

January 2, 2022

An Explanation of Our Communion Practice

Today we are celebrating the Lord's Supper, which is a wonderful gift from our gracious God. In his Word, God teaches that Christians need a proper understanding of the Lord's Supper before receiving it (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). He also tells us that Christians should be completely united before communing together (1 Corinthians 10:17). Therefore, we ask that only members of our fellowship (The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and, worldwide, The Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference) commune at Trinity.

We do want everyone to commune with us. So that everything may be done decently and in good order (1 Corinthians 14:40), we ask for the opportunity to verify that we are united in our beliefs based on God's Word, and then to celebrate that unity publicly in the Sacrament. If you would like to learn more, please speak to Pastor. Thank you for your understanding of our belief and practice.





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Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship! In our service we receive God's grace through his Word and sacraments. As he works to strengthen our faith in Jesus, we respond to his goodness with our prayers, praise, and offerings. We are glad to be here and glad that you have joined us today!

- Restrooms are located in the main hallway, narthex, and back classrooms.
- If you wish to step out of the service to calm your child, please feel welcome to use the Fellowship Hall or the Toddler Sunday School Room (located in the back-corner classroom of the building, connected to the Fellowship Hall). Both of these rooms have televisions showing the worship service. Also, please do not hesitate to ask an usher or any member if you need help locating anything. We want to make you feel welcome.

Serving the Lord and Serving Us: Pastor: Paul Jenkins Service Volunteers: Usher: Scott Mund Assistant Ushers: Sam Kovaciny, Mathew Mund Keyboard Operators: Stephen Douglas Livestream Producer: Jack Proksch Pre-Service Music provided by: Suey Nordberg

Today's Focus: As the Christmas season continues, we thank God for keeping his gracious promise to redeem us (buy us back) from our sin with the cross of his Son. Our worship follows *The Common Service*.

We Come into the Presence of God

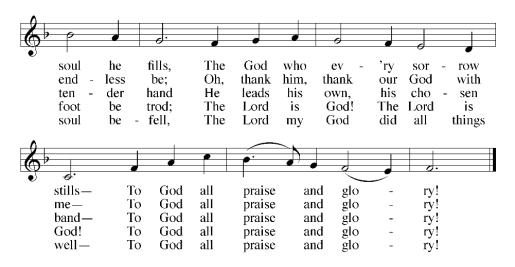
PASTOR'S GREETING AND INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

MUSICAL INTRODUCTION

This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.

1 All praise to God who reigns bove. The a -2 I cried him need: to in time of Lord 3 The Lord will not for sake his flock, His 4 All who con fess Christ's ho То ly name. 5 Then come be _ fore his pres ence now And _ God of all cre tion, The God of а _ God, hear For oh, my call ing! death he cho sen gen er а tion; He is their God give praise and glo ry! All who the ban - ish fear and sad ness; То your Re ders, pow'r, and love, The God won of deed life And gave me in kept my ref uge and their rock, Their peace and Fa ther's pow'r pro claim, То God give deem And sing with er pay your vow sal - va tion! With heal - ing our _ balm my feet from fall _ ing. For this my thanks shall their sal - va tion. As with moth er's _ а praise glo ry! All i dols der and un -joy and Though great dis glad ness. tress my

OPENING HYMN: 236, All Praise to God Who Reigns Above



Text: Johann J. Schütz, 1640–90, abr.; tr. composite. Tune: LOBT GOTT DEN HERREN, IHR HEIDEN ALL (87 87 887) Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570–1615.

Stand

INVOCATION

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.
- M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

M. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY BE TO GOD



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray. Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Be Seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

2 Samuel 7:8-16

This prophecy has two fulfillments. King Solomon (from David's own seed) would follow him on the throne of Israel as a great king. But an even greater King is also promised – one who will reign forever over an eternal kingdom.

You are also to say the following to my servant David.

This is what the LORD of Armies says. I took you from the pasture, from following sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel. ⁹I have been with you wherever you went. I have cut off all your enemies from before you. I will make your reputation great, like that of the great ones on the earth. ¹⁰I will set up a place for my people Israel, and I will plant them there. They will dwell there, and they will not be disturbed again. Violent men will not afflict them again as they did at the beginning ¹¹ and ever since the day I appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies.

