

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.

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

In Life and Death, Christ Fulfills the Law of God

The Pharisees ask a Law question. Jesus asks a Gospel question. The Pharisees seek to test Jesus in His own words. Jesus seeks to "test" them in the saving reality of who He is as the Messiah (St. Matt. 22:34–46). The Law requires you to "fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul" and to "love the sojourner" (Deut. 10:12–21). Failure to keep the Law perfectly brings judgment. On the other hand, the Gospel brings the grace of God given by Jesus Christ, "... that you may be blameless in the day of the Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 1:1–8). Jesus is David's Son yet David's Lord, true God and true man. He is Love incarnate who fulfilled all the demands of God's Law on our behalf, that we might be saved from the Law's condemnation and sanctified in the Gospel's forgiveness.

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A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

October 4, 2026



In domum Domini ibimus

"We shall go into the house of the Lord"

**Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
Great Commandment Sunday**

**Shepherd of the Springs Lutheran Church
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[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Processional Hymn

"The Law of God Is Good and Wise" #579

Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution p. 184

Service of the Word

Introit

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for You,
and let Your prophets be proven faithful.

Hear the prayer of Your servants,
according to the blessing of Aaron upon Your people.

I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

May they be secure who loves You!

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,

I will seek Your good.

(Ps. 122:1, 6, 8-9; antiphon: Liturgical Text)

Gloria Patri, Kyrie p. 186

Gloria in Excelsis p. 187

Salutation p. 189

Collect for the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity – O God,
because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully
grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule
our hearts; 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 **Deuteronomy 10:12-21**

[The Essence of the Law]

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

Gradual

I was glad when they said to me,

"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

Peace be within Your walls

and security within Your towers!

(Ps. 122:1, 7)

Epistle of the Day **1 Corinthians 1:4-8**

[Thanksgiving]

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 22:34-46**

[The Great Commandment]

Responses to the Holy Gospel p. 190

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[We are seated]

Hymn of the Day

"Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower" #694

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 and Blood of Christ]

Hymn **"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" #621**

[We rise] **Doxology** #805

Dismissal, *Nunc Dimittis*, Thanksgiving, p. 199

Salutation, *Benedicamus*, Benediction

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

"The Lord, My God, Be Praised" #794

Readings for Next Sunday: Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Prophecy of the Day: Isaiah 44:21-23

Epistle of the Day: Ephesians 4:22-28

Holy Gospel of the Day: St. Matthew 9:1-8