

February 13, 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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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: Larry Kovaciny (Early)

Keyboard Operators:

Livestream Producer: Jack Proksch

Pre-Service Music: Suey Nordberg

Today’s Focus: Jesus reveals himself as the Lord who thoroughly blesses his people for eternity. Our worship follows *Service of the Word*.

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: 230, "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"

(11:30 service: Verses 1& 2 Sung by Small choir, Verses 3 & 4 Sung by All)



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; Our hearts in
2 Un - seal our lips to sing your praise; Our souls to
3 Un - til we join the hosts that cry, "Ho - san - na
4 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly



true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with
you in wor - ship raise. Make strong our faith; in -
to the Lord most high." Then in the light of
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



grace di - vine, And let your truth with - in us shine.
crease our light That we may know your name a - right
that blest place We shall be - hold you face to face.
Trin - i - ty, Be praise through - out e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: *Lutherische Hand-Büchlein*, 2nd ed., Altenburg, 1648; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND (LM) *Cantionale Germanicum*, Gochsheim, 1628.

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.**

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

OH, TASTE AND SEE

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him." The score consists of six lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The final line ends with a double bar line.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Lord God, in mercy receive the prayers of your people. Grant them the wisdom to know the things that please you and the grace and power always to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

DEUTERONOMY 30:1-10

Right before they enter the Promised Land, the Lord tells the Israelites that one day they will lose it and be taken into exile because of their unbelief. After they repent, however, the Lord will restore his blessing to his people.

When all these things come upon you, both the blessing and the curse that I have given you, and you take them to heart while you are among all the nations to which the Lord your God has banished you, ²and when you return to the Lord your God and listen to his voice with all your heart and soul, in every way that I am commanding you today, you and your children, ³then the Lord your God will restore you from your captivity. He will have compassion on you, and he will gather you together again out of all the peoples where the Lord your God has scattered you. ⁴Even if your banished people are at the end of the heavens, the Lord your God will gather you together there and take you away from there. ⁵The Lord your God will bring you back to the land that your fathers possessed, and then you will possess it. He will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers.

⁶The Lord your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, so that you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, with the result that you will live.

⁷Then the Lord your God will place all these curses on your enemies and on those who hated you and persecuted you. ⁸Once again you will listen to the voice of the Lord, and you will carry out all of his commands that I am giving you today.

⁹The Lord your God will cause you to be overflowing with good things from all the work of your hands, in the fruit of your womb, in the fruit of your animals, and in the fruit of your soil. Once again he will rejoice over your prosperity, just as he rejoiced over your fathers, ¹⁰when you obey the voice of the Lord your God by keeping his commandments and his statutes written in this Book of the Law, when you return to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

PSALM 37:16-20

Whether God chooses to bless them with a little or a lot in this world, his faithful people look forward to an inheritance that lasts forever.

Better the little that one righteous person has
than the wealth of many wicked people,
¹⁷ because the arms of the wicked will be broken,
but the Lord upholds the righteous.
¹⁸ The Lord knows the days of the blameless.
Their inheritance will last forever.
¹⁹ They will not be ashamed in time of disaster.
In days of famine they will be full.
²⁰ Surely the wicked will perish.
The enemies of the Lord will be
like beautiful flowers in the pastures.
But they will vanish. Like smoke they will vanish.

SECOND LESSON

2 CORINTHIANS 12:7-10

Divine blessings sometimes come disguised as hardships. Paul's physical struggles kept him humble and reliant on God's grace in Christ.

Therefore, to keep me from becoming arrogant due to the extraordinary nature of these revelations, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me, so that I would not become arrogant. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that he would take it away from me. ⁹ And he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, because my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will be glad to boast all the more in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may shelter me.

