

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.

First Sunday after Trinity *Faith Trusts in Christ for Life Eternal*

When the beggar Lazarus died, he was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom, since he was truly Abraham's seed. Like Abraham, he believed in the LORD, and the LORD kept His promise to Lazarus as He brings him "...into the land of which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you large and beautiful cities which you did not build...", (Dt. 6:13). The name Lazarus means "God is my help." The unnamed rich man, on the other hand, did not love and trust in God, because he evidently cared little for the beggar at his gate. And "he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen" (1 John 4:20). He who loved and trusted in possessions and prestige died and was in torments in Hades (St. Luke 16:19-31). Repentance and faith are worked only through Moses and the prophets—that is, the Word of God, since it points us to Jesus Christ. Only through His death and resurrection are we brought the comfort of life everlasting and into a kingdom we did not build!

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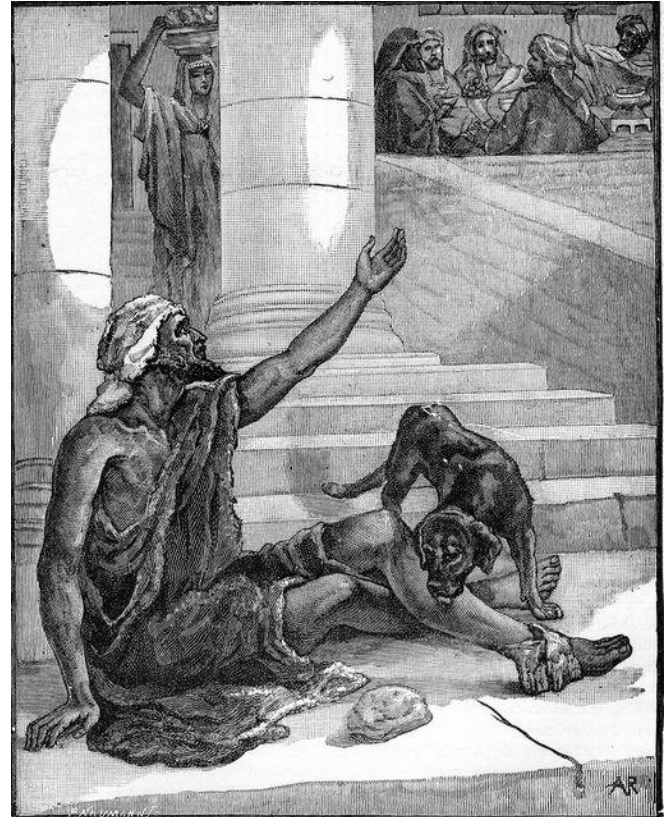
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A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

June 22, 2025



Ego autem in misericordia tua
"I have trusted in Your steadfast love"

The First Sunday after Trinity

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*A Confessional, Evangelical, Sacramental, and Liturgical
Congregation of the Lutheran Confessions --
Where the Lutheran Reformation Lives!*

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[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Processional Hymn

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #700

Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution p. 184

Service of the Word

Introit

[O Lord,] I have trusted in Your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.

I will sing to the LORD,

because He has dealt bountifully with me.

How long, O LORD? Will You forget me forever?

How long will You hide Your face from me?

How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in
my heart all the day?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;

light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,

lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"

lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

(Ps. 13:1-4; antiphon: Ps. 13:5-6)

Gloria Patri, Kyrie p. 186

Gloria in Excelsis p. 187

Salutation p. 189

Collect for the First Sunday after Trinity – O God, the
strength of all who trust in You, mercifully accept our prayers;
and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can
do no good thing, grant us Your grace to keep Your
commandments that we may please You in both will and deed;
through Jesus Christ, 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 **Deuteronomy 6:4-13**

[The Greatest Commandment]

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

Gradual

I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me;

heal me, for I have sinned against You!"

Blessèd is the one who considers the poor!

In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him.

(Ps. 41:4, 1)

Epistle of the Day **1 John 4:8b-21**

[Knowing God Through Love]

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. Luke 16:19-31**

[The Rich Man and Lazarus]

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

Nicene Creed p. 191

[We are seated]

Hymn of the Day

"To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray" #768

Sermon

[We rise] **Offertory p. 192**

[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 **"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table" #618**

[We rise] **Doxology #805**

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

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

"I'm But a Stranger Here" #748

Readings for Next Sunday:

The Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles

First Reading of the Day: Acts 12:1-11

Epistle of the Day: Galatians 2:1-10

Holy Gospel of the Day: St. Matthew 16:13-19