

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.

Eighth Sunday after Trinity **Beware of False Prophets**

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves" (St. Matt. 7:15). Deceit has its strength in masquerading as the truth. False prophets speak a vision of their own heart, not from the mouth of the Lord (Jer. 23:16–29). They deny the judgment of the Lord, speaking peace to the unrepentant, when in truth there is condemnation and wrath. *"You will recognize them by their fruits"* (St. Matt. 7:20). The *"fruits"* of a true prophet are not outward righteousness or success but faithfulness in proclaiming the Word of the Lord. This is the will of the Father in heaven, that pastors take heed to the flock, the Father's adopted ones (Rom. 8:12–17), warning them against the wolves and their lies, and shepherding the Church of God which He purchased with His own blood (Acts 20:27–38). Indeed, the cross is that good tree bearing good fruit—namely, the Body and Blood of Christ, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

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A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

July 26, 2026



Suscepimus, Deus, misericordiam tuam
"We have pondered, O God, Thy tender mercies"

[The Eighth Sunday after Trinity]
"Little Reformation" Sunday

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[We rise and face the Processional Cross]
 Processional Hymn
“Hear Us, Father, When We Pray” #773
Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution p. 184

Service of the Word

Introit

We have thought on Your steadfast love, O God,
in the midst of Your temple.
 As Your name, O God, so Your praise reaches to the ends of
 the earth.

Your right hand is filled with righteousness.

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised

in the city of our God, His holy mountain.

Within her citadels

God has made Himself known as a fortress.

Let Mount Zion be glad!

**Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of Your
 judgments!**

This is God, our God forever and ever.

He will guide us forever.

(Ps. 48:1, 3, 11, 14; antiphon: Ps. 48:9-10)

Gloria Patri, Kyrie p. 186

Gloria in Excelsis p. 187

Salutation p. 189

Collect for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity – Grant to us,
 Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right,
 that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may
 be enabled by You to live according to Your will; 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 **Jeremiah 23:16-29**

[Lying Prophets]

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

Gradual

Be a rock of refuge for me,

a strong fortress to save me!

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;

let me never be put to shame.

(Ps. 31:2b, 1a)

Epistle of the Day **Romans 8:12-17**

[Heirs with Christ]

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. Matthew 7:15-23**

[You Will Know Them by Their Fruits]

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

Nicene Creed p. 191

[We are seated]

Hymn of the Day
“In God, My Faithful God” #745

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 **“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray” #623**

[We rise] **Doxology #805**

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

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

“Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain” #865

Readings for Next Sunday:

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Prophecy of the Day: Proverbs 16:1-9

Epistle of the Day: 1 Corinthians 10:6b–13

Holy Gospel of the Day: St. Luke 16:1–9