

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.

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Our Only Hope Is in Christ's Righteousness

"Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (St. Matthew 5:20). God demands nothing less than perfection and holiness from you in regard to His commandments (Ex. 20:1-17). Your only hope, then, is not in your own goodness but in the goodness of Jesus Christ, who did not come to destroy the Law and the Prophets, but to fulfill them for you. In Christ, your righteousness does indeed exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees, since you have been baptized into Christ's death and your sinful nature crucified. Therefore, he who has died has been freed from sin (Rom. 6:1-11). You are now raised with Christ to walk in newness of life and to share in His resurrection on the Last Day. Christ has brought you through the baptismal sea *"out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery"* (Ex. 20:2). Therefore, *"consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus"* (Rom. 6:11).

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A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

July 27, 2025



Dominus fortitudo mea et robur

"The LORD is the Strength of His People"

**[The Sixth Sunday after Trinity]
Righteousness Sunday**

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[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Processional Hymn

“The Law of God is Good and Wise” #579

Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution p. 184

Service of the Word

Introit

The LORD is the strength of His people;

He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

Save Your people and bless Your heritage!

Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

To You, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,

lest, if You be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to You for help,

when I lift up my hands toward Your most holy sanctuary.

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped;

my heart exalts, and with my song I give thanks to Him.

(Ps. 28:1-2, 7; antiphon: Ps. 28:8-9)

Gloria Patri, Kyrie p. 186

Gloria in Excelsis p. 187

Salutation p. 189

Collect for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity – Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 **Exodus 20:1-17**

[The Ten Commandments]

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

Gradual

Return, O LORD! How long?

Have pity on Your servants!

LORD, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

From everlasting to everlasting You are God.

(Ps. 90:13, 1, 2b)

Epistle of the Day **Romans 6:3-11**

[Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ]

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 5:20-26**

[Fulfillment of the Law]

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

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[We are seated]

Hymn of the Day

“All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall” #562

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 **“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness” #563**

[We rise] **Doxology #805**

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

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

“The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace” #580

Readings for Next Sunday: **The Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

Prophecy of the Day:

Isaiah 62:6-12

Epistle of the Day:

Romans 6:19-23

Holy Gospel of the Day:

St. Mark 8:1-9