

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.

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity ***Jesus Calls Forth Life from Death***

A large funeral procession carrying the only son of a widow is confronted by another large procession, Jesus and His followers. Death and Life meet face to face at the gate of the city (St. Luke 7:11–17). Filled with compassion, Jesus comes into direct contact with our mortality in order to overcome it. He touches the bier and speaks His creative words of life, “*Young man, I say to you, arise.*” Jesus does what is neither expected nor requested, since through Christ, God the Father “*is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think*” (Eph. 3:14–21). Jesus bore our death in His body that we may share in His resurrection. Even as Elijah stretched himself out three times over the Zarephath woman's son (1 Kings 17:17–24), God stretched Himself out over us in the threefold application of His name in the baptismal water, breathing new and everlasting life into us. “*To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*”

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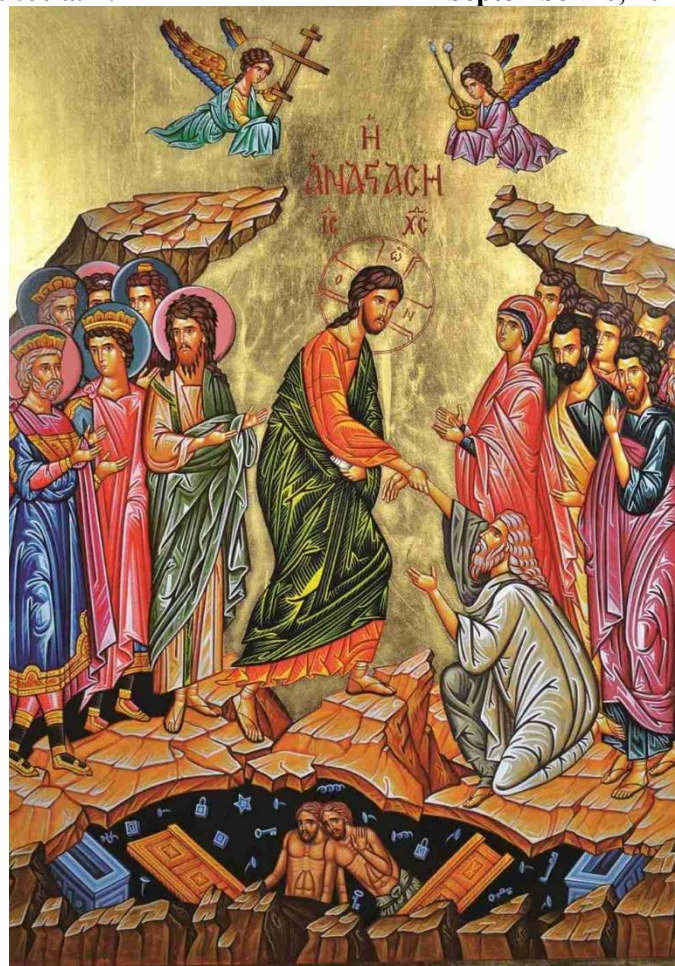
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A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

September 20, 2026



Miserere mei Domine
“Be gracious to me, O Lord”

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
Merciful Lord Sunday

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Processional
Hymn **“I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus”** **#729**

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Service of the Word

Introit

Be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to You do I cry all the day.
 For You, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call up on You.
 Incline Your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.
 In the day of my trouble I call upon You,
for You answer me.
 I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify Your name forever.
 For great is Your steadfast love toward me;
You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.
 (Ps. 86:1, 7, 12-13; antiphon: Ps. 86:3, 5)

<i>Gloria Patri, Kyrie</i>	p. 186
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Collect for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity – O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.
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[We are seated]

Prophecy of the Day **1 Kings 17:17-24**
[Elijah Raises the Widow's Son]
 This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Gradual

Nations will fear the name of the LORD,
and all the kings of the earth will fear Your glory.
 For the LORD builds up Zion;
He appears in His glory.

(Ps. 102:15-16)

Epistle of the Day **Ephesians 3:13-21**
[Prayer for Spiritual Strength]
 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 7:11-16**
[Jesus Raises a Widow's Son]
 Responses to the Holy Gospel **p. 190**

Nicene Creed **p. 191**

[We are seated]

Hymn of the Day
“Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense” #741

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**

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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	“Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing”	#737
[We rise]	Doxology	#805

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

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

“For Me to Live Is Jesus” #742

Readings for Next Sunday:
St. Michael and All Angels

Prophecy of the Day:	Daniel 12:1-3
Reading of the Day	Revelation 12:7-12a
Holy Gospel of the Day:	St. Matthew 18:1-11