

A Guide to the Divine Service

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Misericordias Domini

“The Tender Mercies of the Lord”

The Third Sunday of Easter
“Good Shepherd Sunday”

Shepherd of the Springs Lutheran Church
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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 denomination 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.

Third Sunday of Easter: *Misericordias Domini*

Our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd (St. John 10:11–16). He is not like the hireling, who cares nothing for the sheep and only for himself, who flees when he sees the wolf coming. Rather, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks out His scattered sheep to deliver them (Ezek. 34:11–16). He gathers them and feeds them in rich pasture. He binds up the broken and strengthens the sick. He lays down His life for wandering and wayward sheep. On the cross, Christ bore in His body the attacks of the predators of sin and death and the devil for you that you might be saved. He now lives to restore your soul in the still waters of baptism, to lead you in the paths of righteousness by the voice of His Gospel, to prepare the table of His Holy Supper before you, that you may dwell in the house of the Lord forever (Psalm 23). “*For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls*” (1 Peter 2:25).

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[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Processional Hymn

“The Lord’s My Shepherd” #710

Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution p. 184
Service of the Word

Introit

The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil:

for Thou art with me;

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

(Ps. 23)

Gloria Patri, Kyrie p. 186

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Collect for the Third Sunday of Easter: O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; 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 **Ezekiel 34:11-16**

[I will seek out My sheep]

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

Verse

Alleluia! The Lord was known to them

in the breaking of the bread.

Alleluia! I AM the Good Shepherd.

I know My own and My own know Me. Alleluia!

(St. Luke 24:35b; St. John 10:14)

Epistle of the Day **1 Peter 2:21b-25**

[You were straying like sheep]

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. John 10:11-16

[I AM the Good Shepherd]

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[We are seated]

Hymn of the Day

“O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe” #666

Sermon

[We rise]

Offertory **“This is the Feast”** p. 155

[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

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[Please review our Communion Policy on the back of this Guide]

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

Hymn **“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”** #709

[We rise] **Doxology** #805

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

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

“He is Arisen! Glorious Word!” #488

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!*

Readings for Next Sunday

Jubilate: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Prophecy of the Day:

Isaiah 40:25-31

Epistle of the Day:

1 Peter 2:11-20

Holy Gospel of the Day:

St. John 16:16-22