

#### 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.

#### The Baptism of Our Lord

*In His Baptism, Jesus Takes His Place with Sinners*

Our Lord Jesus is baptized "to fulfill all righteousness" (St. Matt. 3:13-17). He partakes of a baptism for sinners in order that He might be our substitute and bear the judgment we deserve. In the water, Jesus trades places with us. Our sin becomes His sin. His righteousness becomes our righteousness. Therefore, we are "justified freely by His grace through redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 3:24). The One sent from the Father to release us from the prison house of sin and death (Is. 42:1-7). Baptized into Christ, we also become the chosen ones, beloved of the Father. We cross the Jordan with Jesus (Joshua 3) through death into the promised land of new life with God.

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# A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

January 11, 2026



*Ecce Dominus veniet*

"Behold the Lord has come"

**"The Baptism of Our Lord"**

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Congregation of the Lutheran Confessions --  
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[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Processional Hymn

**“Hail to the Lord's Anointed” #398**

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

### **Service of the Word**

#### **Introit**

Behold the LORD, the ruler, has come,

**and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in His hand.**

I have found David, My servant;

**with My holy oil I have anointed Him.**

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;

**with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations.**

He shall cry to me, “You are My Father,

**My God, and the Rock of My salvation.”**

And I will make Him the Firstborn,

**the highest of the kings of the earth.**

My steadfast love I will keep for Him forever,

**and My covenant will stand firm for Him.**

(Ps.89:1, 26-28; antiphon: Liturgical Text; Ps. 89:20)

**The Gloria Patri, The Kyrie p. 186**

**The Gloria in Excelsis p. 187**

**Salutation p. 189**

**Collect for the Baptism of our Lord:** Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; 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 **Isaiah 42:1-9**

*[The Servant of the Lord]*

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

#### **Gradual**

Blessèd be the LORD, the God of Israel,

**Who alone does wondrous things.**

Blessèd be His glorious name forever;

**may the whole earth be filled with His glory! Amen and Amen!**

(Ps.72:18-19)

Epistle of the Day **Romans 3:19-26**

*[God's Righteousness Through Faith]*

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 3:13-17**

*[The Baptism of Jesus]*

Responses to the Holy Gospel

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**Nicene Creed**

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[We are seated]

Hymn of

the Day **“To Jordan's River Came Our Lord”**

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**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 **“To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord”**

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[We rise]

**Doxology**

**#805**

**Dismissal, Nunc Dimittis, Thanksgiving,**

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**Salutation, Benedicamus, Benediction**

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

**“Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”**

**#590**

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### **Readings for Next Sunday:**

#### **Confession of St. Peter**

Prophecy of the Day:

Acts 4:8-12

Epistle of the Day:

1 Peter 1:1-7

Holy Gospel of the Day:

St. Matthew 16:13-19