

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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogate

The Father Answers Our Prayers Because of Jesus

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you" (St. John 16:23). To pray in Jesus' name is to pray as one who has been baptized, since it is in the water that He put His name upon you, claiming you as His own, making you a son of God with access to the Father. By His incarnation and crucifixion, our Lord Jesus broke through the barrier of sin which separated us from God, opening a portal to the Father. Like Moses in the wilderness, Jesus is our intercessor before the throne of heaven. He was lifted up for us on the cross that we might be saved and restored to fellowship with the Father (Num. 21:4-9). Looking "...into this perfect law of liberty" (James 1:22-27) we pray with boldness and confidence as dear children of God. "Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full" (St. John 16:24).

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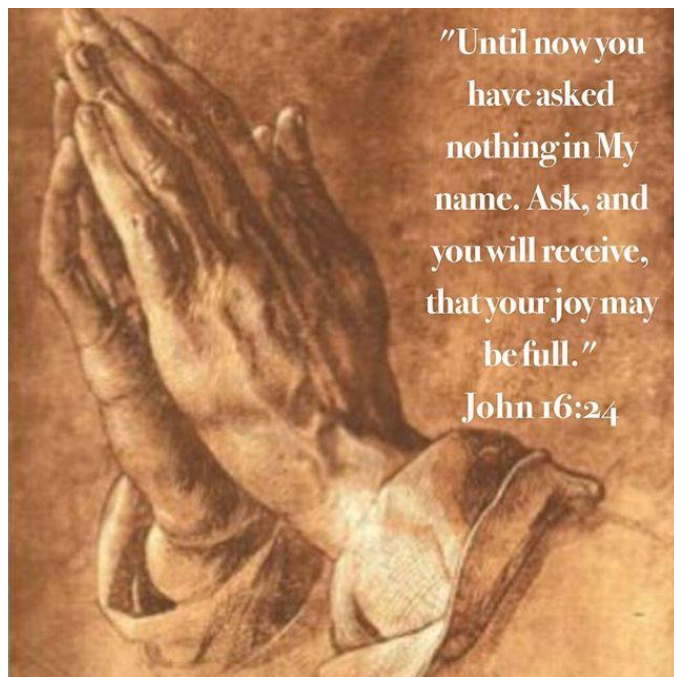
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A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

May 25, 2025



meo petite et accipietis

"Ask, and you will receive"

Rogate: The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Processional Hymn

“Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You” #668

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Service of the Word

Introit

[With a voice of singing,] declare this with a shout of joy to the end of the earth. Alleluia!

The Lord has redeemed His servant Jacob! Alleluia!

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

sing the glory of His name.

I cried to Him with my mouth,

and high praise was on my tongue.

But truly God has listened;

He has attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessèd be God,

because He has not rejected my prayer or removed

His steadfast | love from me!

(Ps. 66:1-2a, 17, 19-20; antiphon: Is. 48:20b)

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***Gloria in Excelsis* p. 187**

Salutation p. 189

Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter: O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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 **Numbers 21:4-9**

[The Bronze Serpent]

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Verse

Alleluia! Christ, who has redeemed us with His blood,

is risen and has appeared unto us. Alleluia!

I came from the Father and have come into the world,

and now I am leaving the world and going to the

Father. Alleluia!

(Liturgical Text; St. John 16:28)

Epistle of the Day **James 1:22-27**

[Doers – Not Hearer Only]

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

[We rise]

Triple Alleluia

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The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Holy Gospel of the Day

St. John 16:23b-30

[Jesus Christ Has Overcome the World]

Responses to the Holy Gospel

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Nicene Creed

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[We are seated]

Hymn of the Day

“Our Father, Who From Heaven Above” #766

Sermon

[We rise]

Offertory

“This is the Feast”

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[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 – The Litany

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Service of the Sacrament

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[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

“Hear Us, Father, When We Pray”

#773

[We rise]

Doxology

#805

Dismissal, *Nunc Dimittis*, Thanksgiving,

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Salutation, *Benedicamus*, Benediction

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

“Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious!” #548

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

Readings for Next Sunday

Exaudi: Seventh Sunday of Easter:

Prophecy of the Day:

Ezekiel 36:23a, 23c-28

Epistle of the Day:

1 Peter 4:7b-11

Holy Gospel of the Day:

St. John 15:26 – 16:4a