

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 here, 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 this Lutheran faith and practice, and now embrace this same Lutheran faith in the same way that it is believed, taught, confessed, and practiced in this congregation;
- (c) believe that in this Sacrament the real body and blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- (d) repent of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

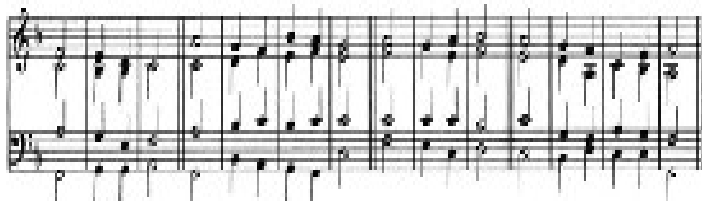
Guests at our services who are able to affirm these facts should speak to our pastor or the elder on duty before receiving the Sacrament. To other guests with us today, we express to you our sincere interest, friendship, and concern, and we assure you that it is for the spiritual welfare of all that we practice "closed communion," even as we continue to work toward the day in which all divisions over doctrine and practice within Christ's Church will be resolved. Those desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to speak with one of our pastors.

[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution p.185

Entr. Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #803

The Service of the Word begins with the Introit



Antiphon: Behold, God / is my / helper, * the Lord is with / them that up- / hold my / soul. || He shall reward evil un- / to mine / enemies, * Cut them / off_ / in Thy / truth.

Save me, O God, / by Thy / name: * and / vindicate me / by Thy / strength. || Hear my / prayer, O / God: * Give / ear to the / words of my / mouth.

For strangers are risen up against me, and oppressors seek / after my / life: * They / have not set / God be- / fore them. || For He hath delivered me / out of all / trouble: * and mine eye hath seen His de- / sire up- / on my / enemies.

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

The Collect for the 9th Sunday after Trinity: Let Thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please Thee; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen!**

[We are seated]

Old Testament of the Day 2 Samuel 22.26-34

[*"As for God, His way is blameless"*]

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

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 70

Spoken responsively by whole verses between Pastor & Congregation; Gloria, and 1st verse repeated, in unison

Epistle of the Day 1 Corinthians 10.6-13

[*Let Us Trust the Faithfulness of Our God*]

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

[We rise] **The Holy Gospel of the Day**
The Gradual and Triple Alleluia

O / Lord, our / Lord: * **How excellent is Thy / name in / all the / earth: ||**

When I con- / sider Thy / heavens: * **The / work_ / of Thy / fingers -**

What is man, that Thou are / mindful of / him: * **And the son of man, / that Thou / visit-ed / him? ||**

For Thou hast made him a little lower / than the / angels: * **And hast / crowned him with / glory and / honor.**

The Triple Alleluia p. 190

The Holy Gospel

Announcement of the Holy Gospel

Holy Gospel of the Day Luke 16. 1-13

[*The Need for Christ's Righteousness*]

Responses to the Holy Gospel **p. 190**

The Nicene Creed p. 191

[We are seated]

Chief Hymn "What Is the World to Me" #730

Sermon

[We rise] **The Offertory**
"Children of the Heavenly Father" #725

[We are seated]

The offering is received

God richly bless you for your support of His work among us!