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.

Laetare: **The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

The Lord Feeds His People

The Lord provided bread from heaven for His people in the wilderness (Ex. 16:2-21). Now He who is Himself the living bread from heaven miraculously provides bread for the five thousand (St. John 6:1-15). This takes place near the time of the Passover, after a great multitude had followed Jesus across the sea, and when He went up on a mountain. Seen in this way, Jesus is our new and greater Moses, who releases us from the bondage of Mount Sinai and makes us free children of the promise (Gal. 4:22 – 5:1a). Five loaves become twelve baskets—that is, the five books of Moses find their goal and fulfillment in Christ, whose people continue steadfastly in the doctrine and fellowship of the twelve apostles, and in the breaking and receiving of the bread of life, which is the body of Christ together with His precious blood, and in the prayers (cf. Acts 2:41-47).

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A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m. **March 15, 2026**

Laetare, Jerusalem, et conventum facite, omnes qui diligitis eam

"Rejoice, O Jerusalem, and come together all you that love her"

[*Laetare:* The Fourth Sunday in Lent]

"Refreshment Sunday"

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[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Processional
Hymn **"O Living Bread from Heaven"** **#642**

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

Service of the Word

Introit

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;
that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast.
I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"
Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
May they be secure who love you!
For my brothers and companions' sake
I will say, "Peace be within you!"
(Ps. 122:1-2, 6, 8; antiphon: Is. 66:10a, 11a)

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

Collect for Laetare: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, and give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through 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]

Prophecy of the Day **Exodus 16:2-21**
[Manna from Heaven]
This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Catechism Review:
Fourth Chief Part: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism **Booklet**

Epistle of the Day **Galatians 4:22-5:1a**
[Example of Hagar and Sarah]
This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

[We rise] **Tract**
Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.
As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds His people,
from this time forth and forevermore. Peace be upon Israel! (Ps. 125:1-2, 5b)

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**
Holy Gospel of the Day **St. John 6:1–15**
[Jesus Feeds the 5,000]
Responses to the Holy Gospel **p. 190**

Nicene Creed **p. 191**

[We are seated]

Hymn of
the Day **"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"** **#743**

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 **"Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior"** **#619**
[We rise] **Doxology** **#805**

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

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

"O Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly" **#897**
[stanzas 1-3]

Readings for Next Sunday:
***Judica*: The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Prophecy of the Day: Genesis 22:1–19
Epistle of the Day: Hebrews 9:11–15
Holy Gospel of the Day: St. John 8:46–59a