

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.

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity ***The Lord Lifts Up the Lowly***

"And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard" (Gen. 4:1-15). Unlike Abel, Cain's offering did not proceed from a heart that revered and trusted in the LORD. Thus, the lowly tax collector who prayed, *"God, be merciful to me, a sinner!"* was the one who went down to his house justified before God, not the respectable, outwardly righteous Pharisee who trusted in himself and his own good living (St. Luke 18:9-14). The one who penitently despairs of his own righteousness and relies completely on the atoning mercy of God in Christ is the one who is declared righteous, since it is Christ Who died for our sins and rose again the third day (1 Cor. 15:1-10). Therefore, *"...everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted"* (St. Luke 18:14b).

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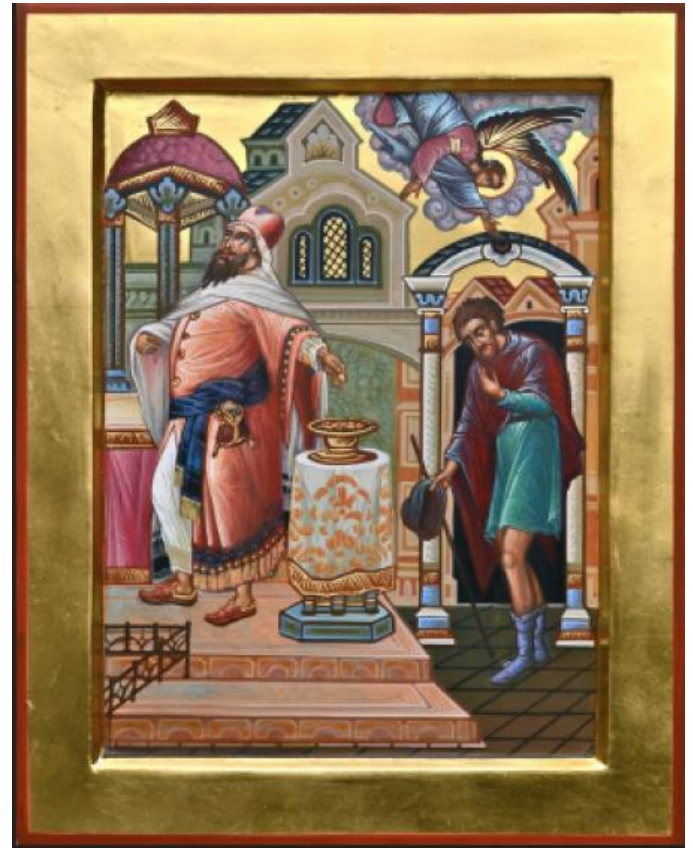
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A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

August 16, 2026



Deus in loco sancto suo
"God is in His holy place"

[Eleventh Sunday after Trinity]
True Godliness Sunday

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*A Confessional, Evangelical, Sacramental, and Liturgical
Congregation of the Lutheran Confessions --
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[We rise and Face the Processional Cross]

Processional Hymn

"From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee" #607

Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution p. 184

Service of the Word

Introit

God is in His holy habitation;

He settles the solitary in a home.

The God of Israel - He is the One

who gives power and strength to His people.

God shall arise, His enemies shall be scattered;

and those who hate Him shall flee before Him!

But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God;

they shall be jubilant with joy!

O God, when You went out before Your people,

in Your goodness, O God, You provided for the needy.

Blessèd be the Lord, Who daily bears us up;

God is our salvation.

(Ps. 68:1, 3, 7a, 10b, 19; antiphon: Ps. 68:5b, 6a, 35b)

Gloria Patri, Kyrie p. 186

Gloria in Excelsis p. 187

Salutation p. 189

Collect for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity – Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of 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

Genesis 4:1-15

[Cain kills his brother, Abel]

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Gradual

In God my heart trusts, and I am helped;

my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.

To You, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,

hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to You for help.

(Ps. 28:7b, 1a, 2a)

Epistle of the Day

1 Corinthians 15:1-10

[The Risen Christ, Faith's Reality]

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

[We rise]

Triple Alleluia

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The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Holy Gospel of the Day

St. Luke 18:9-14

[The Pharisee and the Tax Collector]

Responses to the Holy Gospel

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Nicene Creed

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[We are seated]

Hymn of the Day

"One Thing's Needful"

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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 & Blood of Christ]

Hymn

"Just as I Am, without One Plea"

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[We rise]

Doxology

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Dismissal, *Nunc Dimittis*, Thanksgiving, Salutation, *Benedicamus*, Benediction

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[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

"Through Jesus' Blood and Merit"

#746

Readings for Next Sunday:

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Prophecy of the Day:

Isaiah 29:17-24

Epistle of the Day:

2 Corinthians 3:4-11

Holy Gospel of the Day:

St. Mark 7:31-37