

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 synod 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 Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle

St. Bartholomew (or Nathanael, as he is called in St. John's Gospel) was one of the first of Jesus' twelve disciples. His home was in the town of Cana, in Galilee (St. John 21:2), where Jesus performed His first miracle. He was invited to become one of the Twelve by Philip, who had told him that they had found the Messiah in the person of Jesus of Nazareth (St. John 1:45). St. Bartholomew's initial hesitation to believe, because of Jesus' Nazarene background, was quickly replaced by a clear, unequivocal declaration of faith, "You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" [St. John 1:49]

St. Bartholomew was present with the other disciples (St. John 21:1-13) when they were privileged to see and converse and eat with their risen Lord and Savior. According to some Early Church fathers, Bartholomew brought the Gospel to Armenia, where he was martyred by being flayed alive.

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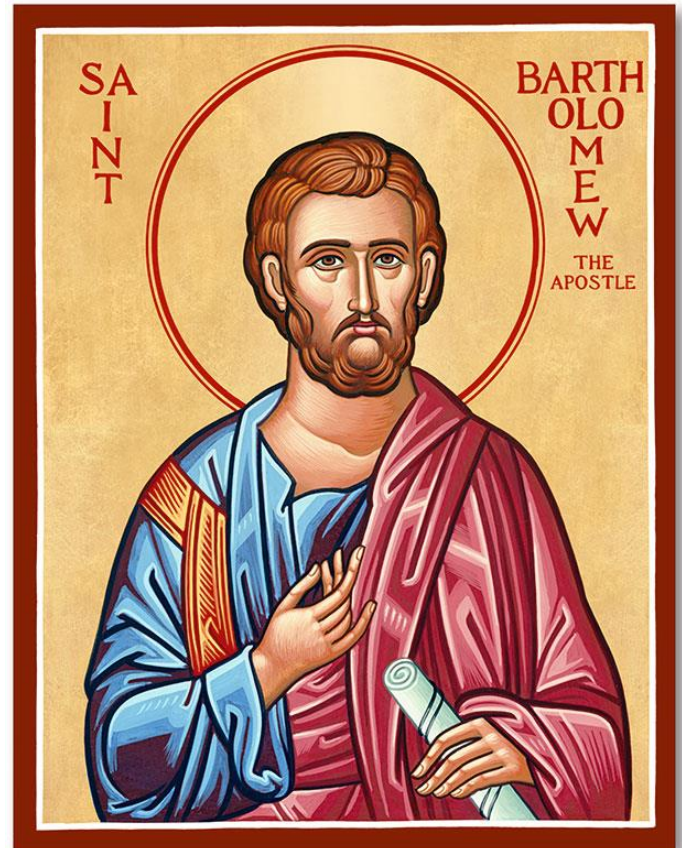
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A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

August 24, 2025



Tu es Filius Dei tu es rex Israhel

"Thou art the Son of God.
Thou art the King of Israel"

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[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Processional Hymn

“God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage” #582

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!

Blesséd 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, 15-1616; antiphon: Ps. 119:46)

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

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

Salutation p. 189

Collect for the Feast of St. Bartholomew – Almighty God,
Your Son, Jesus Christ, chose St. Bartholomew to be an
apostle to preach the blessed Gospel. Grant that Your Church
may love what he believed and preach what he taught; 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 3:1–8**

[Guidance for the Young]

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, alt.)

Epistle of the Day **2 Corinthians 4:7–10**

[Cast Down but Unconquered]

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. John 1:43-51**

[The Call of Nathanael (St. Bartholomew)]

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

[Stanzas 1, 23, (stand) 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 **“Wide Open Stands the Gates” #639**

[We rise] **Doxology #805**

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

Salutation, *Benedicamus*, Benediction

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

“O Savior, Precious Savior” #527

Readings for Next Sunday:

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Prophecy of the Day: Genesis 4:1-15

Epistle of the Day: 1 Corinthians 15:1-10

Holy Gospel of the Day: St. Luke 18:9-14