

#### 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.

#### **Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

#### ***Jesus Restores Paradise and Feeds Us Freely***

It is the LORD who will place “*watchmen*” upon Zion’s wall who will proclaim His Word of protection (Is. 62:6). Even though we know that “*the wages of sin is death*” (Rom. 6:23); Zion (His Church) is still “sought after” (Is. 62:12), which in the Hebrew, is a passive participle that suggest that it is God who does the seeking of Zion through His “*watchmen*” that He has placed in every congregation.

Zion can no longer complain since into this wilderness world came Jesus the Messiah to restore creation. Having compassion on the weary multitudes, He renewed the bounty of Eden on the third day, freely granting an abundance of bread to the 4,000 (St. Mark 8:1-9). So also our Lord Jesus, having endured the burden of our sin, was raised on the third day to bring us back to Paradise. He now miraculously turns the bread of death into the Bread of Life in the Sacrament, giving you His very Body and Blood for your forgiveness; since, “*the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord*” (Rom. 6:23).

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# A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

July 19, 2026



*Omnes gentes plaudit manibus*

“All peoples, applaud with your hands!”

**[The Seventh Sunday after Trinity]  
Feeding the 4,000 Sunday**

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[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Processional Hymn

**"Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices" #811**

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

### **Service of the Word**

#### **Introit**

Clap your hands, all peoples!

**Shout to God with loud songs of joy!**

For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,

**a great King over all the earth.**

He subdued peoples under us,

**and nations under our feet.**

Sing praises to God, sing praises!

**Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

For God is the King of all the earth;

**sing praises with a psalm!**

God reigns over the nations;

**God sits on His holy throne.**

(Ps. 47:3, 6-8; antiphon: Ps. 47:1-2)

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

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

**Salutation p. 189**

**Collect for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity** – O God, whose never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth, we humbly implore You to put away from us all hurtful things and to give us those things that are profitable for us; 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 **Isaiah 62:6-12**

*[Assurance of Zion's Salvation]*

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

#### **Gradual**

Come, O children, listen to me;

**I will teach you the fear of the LORD.**

Those who look to Him are radiant,

**and their faces shall never be ashamed.**

(Ps. 34:11, 5)

Epistle of the Day **Romans 6:19-23**

*[Sanctification is God's 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. Mark 8:1-9**

*[The Feeding of the Four Thousand]*

Responses to the Holy Gospel

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**Nicene Creed**

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[We are seated]

Hymn of the Day

**"I Walk in Danger All the Way"**

**#716**

Sermon

[We rise]

**Offertory**

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[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**

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*[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 **"Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"**

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[We rise]

**Doxology**

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**Dismissal, *Nunc Dimittis*, Thanksgiving,**

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**Salutation, *Benedicamus*, Benediction**

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

**"Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"**

**#918**

### **Readings for Next Sunday:**

#### **The Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

Prophecy of the Day:

Jeremiah 23:16-29

Epistle of the Day:

Romans 8:12-17

Holy Gospel of the Day:

St. Matthew 7:15-23