

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 Transfiguration of Our Lord

Jesus Is Transfigured and Manifests His Glory

Moses' face shined with the light of God's glory when he came down from Mount Sinai after receiving the new Tablets of the Law (Ex. 34:29-35). At the Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah appeared with the One who is the Light of Light (St. Matthew 17:1-9); Jesus Christ, whose glory as God shines with brilliant splendor in and through His human nature. By this epiphany, our Lord confirmed the prophetic word (2 Pet. 1:16-21), revealing that He is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. He manifested His majesty as the eternal Son of the Father, and He wonderfully foreshowed our adoption as sons (Collect). We who have been baptized into Christ's body are given a glimpse of the glory that we will share with Him in the resurrection on the Last Day.

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A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

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inluxerunt coruscationes tuae orbi terrae
"Thy lightnings enlightened the world"

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[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Processional Hymn

“O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair” #413

Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution p. 184

Service of the Word

Introit

Your lightnings lighted up the world;

the earth trembled and shook.

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, fairs for the courts of the LORD.

Blessèd are those who dwell in Your house,

ever singing Your praise!

For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD bestows favor
and honor.

**No good thing does He withhold from those who walk
uprightly.**

(Ps. 84:1-2a, 4, 10-11; antiphon: Ps. 77:18b)

Gloria Patri, Kyrie p. 186

Gloria in Excelsis p. 187

Salutation p. 189

Collect for the Transfiguration of Our Lord: O God, in the
glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son, You confirmed
the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah.
In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully
foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-
heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of
our inheritance in heaven; 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]

Old Testament of the Day **Exodus 34:29-35**

[The Shining Face of Moses]

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

Gradual

You are the most handsome of the sons of men;

grace is poured upon Your lips.

The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand,

until I make Your enemies Your footstool.”

(Ps. 45:2a; 110:1)

Epistle of the Day **2 Peter 1:16-21**

[St. Peter Describes the Transfiguration of Christ]

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 17:1-9**

[The Transfiguration of Our Lord]

Responses to the Holy Gospel **p. 190**

Nicene Creed p. 191

[We are seated]

Hymn of the Day **“’Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here” #414**

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 **“Your Table I Approach” #628**

[We rise] **Doxology #805**

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

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

“Alleluia, Song of Gladness” #417

[putting away the Alleluias for Lent]

Readings for Next Sunday:

Septuagesima: Third Sunday before Lent

Prophecy of the Day: Daniel 9:2-10

Epistle of the Day: 1 Corinthians 9:24-10:4

Holy Gospel of the Day: St. Matthew 20:1-16