

God Loves Us
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January 16, 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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LUTHERAN
CHURCH



- **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

Asst Ushers: Sam Kovaciny, Mathew Mund

Keyboard Operators: 8:30: Scott Mund, 11:00: John Ohlendorf

Livestream Producer: Jack Proksch

Pre-Service Music: Suey Nordberg

Today's Focus: As Jesus reveals his glory as Savior of all, he also reveals the full scope of God's love and care for his people. Our worship follows *Service of Word and Sacrament*.

We Come into the Presence of God

MUSICAL INTRODUCTION

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

OPENING HYMN: 79, "How Lovely Shines the Morning Star" Verses 1-4



1 How love - ly shines the Morn - ing Star! The na - tions see and
2 O high - est joy by mor - tals won, True Son of God and
3 O might - y Fa - ther, in your Son You loved me ere you
4 Oh, joy to know that you, my Friend, Are Lord, be - gin - ning



hail a - far The light in Ju - dah shin - ing.
Mar - y's Son, The high - born King of a - ges!
had be - gun This an - cient world's foun - da - tion.
with - out end, The first and last, e - ter - nal!



O Da - vid's Son of Ja - cob's race, My Bride-groom
In your blest bod - y let me be, E'en as the
Your Son has made a friend of me, And when in
And you at length— O glo - rious grace— Will take me



and my King of grace, For you my heart is pin - ing.
branch is in the tree, Your life my life sup - ply - ing.
spir - it him I see, I joy in trib - u - la - tion.
to that ho - ly place, The home of joys su - per - nal.



Low - ly, Ho - ly, Great and glo - rious, O vic - to - rious
Sigh - ing, Cry - ing For the sa - vor Of your fa - vor
What bliss Is this! He is liv - ing, To me giv - ing
A - men, A - men! Come and meet me, Quick - ly greet me!



Prince of gra - ces, Fill - ing all the heav'n - ly pla - ces.
Rest - ing nev - er Till I rest in you for - ev - er.
Life for - ev - er; Noth - ing me from him can sev - er.
With deep yearn - ing, Lord, I look for your re - turn - ing.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608, abr., adapt.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.
Tune: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET (887 887 22 44 48) Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608, alt.

STAND

Minister: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY - KYRIE

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

EXODUS 7:14-24

Moses turned water into blood to express God's judgment on Pharaoh as well as God's love for the Israelites whom he was delivering from Pharaoh's bondage.

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is unyielding. He refuses to let the people go. ¹⁵Go to Pharaoh in the morning. When he goes out by the water, stand on the bank of the Nile to meet him. Take in your hand the staff that was turned into a snake.

¹⁶"You are to tell him: "The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to you. He says, "Let my people go so that they may serve me in the wilderness." But look, until now you have not listened. ¹⁷So this is what the LORD says: "In this way, you will know that I am the LORD." Look! With the staff that is in my hand, I will strike the water in the Nile, and it will be turned to blood. ¹⁸The fish that are in the Nile will die, and the Nile will stink. The Egyptians will not be able to drink water from the Nile."

¹⁹The LORD said to Moses, "Tell Aaron, "Take your staff, and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt—over its rivers, its streams, its ponds, and all the reservoirs—and they will become blood. There will be blood in the entire land of Egypt, even in containers made of wood and stone."

²⁰Moses and Aaron did just as the LORD had commanded. In the sight of Pharaoh and his officials, Aaron lifted up the staff and struck the water that was in the Nile. All the water in the Nile was turned to blood. ²¹The fish that were in the river died, and the river smelled so bad that the Egyptians were not able to drink water from the Nile. There was blood in the entire land of Egypt. ²²But the magicians of Egypt did the same thing by their occult practices. So Pharaoh's heart was hard, and he did not listen to them, just as the LORD had told them. ²³Pharaoh turned and went to his palace. He did not take to heart even this. ²⁴All the Egyptians dug around the Nile for water to drink, because they were not able to drink the water from the Nile.

PSALM 134

READ RESPONSIVELY

M: Come, bless the LORD all you servants of the LORD,

C: who stand in the house of the LORD at night.

M: Lift up your hands toward the sanctuary

C: and bless the LORD.

M: May the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth, bless you from Zion.