¹⁰ That is why I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties, for the sake of Christ. For whenever I am weak, then am I strong.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. (*John 6:68*)

STAND

GOSPEL AND SERMON TEXT

Luke 6:17-26

He went down with them and stood on a level place with a large crowd of his disciples and a large number of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, as well as from the coastal area of Tyre and Sidon. These people came to listen to him and to be healed of their diseases. ¹⁸ Those who were troubled by unclean spirits were also cured. ¹⁹ The whole crowd kept trying to touch him, because power was going out from him and healing them all.

²⁰ He lifted up his eyes to his disciples and said:

Blessed are you who are poor,
because yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now,
because you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,
because you will laugh.

²² Blessed are you whenever people hate you,
and whenever they exclude and insult you
and reject your name as evil because of the Son of Man.

²³ "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy because of this: Your reward is great in heaven! The fact is, their fathers constantly did the same things to the prophets."

²⁴ But woe to you who are rich,
because you are receiving your comfort now.

²⁵ Woe to you who are well fed now,
because you will be hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,
because you will be mourning and weeping.

²⁶ Woe to you when all people speak well of you,
because that is how their fathers constantly treated the
false prophets.

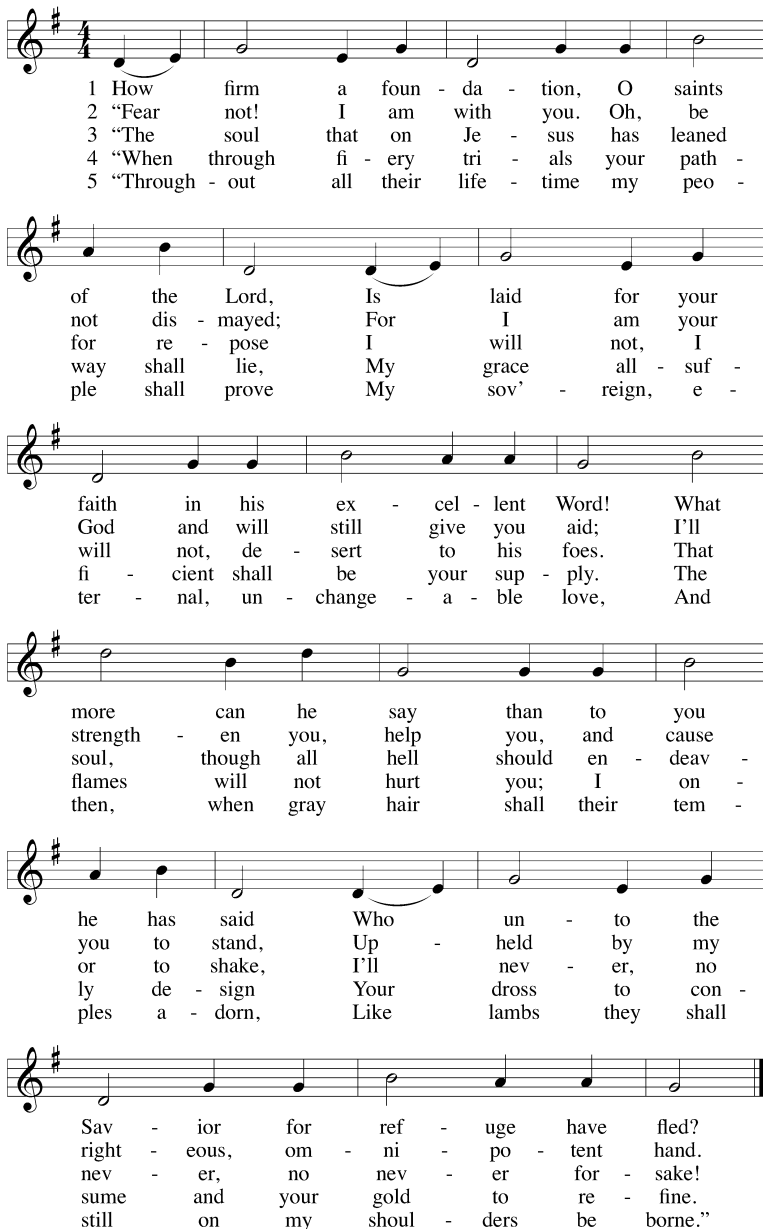
M: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "You Are Blessed"

