### 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.

## Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity God Declares Us Righteous Unsheathing His Word Against All Evil

In our struggle against Satan we are ourselves called upon to take up the spiritual armor which God has given us: His Holy Word and Blessed Sacraments; faith and prayer! To the nobleman whose son was deathly ill, Jesus says, "Go; your son will live" (St. John 4:46-54). And in the very hour Jesus spoke, the nobleman's son was made well. The Word of Christ still accomplishes what it says. In baptism, absolution, and the Lord's Supper, He declares His lifegiving forgiveness to you, and it is so. This saving Word of God is the sword of the Spirit by which you are able to fight off all the onslaughts of the devil (Eph. 6:10-17). "Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm." And what wonderful blesses the LORD has prepared for His people! The spiritual blessing describes in Is. 25:6-9 echo throughout Holy Scripture; and they are heavy with grace and rich with comfort.

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# A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

**November 9, 2025** 



*Si iniquitates observabis Domine* "If You should mark iniquities, O Lord"

Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity Divine Protection Sunday

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MEMBER: THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

[We rise and face the Processional Cross] [We rise] Triple Alleluia Processional Hymn The Lord be with you. "From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee" #607 Holy Gospel of the Day [Jesus heals the nobleman's son from afar] **Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution** p. 184 Responses to the Holy Gospel **Service of the Word** Nicene Creed Introit [We are seated] The whole world is in Your power; Hymn of the Day O Lord, King Almighty, no one can gainsay You. "When in the Hour of Deepest Need" For You have made heaven and earth; You are LORD of all! Sermon Blessèd are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord! [We rise] **Offertory** Confirm to Your servant Your promise, that You may be feared. [We are seated] Turn away the reproach that I dread, The offering is received for Your just decrees are good. God richly bless you for your support of His work among us! Behold, I long for Your precepts; in Your righteousness give me life! Prayer of the Church [We rise] (Ps. 119:1, 38-40; antiphon: Liturgical Text) **Service of the Sacrament** Gloria Patri, Kvrie p. 186 [Please review our Communion Policy on the back of this Guide] Gloria in Excelsis p. 187 Salutation p. 189 [We are seated for the Distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ] Collect for the Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity – O Lord, Hvmn "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table" keep Your household, the Church, in continual godliness that [We rise] Doxology through Your protection she may be free from all adversities and devoutly given to serve You in good works; through Jesus Dismissal, Nunc Dimittis, Thanksgiving, Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and Salutation, Benedicamus, Benediction

the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. A - - - men!

[We are seated]

Prophecy of the Day

Isaiah 25:6-9

[Praise to the LORD]

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

### Gradual

Lord, You have been our dwelling place

in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world,

from everlasting to everlasting You are God.

(Ps. 90:1-2)

Epistle of the Day

Ephesians 6:10-17

[Being able to stand against the wiles of the devil]

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

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And with thy spirit.

St. John 4:46-54

Prophecy of the Day: Micah 6:6-8 Epistle of the Day: Philippians 1:3-11 Holy Gospel of the Day: St. Matthew 18:23-35

**Readings for Next Sunday: Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity**