

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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter: Cantate

Jesus Promises to Send His Holy Spirit, the Helper

Though Jesus has departed from us visibly to the right hand of the Father who sent Him, yet this is to our advantage. Since Jesus—who is Lord over all creation, who intercedes for us before the Father, who is preparing a place for us in heaven—has sent the Helper, the Spirit of Truth (St. John 16:5–15). “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights” through Jesus Christ (James 1:17). The Holy Spirit helps us by taking what is Christ's and declaring it to us. In the Word of Truth, the Spirit works repentance and delivers to us the forgiveness of sins, the righteousness of Christ, and victory over the devil. The ruler of this world is judged and defeated by the cross. Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, we have been brought forth to new life in Him who is the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. Confident of our resurrection with Christ we confess, “Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid” (Is. 12:2).

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A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

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Cantate Domino canticum novum

“Sing to the Lord a New Song”

Cantate: The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Processional Hymn

“The Law of God is Good and Wise” #579

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Service of the Word

Introit

Sing to the LORD a new song, Alleluia,
**for He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of
the nations. Alleluia!**

His right hand and His holy arm
have worked salvation for Him.

He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the
house of Israel.

**All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of
our God.**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

(Ps. 98:1b, 3-4; antiphon: Ps. 98:1a, 2b)

Gloria Patri, Kyrie p. 186

Gloria in Excelsis p. 187

Salutation p. 189

Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter: O God, You make
the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may
love what You have commanded and desire what You promise,
that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be
fixed where true joys are found; 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 **Isaiah 12:1-6**

[First Song of Isaiah]

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

Verse

Alleluia! The right hand of the LORD exalts,
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly! Alleluia!

We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die
again;

death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia!

(Ps. 118:16; Rom. 6:9)

Epistle of the Day **James 1:17-21**

[Every Good and Perfect Gift]

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 16:5-15**

[The Promise of the Spirit]

Responses to the Holy Gospel p. 190

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[We are seated]

Hymn of the Day
“Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid” #500

[rise stanza 4]

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**

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 **“This Joyful Eastertide”** #482

[We rise] **Doxology** #805

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

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]
“Praise the Almighty” #797

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

Readings for Next Sunday

Rogate: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Prophecy of the Day: Numbers 21:4-9

Epistle of the Day: James 1:22-27

Holy Gospel of the Day: St. John 16:23b-30