

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 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Faith Comes from Hearing

A man who was deaf and also had an impediment in his speech was brought to Jesus (St. Mark 7:31-37). In the same way, all are by nature deaf toward God and also unable to confess the faith rightly, since "...*faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ*" (Rom. 10:17). Jesus put His fingers into the man's ears, and He spat and touched His tongue; even so in Holy Baptism, water sanctified by the words of Jesus' mouth is applied to us; and the finger of God, that is, the life-giving Holy Spirit (2 Cor. 3:4-11) is put into our ears in the hearing of the baptismal Gospel. Jesus' sighing "*Ephphatha*" opened the man's ears, and his tongue was loosed to speak plainly as Isaiah prophesied of the Messiah, "*In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book*" (Is. 29:18a). So also, He who sighed and breathed His last on the cross for us has given us to hear and believe in Him and has opened our lips that our mouths may declare His praise.

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A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

August 23, 2026



Deus in adiutorium meum intende
"Make haste, O God, to deliver me!"

**[Twelfth Sunday after Trinity]
Great Healing Sunday**

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[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Processional Hymn

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word” #904

Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution p. 184

Service of the Word

Introit

Make haste, O God, to deliver me!

O LORD, make haste to help me!

Let them be put to shame and confusion

who seek my life!

Let them be turned back

and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt!

May all who seek You rejoice

and be glad in You!

You are my help and my deliverer;

O LORD, do not delay!

(Ps. 70:2b, 4a, 5b; antiphon: Ps. 70:1-2a)

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

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

Salutation p. 189

Collect for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity – Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; 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 29:17-24**

[Future Recovery of Wisdom]

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

Gradual

I will bless the LORD at all times;

His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

let the humble hear and be glad.

(Ps. 34:1-2)

Epistle of the Day **2 Corinthians 3:4-11**

[The Spirit, Not the Letter]

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 7:31-37

[Jesus Heals a Deaf-Mute]

Responses to the Holy Gospel

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[We are seated]

Hymn of the Day

“Word of God, Come Down on Earth” #545

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 **“What God Ordains Is Always Good” #760**

[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 to the Lord, the Almighty” #790

Readings for Next Sunday: **The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Prophecy of the Day:

Leviticus 19:9-18

Epistle of the Day:

Galatians 3:16-22

Holy Gospel of the Day:

St. Luke 10:23-37