



**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 **"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast"** #655

**The Service of the Word begins with the Introit**



*Antiphon:* I will speak of Thy testimonies also be- / fore \_ / kings: \* And / will not / be a- / shamed. || And I will / walk at / liberty \* for / I do / seek Thy / precepts. (Ps. 119.46, 45)

**I will sing of the mercies of the / Lord for- / ever \* with my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness / to all / gener- / ations. || And the heavens shall praise Thy / wonders, O / Lord: \* Thy faithfulness also in the congre- / gation / of the / saints.**

Blessed is the people that know the / joyful / sound: \* They shall walk, O Lord, in the / light\_ / of Thy / countenance. || In Thy name shall they rejoice / all the / day: \* And in Thy favor our / horn shall / be ex- / alted. (Psalm 89.1, 5, 15-16)

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**The Gloria Patri, The Kyrie p. 186**

**The Gloria in Excelsis p. 187  
Salutation p. 189**

**The Collect for The Festival of the Reformation:** O Lord God, heavenly Father, pour out, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit upon Thy faithful people, keep them steadfast in Thy grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all enemies of Thy Word, and bestow upon Christ's Church Militant Thy saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen!**

**The Collect for The 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity:** Absolve, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy people from their offenses that, from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon us, we may be delivered by Thy bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen!**

[We are seated]

First Lesson of the Day . . . . . Revelation 14.6-7  
*[The Everlasting Gospel]*  
This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Epistle of the Day . . . . . Romans 3.19-28  
*[The Gospel is Justification]*  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

[We rise] **The Holy Gospel of the Day  
The Gradual of the Day and Nine-Fold Alleluia**  
(using the Introit Psalm tone)

Great is the Lord and greatly / to be / praised: \*  
**In the city of our God, in the / mountain / of His / holiness: ||**  
Walk about Zion: Alleluia! / Alle- / luia! \*  
**And tell the towers there-of / Al -le - / lu- / ia!**  
Mark well her bulwarks, con- / sider her / palaces \*  
**That ye may tell it to the / gener- / ations / following. ||**  
For this God is our God for- / ever and / ever: Alleluia!  
/ Alle- / luia!\*  
**He will be our Guide / even / unto / death  
/ Al -le - / lu- / ia!**

**The Triple Alleluia p. 190**

**The Holy Gospel  
Announcement of the Holy Gospel**

Holy Gospel of the Day John 8.31-36  
*[The Gospel of John the Baptist]*  
Responses to the Holy Gospel p. 190-191

**The Nicene Creed p. 191**

[We remain standing for the "Battle Hymn" of the Reformation]  
Chief Hymn **"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"** #656

[We are seated]

Sermon

[We rise] **The Offertory:  
"Father, We Thank Thee"** #652

[We are seated]

**The offering is received**  
*God richly bless you for your support of His work among us!*