

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.

Fifth Sunday after Trinity **Jesus Makes Fishers of Men**

The Lord called fishermen to be fishers of men (St. Luke 5:1–11). The net they would use is the message of the cross, which is foolishness and a stumbling block to the world (1 Cor. 1:18–25). The power of God to save is not in spectacular signs like wind and fire and earthquakes (1 Kings 19:11–21), nor is it to be found in human intelligence and wisdom. The power of God to save comes in the still, small voice of the preaching of Christ crucified. In worldly darkness the disciples could catch nothing. But in the light of Christ, whose Word was attached to the water, the boats were filled with fish. So it is that in Baptism you have been drawn in to the ship of the Church. Though the nets are breaking and some who hear the Word do not believe, pastors continue to cast the net of the Gospel and the Sacraments, that Christians may abide in the boat of the Church and that we may be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks a reason for the hope that is in us (1 Peter 3:8–15).

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A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

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Audite Domine
“Hear, O Lord”

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity ***Following Jesus Sunday***

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[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Processional Hymn

“Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens” #589

Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution p. 184

Service of the Word

Introit

Hear, O LORD when I cry aloud;

be gracious to me and answer me!

O You who have been my help,

forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

The Lord is my light and my salvation;

whom shall I fear?

Teach me your way, O LORD,

and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;

**for false witnesses have risen against me, and they
breathe out violence.**

Wait for the LORD;

**be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for
the LORD!**

(Ps. 27:1a, 11-12, 14; antiphon: Ps. 27:7, 9b)

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

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

Salutation p. 189

Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity – O God, You have prepared for those who love You good things that surpass all understanding. Pour into our hearts such love toward You that we, loving You above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 **1 Kings 19:11-21**

[The Call of Elisha]

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

Gradual

Behold our shield, O God;

look on the face of Your anointed!

O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;

give ear, O God of Jacob!

(Ps. 84:9, 8)

Epistle of the Day **1 Peter 3:8-15a**

[Called to Blessing]

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 5:1-11**

[Jesus Calls the First Disciples]

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

Nicene Creed p. 191

[We are seated]

Hymn of the Day

“Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake” #688

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 Faith Looks Up to Thee” #702

[We rise] **Doxology #805**

Dismissal, *Nunc Dimittis*, Thanksgiving, p. 199

Salutation, *Benedicamus*, Benediction

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” #924

Readings for Next Sunday: The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Prophecy of the Day:

Exodus 20:1-17

Epistle of the Day:

Romans 6:3-11

Holy Gospel of the Day:

St. Matthew 5:20-26