

#### 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.

#### **Seventh Sunday of Easter: *Exaudi* *The Spirit of Truth Bears Witness to Jesus***

The Spirit of Truth bears witness to Jesus, who is the truth. But the world does not receive the truth. It loves its own and hates those who are of the truth. Just as Jesus was scorned, so is His Church. "*The hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God*" (St. John 16:2). Yet it is by Jesus' suffering and death that we are saved. Therefore we rejoice to share in His sufferings, so that we may also share in His resurrection glory (1 Pet. 4:7-14). Through the ministry of the Spirit of Truth, we are cleansed from the deceit of our idols and given a new heart and a new spirit, the heart and Spirit of Christ (Ezek. 36:22-28). He now works in us fervent, self-giving love for one another, love which covers a multitude of sins, "*that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen*" (1 Pet. 4:11).

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# A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

June 1, 2025



*Exaudi, Domini, vocem meam*  
"Hear, O God, my voice"

***Exaudi: The Seventh Sunday of Easter***

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[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Processional Hymn

**“How Firm a Foundation” #728**

**Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution p. 184**  
**Service of the Word**

**Introit**

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud. Alleluia!

**Your face, Lord, do I seek; hide not Your face from me. Alleluia!**

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Teach me Your way, O LORD;

**give me not up to the will of my adversaries;**

for false witnesses have risen against me,

**and they breathe out violence.**

(Ps. 27:1, 11a, 12; antiphon: Ps. 27:7a, 8b, 9a)

**Gloria Patri, Kyrie p. 186**

**Gloria in Excelsis p. 187**

**Salutation p. 189**

**Collect for the Seventh Sunday of Easter:** O King of glory,  
Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave  
us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of Truth  
whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign  
with Him and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

**A - - - men!**

[We are seated]

Prophecy of the Day **Ezekiel 36:23a, 23c-28**

*[I Will Put My Spirit Within You]*

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

**Verse**

Alleluia! God reigns over the nations;

**God sits on His holy throne. Alleluia!**

I will not leave you as orphans;

**I am going away, and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia!**

(Ps. 47:8; John 14:18a, 28; 16:22b)

Epistle of the Day **1 Peter 4:7b-11**

*[The End of All Things is at Hand]*

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 15:26-16:4a**

*[The Helper Comes]*

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

**Nicene Creed p. 191**

[We are seated]

Hymn of the Day

**“If God Himself Be for Me” #724**

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 & Blood of Christ]

Hymn

**“The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns” #532**

[We rise] **Doxology #805**

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

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

**“Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me?” #756**

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

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**Readings for Next Sunday**

**The Feast of Pentecost**

Prophecy of the Day:

Genesis 11:1-9

Epistle of the Day:

Acts 2:1-11

Holy Gospel of the Day:

St. John 14:23-31a