

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.

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Christ's Mercy Is Ours to Show to Others

"Be merciful, even as your Father also is merciful" (St. Luke 6:36-42). The old Adam in us wants to condemn and seek vengeance. But the Lord says, *"Vengeance is Mine, I will repay"* (Rom. 12:14-21). To condemn, avenging yourself, is to put yourself in the place of God. It is to fail to trust that He is just. Ultimately, it is to disbelieve that Jesus suffered the full vengeance for all wrongs. Only Christ is merciful as the Father is merciful. He is the one who overcame all evil with the good of His cross, forgiving even His executioners. The Lord promises in Isaiah that He will, *"...guide you continually, and satisfy your soul in drought, and strengthen your bones; you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail"* (Is. 58:11). Jesus is the One who does not condemn but gives life that runs over. Only through faith in Christ are we sons of the Father—being merciful, forgiving, doing good to our enemies. In Christ, we know that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us (Rom. 8:8-13).

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A Guide to the Divine Service

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Respite in me, et Miserere mei, Domine

*"Look Thou upon me, O LORD,
and have mercy upon me."*

***The Fourth Sunday after Trinity
Merciful Father Sunday***

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[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Processional Hymn

“What God Ordains Is Always Good” #760

Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution p. 184

Service of the Word

Introit

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

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

When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,

my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life.

For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble;

He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock.

(Ps. 27:3-4a, 5; antiphon: Ps. 27:1-2)

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

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

Salutation p. 189

Collect for the Fourth Sunday after Trinity – O Lord, grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Your governance that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; 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 **Isaiah 58:6-12**

[The LORD is Merciful]

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

Gradual

Atone for our sins, for your name's sake!

Why should the nations say, “Where is their God?”

Help us, O God of our salvation,

for the glory of your name deliver us.

(Ps. 79:9-10a)

Epistle of the Day **Romans 8:18-23**

[From Suffering to Glory]

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 6:36-42

[Judging Others]

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

Nicene Creed p. 191

[We are seated]

Hymn of the Day

“O God, My Faithful God” #696

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

“Your Table I Approach” #628

[We rise] **Doxology #805**

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

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

“Abide with Me” #878

Readings for Next Sunday:

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Prophecy of the Day:

1 Kings 19:11-21

Epistle of the Day:

1 Peter 3:8-15a

Holy Gospel of the Day:

St. Luke 5:1-11