

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.

Holy Trinity

The Holy Trinity Reveals Himself to Sinners

When Isaiah beheld the glory of the Lord, he cried out "*Woe is me!*" Since the sinner cannot stand in the presence of a holy God and live (Is. 6:1-7). But God the Father lifted up His Son Jesus for us on the cross, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. This eternal life of Christ is given us according to the Holy Spirit's good pleasure in Baptism. "*Unless one is born [again] of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God*" (St. John 3:5). To sinners in fear of death, the messengers of God place on our lips the living body and blood of Christ and speak His words of absolution, "*Your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for*" (Is. 6:7). Having received forgiveness and life from the Father through the Son by the Holy Spirit, we join with the angels in praising the blessed Trinity, "*Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts!*" (Is. 6:3). "*For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen*" (Rom. 11:33-36).

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A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

June 15, 2025



Benedicta Sancta Trinitas et Individua Unitas

"Blesséd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity"

The Feast of the Blessed Holy Trinity

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[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Processional Hymn

"We All Believe in One True God" #953

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Service of the Word

Introit

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us.

O LORD, our LORD,

how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

You have set Your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of babes and infants, You have established strength.

When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,

the moon and the stars, which You have set in place,

what is man that You are mindful 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 glory and honor.

(Ps. 8:1-2a, 3-5; antiphon: Liturgical Text)

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Collect for the Holy Trinity – Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, One God, now and forever. **A - - - men!**

[We are seated]

Prophecy of the Day

Isaiah 6:1-7

[Isaiah's vision of the Lord]

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Gradual

Blessèd are You, O Lord, who beholds the deep,

and who dwells between the cherubim.

Blessèd are You, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven,

and greatly to be praised forever.

(Liturgical Text)

Epistle of the Day

Romans 11:33-36

[God's ways are past finding out]

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 3:1-15

[God So Loved the World]

Responses to the Holy Gospel

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Athanasian Creed

Handout

[read responsively as indicated in the handout]

[We are seated]

Hymn of the Day

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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Sermon

[We rise]

Offertory

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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]

Litany to The Holy Trinity

Handout

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

"Glory Be to God the Father"

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[We rise]

Doxology

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Salutation, Benedicamus, Benediction

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

"We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God" #941



Readings for Next Sunday: The First Sunday after Trinity

Prophecy of the Day:

Deuteronomy 6:4-13

Epistle of the Day:

1 John 4:8b-21

Holy Gospel of the Day:

St. Luke 16:19-31