The LORD also declares to you that the LORD himself will make a house for you. ¹² When your days are complete and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up after you your seed, who will come from your own body. I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He will build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he sins, I will discipline him with a rod used by men and with blows of the sons of men. ¹⁵ My faithful mercy will not depart from him as I removed it from Saul, whom I removed to make room for you. ¹⁶ Your house will stand firm, and your kingdom will endure forever before you. Your throne will be established forever.

SECOND LESSON AND SERMON TEXT

Colossians 1:13-20

The Father rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, things seen and unseen, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and all things hold together in him.

¹⁸ He is also the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that in all things he might have the highest rank. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile all things to himself (whether things on earth or in heaven) by making peace through the blood of his cross.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Alleluia. (Psalm 98:3)

Stand

GOSPEL

Luke 1:68-75

Zechariah, John the Baptist's father, rejoices that God has remembered his "holy covenant" and sent a Savior.

M: The Gospel of St. Luke, chapter 1.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord!

Blessed is the Lord, the God of Israel,

because he has visited us and prepared redemption for his people.

⁶⁹ He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David,

⁷⁰ just as he said long ago through the mouth of his holy prophets.

⁷¹ He raised up salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us,

⁷² in order to show mercy to our fathers by remembering his holy covenant,

⁷³ the oath which he swore to Abraham our father,

⁷⁴ to grant deliverance to us from the hand of our enemies,

so that we are able to serve him without fear,

⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

- M: The Gospel of our Lord.
- C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

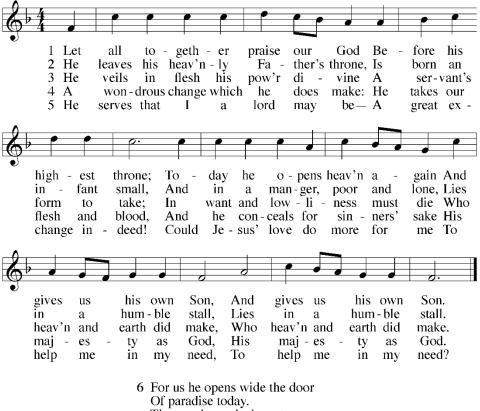
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

CHILDREN'S SERMON: God Keeps His Promises

HYMN OF THE DAY: 41, Let All Together Praise Our God



The angel guards the gate no more; To God our thanks we pay,

To God our thanks we pay.

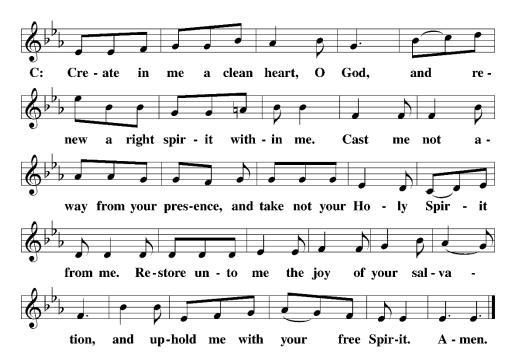
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SERMON

Text: Colossians 1:13-20 Theme: What Has Christ Done for You?

Stand

CREATE IN ME



OFFERING

During the 11:00 Service, the offering will be collected at the door. You may drop off your offering in the plates either before or after the worship service.

The members of Trinity make joyful offerings to support this church's ministry. A portion of our offerings is also used for the training of future pastors and teachers, and the worldwide mission work carried out by our fellowship, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Our guests are under no obligation to give, but any gifts freely given are welcome and will be put to work in service to God's kingdom.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.
- C: Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

M: Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

C: Take away our desire to sin, and restore us each day by your grace.

M: The signs of the times warn us that the end is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of persecution.

C: Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

M: Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

C: Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

M: Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort those who mourn.

C: Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help them when we can.

