

## 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.

### Quinquagesima *Faith Alone*

The seeing are blind, while the one who is blind can see (St. Luke 18:31–43). Jesus tells the twelve that He is going up to Jerusalem to suffer and die and rise again, but they cannot understand or grasp what He is saying. The meaning of His words is hidden from their sight. However, as Jesus makes His way up to Jerusalem, a blind man calls out to Him for mercy. This blind man sees that Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior, for he calls Him "Son of David." Indeed, Jesus is the Lord's anointed, the keeper of sheep (1 Sam. 16:1–13) who goes to lay down His life for the sheep. He is the incarnate love of the Father who suffers long and is kind, who is not puffed up, who never fails us (1 Cor. 13:1–13). Jesus opens the eyes of the blind (Is. 35:3–7) to see Him not according to outward appearances of lowliness, but according to His heart of mercy and compassion. Those who behold Him thus by faith follow Him to the cross through death into life.

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# A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

February 15, 2026



*Esto mihi in Deum protectorem*  
"Be Thou unto me a God, a protector"

**[Quinquagesima: The Sunday before Lent]  
"Follow Christ Sunday"**

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[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Processional

Hymn "Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee" #573

Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution p. 184

### Service of the Word

#### **Introit**

Be a rock of refuge for me,  
**a strong fortress to save me!**  
For You are my rock and my fortress;  
**and for Your name's sake You lead me and guide me.**  
In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;  
**in Your righteousness deliver me!**  
Into Your hand I commit my spirit;  
**You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**  
Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;  
**my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.**  
Make Your face shine on Your servant;  
**save me in Your steadfast love!**  
(Ps. 31:1, 5, 9, 16; antiphon: Ps. 31:2b-3)

[Spoken] **Gloria Patri, Kyrie** p. 186  
*Gloria in Excelsis* [omitted during Lent]  
**Salutation** p. 189

**Collect for Quinquagesima:** O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; 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 **1 Samuel 16:1-13**  
*[David is anointed as King of Israel]*  
This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

#### **Gradual**

You are the God who works wonders;  
**You have made known Your might among the peoples.**  
You with Your arm redeemed Your people,  
**the children of Jacob and Joseph.**  
(Ps. 77:14-15)

Epistle of the Day **1 Corinthians 13:1-13**  
*[The Greatest of These Is Love]*  
This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

[We rise] **Tract for Quinquagesima**  
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!  
**Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!**  
Know that the LORD, He is God!  
**It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**  
(Ps. 100:1-3)

The Lord be with you.

Holy Gospel of the Day

*[Behold, We go up to Jerusalem]*

Responses to the Holy Gospel

**And with thy spirit.**

**St. Luke 18:31-43**

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**Nicene Creed**

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[We are seated]

Hymn of the Day

**"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"**

**#685**

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 **"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"** #637  
[We rise] **Doxology** #805

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

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

**"A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"** #438

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### Ash Wednesday Divine Service

February 18, 2026

7:00 p.m.

### Readings for Next Sunday: The First Sunday in Lent - Invocavit

Prophecy of the Day:

Genesis 3:1-21

Epistle of the Day:

2 Corinthians 6:1-10

Holy Gospel of the Day:

St. Matthew 4:1-11