

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.

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity ***The Steward's Shrewdness Sanctified***

"The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness" (St. Luke 16:1–9). The steward's shrewdness is praiseworthy for two reasons. First, he knew the master would be merciful. He trusted that the master would honor the debts he forgave in the master's name. In the same way, though we have squandered our heavenly Father's possessions in selfishness and sin, Jesus is the Steward who has canceled our debt, knowing that His forgiveness will be honored by the Father because of the holy cross. Secondly, the steward was shrewd in using oil and wheat to provide for his earthly welfare. So also do these earthly elements aid us when pressed into heavenly use in the anointing of baptism and the wheat of the Lord's Supper. Those who have the Sacraments will have an eternal home when their earthly home fails. These provide us aid in times of temptation (1 Cor. 10:6–13); since you are told to *"...commit your works to the Lord, and your thoughts will be established"* (Proverbs 16:3).

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A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

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Ecce enim Deus adiuvat me
"Behold, God is My Helper"

[Ninth Sunday after Trinity]
The Unjust Steward Sunday

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[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Processional Hymn

"Oh, How Great is Your Compassion" #559

Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution p. 184

Service of the Word

Introit

Behold, God is my helper;

the Lord is the upholder of my life.

He will return the evil to my enemies;

in Your faithfulness put an end to them.

O God, save me, by Your name,

and vindicate me by Your might.

O God, hear my prayer;

give ear to the words of my mouth.

For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life;

they do not set God before themselves.

For He has delivered me from every trouble,

and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

(Ps. 54:1-3, 7; antiphon: Ps. 54:4-5)

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

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Collect for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity – Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; 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 **Proverbs 16:1-9**

[Wisdom is Better than Gold]

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

Gradual

O LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

You have set Your glory

above the heavens.

(Ps. 8:1)

Epistle of the Day **1 Corinthians 10:6b-13**

[Let Us Trust the Faithfulness of Our God]

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 16:1-9

[The Parable of the Unjust Steward]

Responses to the Holy Gospel

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[We are seated]

Hymn of the Day

"What is the World to Me"

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Sermon

[We rise]

Offertory

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[We are seated]

The offering is received

God richly bless you for your support of His work among us!

Installation of Church Officer

Mr. Trevor Smith

[We rise]

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

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[Please review our Communion Policy on the back of this Guide]

[We are seated for the Distribution of the Body & Blood of Christ]

Hymn **"Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode"**

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[We rise]

Doxology

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Dismissal, *Nunc Dimittis*, Thanksgiving,

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Salutation, *Benedicamus*, Benediction

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

#685

Readings for Next Sunday:

The Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Prophecy of the Day:

Proverbs 3:1-8

Epistle of the Day:

2 Corinthians 4:7-10

Holy Gospel of the Day:

St. John 1:43-51