

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.

Holy Cross Day *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross is often overlooked; however, as the Greeks asked to see Jesus, we must look to Him on the Holy Cross. Just as Moses lifted up the bronze serpent in the wilderness; so Jesus, when He is *lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to Himself* (St. John 12:32). *He humbled Himself and became obedient even to the death of the cross to save us* (Phil. 2:8). *Everyone who is bitten by the ancient serpent's venom of sin, when he sees Christ shall live* (Num. 21:8). The true Holy Cross is lost to history, and we cannot return to Calvary to find our salvation. So Christ brings the New Testament in His Blood to us.

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A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

September 14, 2025



Notum fecit Dominus salutare suum
"The Lord has made known His salvation"

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Processional Hymn

“The Royal Banners Forward Go” #455

Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution p. 184

Service of the Word

Introit

The LORD has made known His salvation;

He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

With trumpets and sound of the horn

make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

(Ps. 98:1, 4, 6; antiphon: Ps. 98:2)

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

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

Salutation p. 189

Collect for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross – Merciful God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **A - - - men!**

[We are seated]

Prophecy of the Day **Numbers 21:4-9**

[The Bronze Serpent]

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

Gradual

“Behold, I will lift up My hand to the nations,
and raise My signal to the peoples,” [says the LORD.]

So must the Son of Man be lifted up,
that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.

(Is. 49:22a; St. John 3:14b-15)

Epistle of the Day **Philippians 2:5-11**

[Humiliation and Example of the 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. John 12:32-36a**

[The Son of Man Must Be Lifted Up]

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

Nicene Creed p. 191

[We are seated]

Hymn of the Day

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory” #427

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 **“O Lord, We Praise Thee” #617**

[We rise] **Doxology #805**

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

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

“Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed” #560

Lessons for Next Sunday:

Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Prophecy of the Day: Ezekiel 2:8 – 3:11

Epistle of the Day: Ephesians 4:7-13

Holy Gospel of the Day: St. Matthew 9:9-13