

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.

Septuagesima *Grace Alone*

As Daniel wrote, *"We have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in His laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets"* (Dan. 9:10). Israel was not satisfied with God's provision. In the same way, the first laborers in the vineyard complained against the landowner for the wage He provided them (Matt. 20:1-16). They charged Him with being unfair, but in reality He was being generous; since, the Lord does not wish to deal with us on the basis of what we deserve, but on the basis of His abounding grace in Christ. The first—those who rely on their own merits—will be last. But the last, those who rely on Christ, will be first, since Jesus Christ is the Rock (1 Cor. 9:24 – 10:4). He is the One who was struck and from whose side blood and water flowed that we may be cleansed of our sin.

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A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

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Circumdederunt me dolores mortis
"The sorrows of death have surrounded me"

Septuagesima: Third Sunday before Lent
"The Workers in the Vineyard Sunday"

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[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Processional

Hymn "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" #761

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Service of the Word

Introit

The cords of Sheol entangled me;
the snares of death confronted me.

In my distress I called upon the LORD.
From His temple He heard my voice.

I love You, O Lord, my strength.

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
for You save a humble people,
but the haughty eyes You bring down.

[You have] equipped me with strength
and made my way blameless.

For this I will praise You, O LORD, among the nations,
and sing to Your name.

(Ps. 18:1-2a, 27, 32, 49; antiphon: Ps. 18:5-6a)

[Spoken] **Gloria Patri, Kyrie** p. 186
Gloria in Excelsis [omitted during Lent]
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Collect for Septuagesima: O Lord, graciously hear the
prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the
consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your
goodness to the glory of Your name; 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 **Daniel 9:2-10**
[Daniel prays for the people]
This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Gradual

The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.
And those who know Your name put their trust in You,
**for You, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek
You.**
For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.
Arise, O Lord!
Let not man prevail.

(Ps. 9:9-10, 18-19a)

Epistle of the Day **1 Corinthians 9:24-10:4**
[Run to obtain the prize]
This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God!**

[We rise] **Tract for Septuagesima**

Out of the depths

I cry to You, O Lord!

O LORD, hear my voice!

**Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for
mercy!**

If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

O LORD, who could stand?

But with You there is forgiveness,

that You may be feared.

(Ps. 130:1-4)

The Lord be with you.

Holy Gospel of the Day

And with thy spirit.

St. Matthew 20:1-16

[The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard]

Responses to the Holy Gospel

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[We are seated]

Hymn of
the Day

"Salvation Unto Us Has Come"

#555

[rise stanza 10]

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**

[Please review our Communion Policy inside this Guide]

The Service of the Sacrament

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[We are seated for the Distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ]

Hymn **"Through Jesus' Blood and Merit"** #746

[We rise] **Doxology** #805

**Dismissal, Nunc Dimittis, Thanksgiving,
Salutation, Benedicamus, Benediction**

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[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

"O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire" #553

Readings for Next Sunday: Sexagesima

Prophecy of the Day:

Isaiah 55:10-13

Epistle of the Day:

2 Corinthians 11:19 – 12:9

Holy Gospel of the Day:

St. Luke 8:4-15