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.

Last Sunday of the Church Year

By Faith We Are Prepared for Christ's Return

"The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night" (1 Thess. 5:1-11). The arrival of the bridegroom will be sudden and unexpected. Therefore, you are to be watchful and ready like the five wise virgins*"...for you know neither the day nor the hour"* when the Son of Man is to return (St. Matt. 25:1-13).

The lamps are the Word of Christ. The oil in the lamps is the Holy Spirit, who works through the Word to create and sustain the flame of faith in Christ. The foolish are those who do not give proper attention to the working of the Holy Spirit in the Word and the blessed Sacraments (Holy Baptism and The Holy Supper), and so their faith does not endure. The wise, however, are those who diligently attend to these gifts of the Spirit, and who, therefore, have an abundance of oil. The flame of faith endures to the end. By God's grace they are received into the eternal wedding feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom, the new heavens and the new earth created by the Lord for the joy of His people (Is. 65:17–25).

Rev. Gerson Flor, Vacancy Pastor

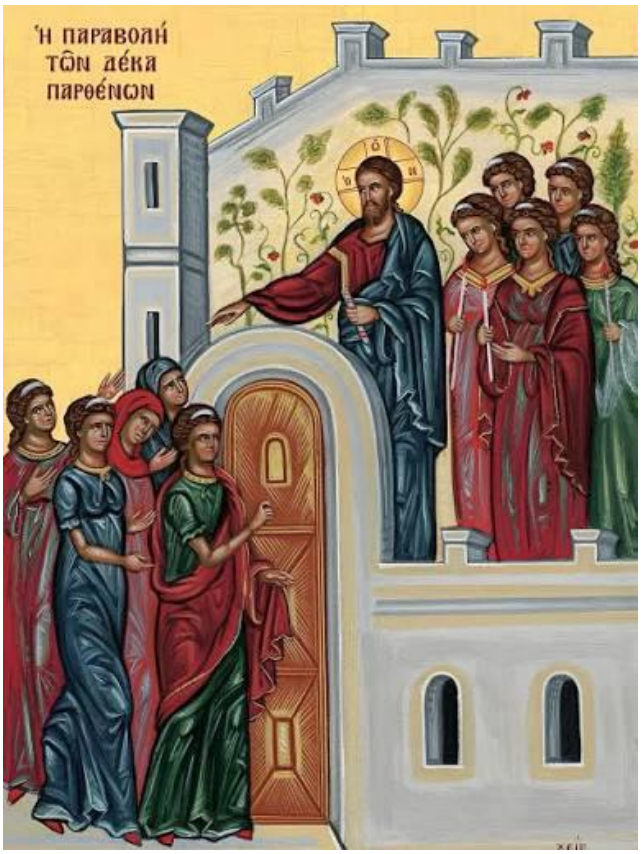
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A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m. **November 22, 2026**



Redempti a Domino convertentur
"The ransomed of the Lord shall return"

Trinity 27
Last Sunday of the Church Year

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[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Processional Hymn
"The Day is Surely Drawing Near" #508

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Service of the Word

Introit

The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.
They shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.
O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!
Behold, You have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before You.
Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath!
And now, O LORD, for what do I wait?
My hope is in You.
Deliver me from all my transgressions.
Do not make me the scorn of the fool.
(Ps. 39:4-5, 7-8; antiphon: Is. 35:10)

Gloria Patri, Kyrie **p. 186**
Gloria in Excelsis **p. 187**
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Collect for the Last Sunday of the Church Year – Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son, we pray, to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; 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 65:17-25**
[New Heavens and a New Earth]
This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Gradual

In many-colored robes [the king's daughter] is led to the king,
with her virgin companions following behind her.
With joy and gladness they are led along
as they enter the palace of the king.
(Ps. 45:14-15)

Epistle of the Day **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**
[The Day of the Lord]
This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

[We rise] **Triple Alleluia p. 190**

Holy Gospel of the Day **St. Matthew 25:1-13**
[The Parable of the Ten Virgins]
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[We are seated]

Hymn of the Day
"Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying" #516

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 **"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" #636**
Hymn **"O Jesus Blessed Lord to Thee" see insert**
[We rise st. 3]

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

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Final Hymn]

Final
Hymn **"Zion, Rise!" see insert**

Readings for Next Sunday:
The First Sunday of Advent

Prophecy of the Day:	Ezekial 3:16-21
Epistle of the Day:	Romans 10:10-18
Gospel of the Day:	St. John 1:35-42a