SECOND LESSON AND SERMON TEXT

EPHESIANS 3:14-21

For this reason I kneel before the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ from whom the entire family in heaven and on earth receives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he would strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner self, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. Then, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ I pray that you would be able to comprehend, along with all the saints, how wide and long and high and deep his love is, ¹⁹ and that you would be able to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled to all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him, who is able, according to the power that is at work within us, to do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. He said to me, "You are my servant in whom I will display my splendor." Alleluia.
(Isaiah 49:3)

STAND

GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

Jesus changes water into wine and reveals his glory as Lord of all.

Three days later, there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Jesus' mother was there. ² Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.

³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no wine."

⁴ Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does that have to do with you and me? My time has not come yet."

⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶ Six stone water jars, which the Jews used for ceremonial cleansing, were standing there, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. ⁸ Then he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." And they did.

⁹ When the master of the banquet tasted the water that had now become wine, he did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew). The master of the

banquet called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when the guests have had plenty to drink, then the cheaper wine. You saved the good wine until now!"

¹¹ This, the beginning of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

BE SEATED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Jesus Cares about All of Us

HYMN OF THE DAY: 82, "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Proph - et, Priest, and
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole Pal - sied limbs and
4 Sun and moon shall dark - ened be; Stars shall fall, the
5 Grant us grace to see you, Lord, Mir - rored in your



you we raise, Man - i - fest - ed by the star
King su - preme, And at Ca - na, Wed - ding Guest,
faint - ing soul; Man - i - fest in val - iant fight,
heav'ns shall flee. Christ will then like light - ning shine;
ho - ly Word. May our lives and all we do



To the Ma - gi from a - far, Branch of roy - al
In your God - head man - i - fest; Man - i - fest in
Quell - ing all the dev - il's might; Man - i - fest in
All will see his glo - rious sign. All will then the
Im - i - tate and hon - or you That we all like



Da - vid's stem, In your birth at Beth - le - hem.
pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine.
gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill.
trum - pet hear; All will see the judge ap - pear.
you may be At your great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to you ad-dressed, God in man made man-i - fest.
An - thems be to you ad-dressed, God in man made man-i - fest.
An - thems be to you ad-dressed, God in man made man-i - fest.
You by all will be con-fessed, God in man made man-i - fest.
And may praise you, ev - er blest, God in man made man-i - fest.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–85, alt.
Tune: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR (77 77 D) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

SERMON

TEXT: Ephesians 3:14-17

THEME: God Loves Us in 4-D

STAND

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 (8:30)

OFFERING

You may drop your offering in the plates before the 8:30 or 11:00 worship services. During 8:30 service, the offering plate will also be passed for those who wish to give their offering in that manner.

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

STAND (8:30)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Jesus Christ, Lord of glory, you delight in making yourself known to us and others. Bring us to recognize and rejoice in your majesty and your ministry. In love, you chose to exercise your greatest strength to serve us in our greatest need. You revealed the brightness of your glory through humble deeds of love.

You called ordinary men to do extraordinary things as your disciples and apostles. You also call us confidently to follow you, diligently to learn from you, and lovingly to imitate you. Equip and empower us to serve you and our neighbor faithfully. Use us as your witnesses to bring many throughout the world to the light of your gospel.

You revealed your glory through mighty signs and wonders. Assure us that you still rule all things in the universe and use them for our eternal good. In wise compassion you often exercise your power to help and heal people with physical and emotional needs. Give us courage and compassion to relieve the distress of the hurting, to pray for all according to their needs, and to be content and cheerful when in your wisdom you ask us to endure hardship.

Special prayers

M: Preserve your truth among us, and by that truth preserve us until you appear in splendor to bring us to the glory of heaven. Let our anticipation of the heavenly kingdom raise our thinking and speaking, enrich our conduct, and increase our joy in every part of earthly life. Hear us, Light of the Gentiles and Glory of Israel. Amen.

