

[We are seated for the Distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ]

Hymn **"Jesus Lives! The Vict'ry's Won!"** #490
[We rise] **Doxology** #805

Dismissal, Nunc Dimittis, Thanksgiving, p. 199
Salutation, Benedicamus, Benediction

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain!" #487

*Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ is Risen!
He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!*

Readings for Next Sunday

Misericordias Domini: Third Sunday of Easter

Prophecy of the Day: Ezekiel 34:11-16
Epistle of the Day: 1 Peter 2:21b-25
Holy Gospel of the Day: St. John 10:11-16