HYMN OF THE DAY: 768, "How Firm a Foundation"



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints
 2 "Fear not! I am with you. Oh, be
 3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path -
 5 "Through - out all their life - time my peo -

of the Lord, Is laid for your
 not dis - mayed; For I am your
 for re - pose I will not, I
 way shall lie, My grace all - suf -
 ple shall prove My sov' - reign, e -

faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What
 God and will still give you aid; I'll
 will not, de - sert to his foes. That
 fi - cient shall be your sup - ply. The
 ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love, And

more can he say than to you
 strength - en you, help you, and cause
 soul, though all hell should en - deav -
 flames will not hurt you; I on -
 then, when gray hair shall their tem -

he has said Who un - to the
 you to stand, Up - held by my
 or to shake, I'll nev - er, no
 ly de - sign Your dress to con -
 ples a - dorn, Like lambs they shall

Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!
 sume and your gold to re - fine.
 still on my shoul - ders be borne."

The beloved words of this hymn are wed to its traditional American melody.

TEXT: *A Selection of Hymns*, London, 1787, alt.

TUNE: FOUNDATION (11 11 11 11) Traditional American melody; Caldwell's *Union Harmony*, 1837.

SERMON

TEXT: Luke 6:17-26

THEME: Think Like a Disciple

STAND

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death.

C: You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.

M: Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging.

C: You brought life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.

M: Prince of peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope.

C: Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.

M: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule in our hearts so that we use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, so that they remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn.

C: Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.

Special prayers

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer

M: Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

C: Amen.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray the prayer your Son taught us:

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.

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, 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: 467, “May the Mind of Christ My Savior”



1 May the mind of Christ my Sav - ior Live in
 2 May the Word of God dwell rich - ly In my
 3 May the peace of God my Fa - ther Rule my
 4 May the love of Je - sus fill me As the
 5 May I run the race be - fore me, Strong and



me from day to day, By his love and
 heart from hour to hour, So that all may
 life in ev - 'ry - thing, That I may be
 wa - ters fill the sea, Him ex - alt - ing,
 brave to face the foe, Look - ing on - ly



pow'r in - spir - ing All I do or say.
 see I tri - umph On - ly through his pow'r.
 calm to com - fort Sick and sor - row - ing.
 self a - bas - ing— This is vic - to - ry!
 un - to Je - sus As I on - ward go.

6 May his spirit live within me
 As I seek the lost to win,
 And may they forget the channel,
 Seeing only him.

Text: Kate B. Wilkinson, 1859–1928, alt.
 Tune: ST. LEONARD'S (87 85) A. Cyril Barham-Gould, 1891–1953.

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Bible Basics Class

“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 Saturday 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 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?

Green Bag Food Drive for NVCC Students

Trinity is collecting non-perishable foods for the Northern Virginia College students who are in need. These students are looking to better lives through education even though it affects their ability to afford rent, food, gas, etc. As we know a lack of nutrition will affect their cognitive acuity which in turns affects their grades. Let’s help them out by providing food for their pantry. They are often times living in spare rooms of homes with limited kitchen access so prepared meals such as canned stews, pasta or ramen type meals work great, as do breakfast bars, beverages, etc. The green bag is located in the foyer. The drive ends on 2/27/2022.

Trinity Women’s Bible Study - Feb. 12

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, February 12 at 9:00 am at Trinity. We will discuss chapter five, "Anna" 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 erika.ohlendorf@gmail.com for a copy of the book.

Wine and Word Bible Study – meeting this Thursday

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; however we will NOT meet on February 3rd. We 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.

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 Packages

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.

In-Person Bible Study

Recently we began a new 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.

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.