M: Now hear us as we join to pray as Jesus taught:

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 to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M. Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

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



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



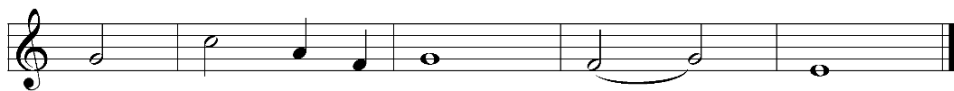
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

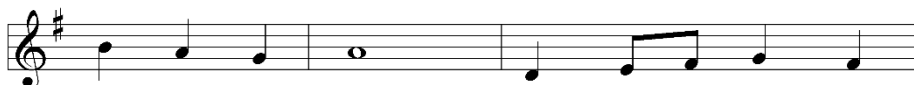
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DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: 446, "I am Trusting You, Lord Jesus"



1 I am trust - ing you, Lord Je - sus, Trust -
 2 I am trust - ing you for par - don; At
 3 I am trust - ing you for cleans - ing In
 4 I am trust - ing you to guide me; You
 5 I am trust - ing you for pow - er; You



ing on - ly you, Trust - ing you for
 your feet I bow, For your grace and
 the crim - son flood, Trust - ing you who
 a - lone shall lead, Ev - 'ry day and
 can nev - er fail. Words which you your -



full sal - va - tion, Free and true.
 ten - der mer - cy Trust - ing now.
 made me ho - ly By your blood.
 hour sup - ply - ing All my need.
 self shall give me Must pre - vail.

6 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus;
 Never let me fall.
 I am trusting you forever
 And for all.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79, alt.
 Tune: STEPHANOS (85 83) Henry W. Baker, 1821–77.

STAND

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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: 79, "How Lovely Shines the Morning Star" Verse 5



5 Lift up the voice and strike the string, Let all glad sounds of
mu - sic ring In God's high prais - es blend - ed.
Christ will be with me all the way, To - day, to -
mor - row, ev - 'ry day Till trav - 'ling days are end - ed.
Sing out, Ring out Tri - umph glo - rious, O vic - to - rious
Chos - en - na - tion; Praise the God of your sal - va - tion.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608, abr., adapt., tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.
Tune: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET (887 887 22 44 48) Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608, alt.

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Worship Schedule

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.

Women's Book Club Meeting

Trinity Women's Book Club will be meeting during late service on January 30th. *Loving Isaac* by Heather Kaufman is the book we will be discussing. We look forward to seeing you all there! Contact Rachel Kovaciny if you are interested in more for information about Trinity's Book Club!

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.

Help Needed with New Mover Welcome Package

Each month Trinity delivers welcome care packages to new residents in our nearby neighborhood. We have a dedicated but small crew undertaking this project. If you would like to help, either providing care packages or delivering them, please speak to pastor. We are trying to make friends, inviting contact with as many new neighbors as possible, but need more help. Thank you for considering.

Bible Basics Class Starting in February

“Bible Basics” is a five week class designed for those with little or no prior Bible knowledge. It is not a membership class, but can lead to one for interested students. Each class will be offered online on Tuesday nights at 7, as well as in-person at noon on the following Saturday at Trinity, with lunch provided. There is no need to sign up for the online sessions. The links will be available on Trinity’s website, Facebook page, and weekly email blasts. If you plan on attending the in-person classes, please let pastor know so he can have enough food and beverages on hand.

If you have friends or family who have expressed interest in Christianity, this could be a nice, low-pressure introduction to the faith. Here are the dates, times, and topics for the classes, which last about thirty minutes:

February 8 (online at 7) and 12 (in person at noon): Who is Jesus Christ? Why should I care?

February 15 (online at 7) and 19 (in person at noon): What does God want from me?

February 22 (online at 7) and 26 (in person at noon): How could a loving God be running such an evil world?

March 1 (online at 7) and 5 (in person at noon): With so many ideas about God, how can I know what to believe?

March 8 (online at 7) and 12 (in person at noon): Why would I ever want to join a church?

In-Person Bible Study

Our current Bible study topic on Sunday morning is prayer. This class will wrap up today. Beginning next week, we will have a study on Friendship Evangelism. Other topics to follow through the spring and fall of 2022 will include: 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

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 dawn.f.knox@gmail.com to RSVP.

Ushers and Usher Assistants Needed

A sign up sheet is available in the Narthex. You are welcome to fill in as many Sundays as you are available. 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 revpauljenkins@yahoo.com with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work.

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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.