

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.

Day of Thanksgiving

We Praise God for Sustaining Life in and through His Word

The nation resounds with thanksgiving for the earth's bountiful harvest, crops of wheat and grains, all beneath the canopy of God's almighty care. But *"man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord"* (Deut. 8:1-10). The Church is the vessel through which the Word of God penetrates the world with its Law and Gospel. It is this Divine Word which proclaims Jesus as the sole source of life, health, and wholeness. It is Jesus who heals lepers with His Word, *"Go show yourselves to the priests"* (St. Luke 17:11-19). Of the ten cleansed, only one expresses thanksgiving back to Jesus. But true gratitude proceeds from a heart sustained by faith. Jesus bids this one Samaritan to *"rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."* So also, we are sent from the Divine Service, bolstered in our faith by Word and Sacramental blessing to be thankful in our circumstances of plenty and hunger, abundance and need (Phil. 4:6-20).

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A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

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Contabo Domino in vita mea psallam
"I will sing to the LORD as long as I live"

The Day of National Thanksgiving

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[We rise and face the Processional Cross]
 Processional Hymn
“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” #892
Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution p. 184

Service of the Word

Introit

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
 O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom have
 You made them all;
The earth is full of Your creatures.
 These all look to You,
to give them their food in due season.
 When You give it to them, they gather it up;
when You open your hand, they are filled with things.
 When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created,
and You renew the face of the ground.
 (Ps. 104:24, 27-28, 30; antiphon: Ps. 104:33)

Gloria Patri, Kyrie p. 186
Gloria in Excelsis p. 187
Salutation p. 189

Collect for the Day of Thanksgiving – Almighty God, Your
 mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide
 for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit
 that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your
 benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days;
 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 **Deuteronomy 8:1–10**
[Remember the LORD Your God]
 This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Gradual

The eyes of all look to You, [O Lord,]
and You give them their food in due season.
 You open Your hand
and satisfy the desire of living thing.
 Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
His steadfast love endures forever.
 (Ps. 145:15-16; 118:1)

Epistle of the Day **Philippians 4:6–20**
[God's Provision]
 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 17:11–19**
[The Parable of the Ten Lepers]
 Responses to the Holy Gospel **p. 190**

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[We are seated]
 Hymn of the Day
“We Praise You, O God” #785

Sermon

[We rise] **Offertory p. 192**

The offering is received
God richly bless you for your support of His work among us!

[We rise] **The Litany p. 288**

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 and Blood of Christ]

Hymn **“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” #790**
 [We rise] **Doxology #805**

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

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

“Now Thank We All Our God” #895

*O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is
 good: for his mercy endureth for ever
 (Ps. 136:1, KJV).*

