

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.

Judica: The Fifth Sunday in Lent ***Jesus Is Our Redemption***

In the temple Jesus said, "If anyone keeps my word, he will never see death" (St. John 8:51). Jesus came to taste death for us—to drink the cup of suffering to the dregs in order that we might be released from its power. Clinging to His life-giving words, we are delivered from death's sting and its eternal judgment. Christ is our High Priest, who entered the Most Holy Place and with His own blood obtained everlasting redemption for His people (Heb. 9:11–15). He is the One who was before Abraham was, and yet is his descendant. He is the promised Son who carries the wood up the mountain for the sacrifice, who is bound and laid upon the altar of the cross. He is the ram who is offered in our place, who is willingly caught in the thicket of our sin, and who wears the crown of thorns upon His head (Gen. 22:1–14). Though Jesus is dishonored by the sons of the devil, He is vindicated by the Father through the cross.

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A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

March 22, 2026



Oculi mei semper ad Dominum
"My eyes are ever toward the Lord"

[Judica: The Fifth Sunday in Lent]
"Passion Sunday"

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[There is no chanting, hymns only are sung]

[We rise and face the Processional Cross]
Processional Hymn
 “Not All the Blood of Beasts” #431
Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution **p. 184**

Service of the Word

Introit

Vindicate me, O God,
 and defend my cause against an ungodly people,
from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!
 For You are the God in whom I take refuge.
Send out our light and Your truth; let them lead me;
 let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!
Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,
 and I will praise You with the lyre, O God, my God.
Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil
within me?
 Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God.
(Ps. 43:3-5; antiphon: Ps. 43:1-2a)

Kyrie **p. 186**
Salutation **p. 189**

Collect for Judica: Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **Amen!**

[We are seated]

Prophecy of the Day **Genesis 22:1-19**
 [The Sacrifice of Isaac]
This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Catechism Review:

Fifth Chief Part:
 Confession and Holy Absolution **Booklet**

Epistle of the Day **Hebrews 9:11-15**
 [The Blood of Christ Cleanses]
This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

[We rise] **Tract**
“Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth”
 let Israel now say-
“Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth,
 yet they have not prevailed against me.
The plowers plowed upon my back;
 they made long their furrows.”
The Lord is righteous;
 He has cut the cords of the wicked.
(Ps. 129:1-4)

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**
Holy Gospel of the Day **St. John 8:46-59a**
 [Hearer’s of God’s Word]
Responses to the Holy Gospel **p. 190**

Nicene Creed **p. 191**

[We are seated]

Hymn of the Day **“Christ, the Life of All the Living”** **#420**

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 & Blood of Christ]

Hymn **“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”** **#440**
[We rise] **Doxology** **#805**

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

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” **#434**

Readings for Next Sunday:

Palmarum: The Sixth Sunday in Lent

Gospel Processional St. Luke 19:29-40
Prophecy of the Day: Zechariah 2:10-13
Epistle of the Day: Philippians 2:5-11
Holy Gospel of the Day: St. Matthew 26:1-27:66