

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.

Feast of St. Michael and All Angels

Another name for this Feast Day is Michaelmas. Its origin lies in the dedication of an ancient church to St. Michael on September 29. It is the only festival of the angels retained by the Lutheran reformers which is probably why they also added "and All Angels" to the original title of "St. Michael."

The first use of this addition to the title dates from 1524. In ancient times, this was a very popular celebration and was marked with considerable superstition. Since it is the only festival specifically relating to the existence and work of angels, it should not be neglected in our worship.

The *Introit* calls on all beings to give praise to God, even angels and the mighty hosts. Referenced here is the work of the angels, that of serving the Lord. The *Collect* is a prayer that we who are God's servants on earth would serve Him as do His angels in heaven. The *Gradual* is God's promise of angelic protection even in times of trouble.

The Prophecy, from Daniel, tells us we live in "a time of trouble" (Dan. 12:1), in the midst of great tribulation; for Satan and his wicked angels have been thrown out of heaven and have come down to earth "in great wrath," with woeful "temptations to sin" and with constant accusations (Rev. 12:8-12; St. Matthew 18:7). The *Second Reading* tells of war in heaven in which Michael and the faithful angels defeat Satan and his followers. Strong comfort is given here in the assurance that the holy angels who watch over us are well able to defeat the hordes of hell by the power of God's Word! In the *Holy Gospel*, Jesus uses a child as an illustration of faith and closes the pericope with the notice that the angels in heaven watch over them.

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A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

September 28, 2025



Benedicite Domino angeli eius
"Bless the Lord, ye His Angels"

Feast of St. Michael and All Angels

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[We rise and face the Processional cross]

Processional Hymn

“God Himself is Present” #907

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Service of the Word

Introit

Bless the LORD, O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

Bless the LORD, O you His angels,

you mighty ones who do His word, obeying the voice of His word!

Bless the LORD, all His hosts,

His ministers, who do His will!

Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places of His dominion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

(Ps103:20-22; antiphon: Ps. 103:1)

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Collect for the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels –

Everlasting God, You have ordained and constituted the service of angels and men in a wonderful order. Mercifully grant that, as Your holy angels always serve and worship You in heaven, so by Your appointment they may also help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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

Daniel 12:1-3

[The Archangel Michael is the Great Prince of God's People]

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Gradual

He will command His angels concerning you

to guard you in all your ways.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

(Ps. 91:11; 103:1)

Second Reading of the Day

Revelation 12:7-12a

[Michael and the Angels Fight Against the Devil]

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

[We rise]

Triple Alleluia

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The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Holy Gospel of the Day

St. Matthew 18:1-11

[Who is the Greatest?]

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[We remain standing]

Hymn of the Day

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!” #507

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!

[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 and Blood of Christ]

Hymn

“Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling”

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[We rise st. 5]

Dismissal, *Nunc Dimittis*, Thanksgiving,

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Salutation, *Benedicamus*, Benediction

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

“Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise”

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Readings for Next Sunday:

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Prophecy of the Day:

1 Kings 17:17-24

Epistle of the Day:

Ephesians 3:13-21

Holy Gospel of the Day:

St. Luke 7:11-16