

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 after Trinity *Jesus Receives Sinners*

"This man receives sinners and eats with them" (St. Luke 15:2). The Pharisees' statement of judgment against Jesus is in fact a proclamation of Gospel truth. Our God is one who delights in mercy, who casts all our sins into the depths of the sea through the cross (Micah 7:18–20). *"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"* (1 Tim. 1:15). Those who refuse to be counted as sinners also refuse Jesus who came only for sinners. Those like the older son (St. Luke 15:11–32), who think they are righteous of themselves, will not join in the heavenly celebration over the sinner who repents and so remain outside of the Father's house. Let us therefore be on guard against self-righteously trusting in our own merits. *"Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you"* (1 Peter 5:6). Rejoice that Jesus receives sinners like us and that He still sits at table with us in the Holy Supper, bestowing His forgiveness and life.

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A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

June 21, 2026



*Vide afflictionem meam et laborem meam;
et porta omnia peccata me*

*"Consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins."*

***The Third Sunday after Trinity
Lost and Found Sunday***

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[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Processional Hymn

“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive” #609

Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution p. 184

Service of the Word

Introit

Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.

Consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.

To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul
O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame.

You are the God of my salvation;
for You I wait all the day long.

My eyes are ever toward the Lord,
for He will pluck my feet out of the net.

Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!

Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in You.

(Ps. 25:1-2a, 5b, 15, 20; antiphon: Ps. 25:16, 18)

***Gloria Patri, Kyrie* p. 186**

***Gloria in Excelsis* p. 187**

Salutation p. 189

Collect for the Third Sunday after Trinity – O God, the protector of all who trust in You, without whom nothing is strong and nothing is holy, multiply Your mercy on us that, with You as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; 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 **Micah 7:18-20**

[Forgiveness for Remnant of His Possession]

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

Gradual

Cast your burden on the LORD,
and He will sustain you.

I call to God, and the LORD will save me.
He redeems my soul in safety.

(Ps. 55:22a, 16, 18a)

Epistle of the Day **1 Peter 5:6-11**

[Submit to God; Resist the Devil]

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. Luke 15:1-10**

[The Parable of the Lost Sheep]

Responses to the Holy Gospel **p. 190**

Nicene Creed p. 191

[We are seated]

Hymn of the Day

“In Adam We Have All Been One” Insert
[alt. tune 661]

[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

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table” #618

[We rise] **Doxology #805**

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

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb” #740

Readings for Next Sunday **The Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

Prophecy of the Day:

Isaiah 58:6-12

Epistle of the Day:

Romans 8:18-23

Holy Gospel of the Day:

St. Luke 6:36-42