M: Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

C: Hear these prayers for Jesus' sake, and hear us as we pray in his words:

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

- M: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for in the wonder and mystery of his birth you have opened our eyes to the glory of your grace and renewed in our hearts the fervor of your love. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



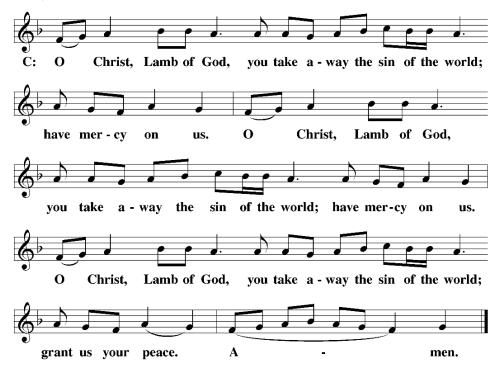
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - SANCTUS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is (+) my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is (+) my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

- M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: Amen.

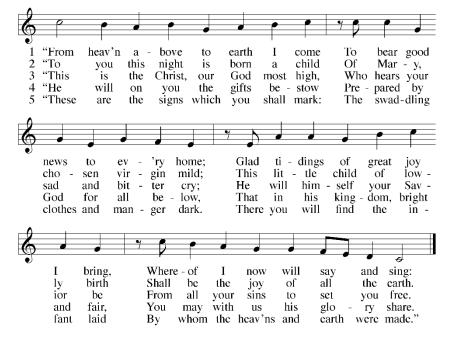


O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD - AGNUS DEI

Be seated

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: 38, From Heaven Above to Earth I Come



- 6 How glad we'll be to find it so! Then with the shepherds let us go To see what God for us has done In sending us his own dear Son.
- 8 Welcome to earth, O noble Guest, Through whom the sinful world is blest! You came to share my misery That you might share your joy with me.
- 10 Were earth a thousand times as fair And set with gold and jewels rare, It would be far too poor and small A cradle for the Lord of all.
- 12 And so it pleases you to see 13 This simple truth revealed to me: That all the world's wealth, honor, might Are weak and worthless in your sight.
- 14 My heart for very joy must leap; My lips no more can silence keep. I, too, must sing with joyful tongue That sweetest ancient cradle song:

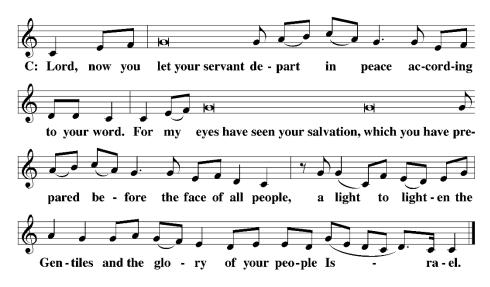
- 7 Come here, my friends, lift up your eyes, And see what in the manger lies. Who is this child, so young and fair? It is the Christchild lying there.
- 9 Ah, Lord, though you created all, How weak you are, so poor and small, That you should choose to lay your head Where lowly cattle lately fed!
- 11 Instead of soft and silken stuff You have but hay and straw so rough On which as King, so rich and great, To be enthroned in royal state.
- 13 Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child, Prepare a bed, soft, undefiledht Within my heart, made clean and new, A quiet chamber kept for you.
- 15 Glory to God in highest heaven, Who unto us his Son has given! While angels sing with pious mirth A glad new year to all the earth.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: VOM HIMMEL HOCH (LM) Schumann, Geistliche lieder auffs new gebessert, Leipzig, 1539.

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SONG OF SIMEON



THANKSGIVING

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

M: O God our Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

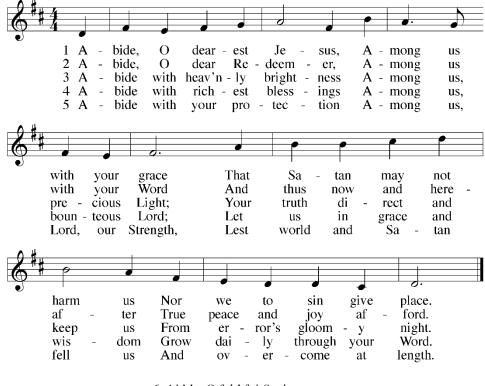
C: Amen.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

Be Seated

CLOSING HYMN: 333, Abide, O Dearest Jesus



6 Abide, O faithful Savior, Among us with your love; Grant steadfastness and help us To reach our home above.

Text: Josua Stegmann, 1588-1632; tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt.

