

#### 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.

#### *Jesus Blesses us with His Name and Saves us with His Blood*

Our newborn God keeps the Law for us and when He is circumcised, fulfills the promises made to Abraham. It is there that the *Name above all names* is "bestowed on Him" (Phil. 2:9), "the Name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb": Jesus, "the Lord saves" (St. Luke 2:21). He sheds the first drops of His precious blood in accordance with this Name and in anticipation of His cross, "for He will save His people from their sins" (St. Matt. 1:21). The law's captivity gives way to the freedom of faith in Christ Jesus, who cuts a new covenant in His blood to be received by faith, whether male or female, Jew or Greek (Gal. 3:23-28). His Name is given to us in Holy Baptism, and we are made sons of God and "heirs according to promise," true offspring of Abraham by faith (Gal. 3:29). Eight days after the celebration of our Lord's birth, a new "Year of our Lord" is begun in Jesus' holy Name and with His benediction. Jesus is the fulfillment of the covenant that the Lord made with Abraham, "He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised..." (Gen. 17:12a).

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# A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

January 1, 2026



*"tuam in medio cordis mei"*  
"Thy Law is in the midst of My heart"

## The Feast of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus

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[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Processional Hymn      **“The Ancient Law Departs”**      #898

**Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution**      p. 184

### **Service of the Word**

#### **Introit**

May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You;  
**may those who love Your salvation say continually,**  
**“Great is the LORD!”**

Sacrifice and offering You have not desired, but You have  
given me an open ear.

**Burnt offering and sin offering You have not required.**  
Then I said, “Behold, I have come;  
**in the scroll of the book it is written of me:**  
I desire to do Your will, O my God;  
**Your law is within my heart.”**

(Ps. 40:6-8; antiphon: Ps. 40:16)

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

**Collect for the Circumcision and Name of Jesus:** Lord God,  
You made Your beloved Son, our Savior, subject to the Law  
and Caused Him to shed His blood on our behalf. Grant us the  
true circumcision of the Spirit that our hearts may be made  
pure from all sins; 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      **Genesis 17:3b-14**  
*[The Sign of the Covenant]*  
This is the Word of the Lord      **Thanks be to God!**

#### **Gradual**

This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel  
**after those days, declares the Lord:**  
I will put My laws into their minds,  
**and write them on their hearts.**  
I will be their God, and they shall be My people.  
**I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no**  
**more.**

(Heb. 8:10; 10:17)

Epistle of the Day      **Galatians 3:23-29**  
*[Sons and Heirs]*  
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 2:21**

*[Circumcision of Jesus]*

Responses to the Holy Gospel      p. 190

**Nicene Creed**      p. 191

[We are seated]

Hymn of the Day      **“Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love”**      #900

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 and Blood of Christ]

Hymn      **“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”**      #549  
[We rise]      **Doxology**      #805

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

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

**“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”**      #917

