

#### 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.

#### St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles

As Jesus took up His cross, so did St. Peter and St. Paul. Jesus in our stead; Peter and Paul for our benefit. Peter and Paul gained their courage and fortitude to face death only because they took to heart the death of Christ for them. When Jesus first told His disciples that He must suffer, Peter—who had just confessed, *You are the Christ*—could not accept it. He had not yet learned that Jesus had to suffer many things, nor to take up his own cross and follow. Thus he denied Him thrice. But what Peter had learned of Christ's suffering, then he, and Paul, and every martyr, could take up their own cross—in Peter's case, quite literally.

It is through much tribulation that faith learns well what it cost our Lord to earn salvation, and how very precious is His Holy Gospel. When Christians suffer for Christ, accepting their lot for His sake, suffering willingly rather than compromise themselves against His truth, it means they have learned the lessons of St. Peter and St. Paul. Both refused to renounce Him, knowing what a disgrace the Church would otherwise have suffered, and what eternal blessings Christ had earned for her, His dear Bride!

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# A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

June 29, 2025



*et loquebar in testimoniis tuis in conspectu regum*

“And I spoke of thy testimonies before kings”

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

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[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Processional Hymn

**“Chief of Sinners Though I Be” #611**

**Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution p. 184**

### **Service of the Word**

#### **Introit**

I will speak of Your testimonies before kings, [O LORD,  
**and shall not be put to shame.**

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;  
**with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness  
to all generations.**

Let the heavens praise Your wonders, O LORD,  
**Your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!**

Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,  
**who walk, O LORD, in the light of Your face,**  
who exult in Your name all the day  
**and in Your righteousness are exalted.**

(Ps. 89:1, 5, 15-16; antiphon: Ps. 119:46)

***Gloria Patri, Kyrie* p. 186**

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

**Salutation p. 189**

**Collect for the Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul** – Merciful and eternal God, Your holy apostles Peter and Paul received grace and strength to lay down their lives for the sake of Your Son. Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that we may confess Your truth and at all times be ready to lay down our lives for Him who laid down His life for us, even Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **A - - - men!**

[We are seated]

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

*[Conflict over Circumcision]*

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

#### **Gradual**

How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,  
**who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.**

Their voice has gone out to all the earth,

**and their words to the ends of the world.**

(Rom. 10:15b, 18b; Is. 52:7b)

Epistle of the Day **Galatians 2:1-10**

*[Defending the Gospel]*

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. Matthew 16:13-19**

*[Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ]*

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

**Nicene Creed p. 191**

[We are seated]

Hymn of the Day

**“By All Your Saints in Warfare” #518**

[sts. 1, 19, 3]

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 & Blood of Christ]

Hymn

**“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” #575**

[We rise]

**Doxology #805**

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

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

**“Onward, Christian Soldiers” #662**

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### **Readings for Next Sunday The Third Sunday after Trinity**

Prophecy of the Day:

Micah 7:18–20

Epistle of the Day:

1 Peter 5:6-11

Holy Gospel of the Day:

St. Luke 15:1–10