Tune: CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN (76 76) Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570–1615, alt.

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New Worship Schedule Starts TODAY!

Beginning TODAY Trinity returns to two Sunday morning worship services. The first service is at 8:30. At this service:

- -- masks are optional
- -- offering plates will be passed
- -- Communion will be distributed hand-to-hand, with the chalice available to those who want it
- -- children will be invited to come forward for the children's sermon

The second service is at 11:00. At this service:

- -- masks are required
- -- offerings will be placed in the plates at the entrance to the sanctuary
- -- Communion will be distributed from distance
- -- children will remain in their pews for the children's sermon

Bible class and Sunday School begins at 9:45. Masks are optional during Bible study. Sunday School will continue following Prince William County's Public Schools' guidance on masking. Adult Bible class will continue to be repeated online each Wednesday night (Thursdays during Lent) at 7pm for those unable to attend in person on Sunday morning.

Please understand that a main reason for adding a second, "covid-conscience" service is to make in-person worship more accessible for Trinity's members and guests who have been held away for over eighteen months by covid concerns. Therefore, the rules for the second service will be enforced in the building beginning at 10:50am. Please make life easy and not burdensome for your pastor for and your brothers and sisters in Christ attending the late service; if you're still in the building at 10:50, please be wearing a mask over your nose and mouth. If you forget, you will be reminded please to mask up or please to exit. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation, and for taking these words in the kindest possible way.

Trinity Women's Bible Study – this Saturday, January 8

Looking for an opportunity to grow in God's Word and for fellowship with other women? We'd love to have you join our next women's Bible study on Saturday, January 8 at 9:00 am at Trinity. We will discuss chapter four, "Esther" of "Waiting: A Bible Study on Patience, Hope, and Trust" by Sharla Fritz.

If you'd like to join the Bible study, please email Erika at <u>erika.ohlendorf@gmail.com</u> for a copy of the book.

Small Choir

Trinity is forming a small choir to sing once a month during Worship. Anyone is welcome to join! We'll sing hymns from our hymnal, Christian Worship. If you are interested in joining, please let John or Erika Ohlendorf know.

In-Person Bible Study

Our current Bible study topic on Sunday morning is prayer. Other topics to follow through the spring of 2022 will include: friendship evangelism, Mark's Gospel, Lutheran worship, and the prophet Zechariah.

The same sessions are repeated each Wednesday night (Thursdays during Lent and Advent) at 7pm online, for those who teach Sunday school, are out of town on Sunday, or otherwise unable to attend in person. These classes will be on Zoom, with the links provided in pastor's weekly email.

Wine and Word Bible Study – January 6th

The Wine and Word Bible Study meets at the home of Bruce and Dawn Knox. Their home is located just 5 minutes from the church in Old Bridge Estates. We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 7-8:30pm and are journeying through the book of Genesis with Larry Kovaciny as our guide. Those who wish can bring a bottle of wine and small bite appetizer. Come and join us whether you drink wine or not! Contact Dawn at 703-615-9320 or <u>dawn.f.knox@gmail.com</u> to RSVP.

Ushers Wanted

If you would like to become part of the regular rotation of ushers, or even just fill in once in a while when needed, please speak to Worship Elder Scott Mund.

Our Little Free Library

Our Little Free Library always welcomes donations of books and food! If the library outside is full, you can place donations in the white plastic bin in the Fellowship Hall right beside the door to the hallway.

Lord's Supper Available to All Members

If you are a confirmed member of Trinity and waiting to return to the sanctuary for worship, Pastor would be happy to commune you at home, or anywhere else you would like to meet. Just contact him at (309) 433-5807 or <u>revpauljenkins@yahoo.com</u> with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work.

It is the mission of



to glorify God

by growing in His Word and by going with His Word

to Woodbridge and to the world.



Trinity Lutheran Church is part of a group of nearly 1,300 churches called the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod or WELS. The WELS is a world-wide church with congregations serving in all fifty of the United States, as well as in Mexico and Canada. The WELS also serves over 26 foreign countries through world mission work. We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the WELS as well as the members of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference, consisting of 21 confessional Lutheran church bodies throughout the world.