

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.

Second Sunday after Christmas

Jesus Is the Perfect Israel

Israel and all his family went and dwelt in Egypt (Gen. 46:1–7). God made a great nation of him there, but that nation would prove unfaithful to the Lord. Therefore, the New Israel came. In fleeing the murderous Herod, our young Lord goes to Egypt (Matt. 2:13–23), that the prophecy might be fulfilled, “*Out of Egypt I called my Son*” (Hos. 11:1). Jesus brings to perfection what old Israel could not. He is the faithful Israel, the embodiment of the people of God. He offers His perfect and holy life in place of our own. He submits Himself to persecution and suffering in order to save us. Therefore, we should not think it strange when we who are in Christ experience trials because of the faith (1 Pet. 4:12–19). Rather, we rejoice to share in Christ's sufferings, knowing that we will also share in His glory.

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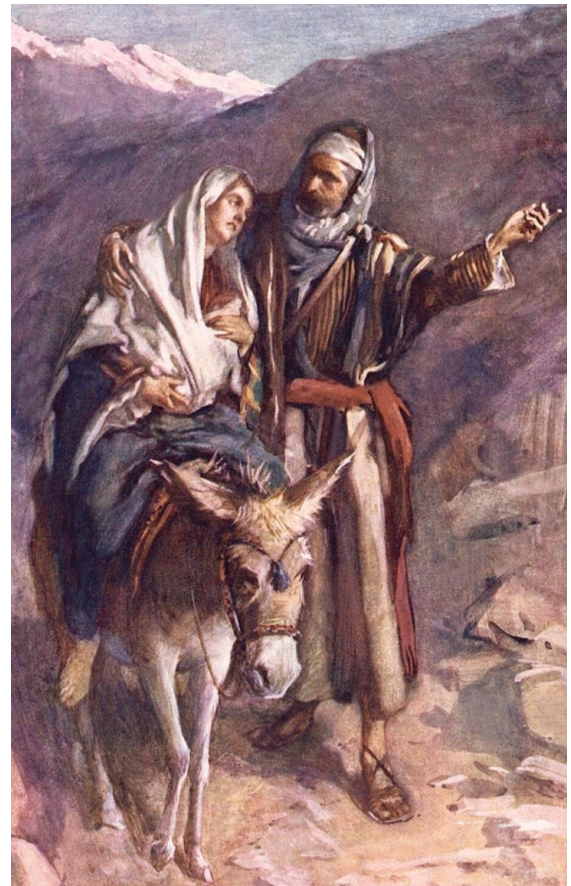
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Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

January 4, 2026



et ex Aegypto vocavi filium meum
“...and I called my son out of Egypt.”

“The Flight to Egypt”

[Second Sunday after Christmas]

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[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Processional Hymn

"Let All Together Praise Our God" #389

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Service of the Word

Introit

Out of the mouth of babes and infants, You have established strength because of Your foes,

to still the enemy and the avenger.

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

You have set Your glory above the heavens.

What is man that You are mindful of him,

and the son of man that You care for him?

Yet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

and crowned him with glory and honor.

You have given him dominion over the works of Your hands;

You have put all things under his feet.

(Ps. 8:1, 4-6; antiphon: Ps. 8:2)

Gloria Patri, Kyrie p. 186

Gloria in Excelsis p. 187

Salutation p. 189

Collect for the Second Sunday of Christmas – Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same 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]

Old Testament of the Day **Genesis 46:1-7**

[Jacob moves to Egypt]

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

Gradual

Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the nations,

that we may give thanks to Your holy name and glory in Your praise.

You, O Lord, are our Father,

our Redeemer from of old is Your name.

(Ps. 106:47; Is. 63:16b)

Epistle of the Day **1 Peter 4:12-19**

[Suffering according to the will of God]

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. Matthew 2:19-23**

[The Home in Nazareth]

Responses to the Holy Gospel p. 190

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[We are seated]

Hymn of the Day

"From East to West, from Shore to Shore" #385

[Rise stanza 5]

[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 **"O Lord, We Praise Thee" #617**

[We rise] **Doxology** #805

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

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

"Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice" #556

Readings for Next Sunday:

Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord

Prophecy of the Day: Isaiah 42:1-9

Epistle of the Day: Romans 3:19-26

Holy Gospel of the Day: St. Matthew 3:13-17