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.

All Saints' Day

Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ

"A great multitude from all tribes and peoples and languages," cry out *"salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne"* (Rev. 7:9–17). Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we too, *"shall see him as he is"* (1 John 3:1–3). Joined with the throng of angels and a myriad of saints, we shall *"serve him day and night in his temple"* (Rev. 7:9–17). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits, and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ propels us forward, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament, to our eternal home. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure, and the persecuted are all blessèd and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (St. Matt. 5:1–12).

Rev. Gerson Flor, Vacancy Pastor

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A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m. **November 1, 2026**

Beati estis cum maledixerint vobis
"Blessed are you when others revile you"

The Feast of All Saints

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[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Processional Hymn
"Oh, How Blest Are They" #679

Service of the Word

Introit

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;
in Your righteousness deliver me.
For You are my rock and my fortress;
and for Your name's sake You lead me and guide me.
Into Your hand I commit my spirit;
You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.
(Ps. 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Rev. 7:14b)

Gloria Patri, Kyrie **p. 186**
Gloria in Excelsis **p. 187**
Salutation **p. 189**

Collect for the Feast of All Saints – Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; 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]

First Reading **Revelation 7:2-17**
[Multitudes from Every Nation]
This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Gradual

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
Blessèd are those whose strength is in You,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
(Rev. 7:14b; Ps. 84:5)

Epistle of the Day **1 John 3:1-3**
[Children of God]
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 5:1-12**
[The Beatitudes]
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[We are seated]

Hymn of the Day
"Behold a Host, Arrayed in White" #676

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 **"For All the Saints" #677**
[rise st. 8]

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

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

"We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God" #941

Readings for Next Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity

Prophecy of the Day:	Proverbs 8:11-228
Epistle of the Day:	Philippians 3:17-21
Holy Gospel of the Day:	St. Matthew 22:15-21