

**February 20, 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:** John Stedman (Early)

**Asst Ushers:**

**Keyboard Operators:** Scott Mund (Early)

**Livestream Producer:** Jack Proksch

**Pre-Service Music:** Suey Nordberg

**Today’s Focus:** In Christ, God reveals his forgiving love to us. He wants us to love all – friends and enemies alike – with his kind of love. 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: 193, "Come, Now, Almighty King"



1 Come, now, al - might - y King; Help us your  
2 Come, now, in - car - nate Word; Put on your  
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er; Your sa - cred  
4 To the great One in Three E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise. Fa - ther all -  
might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and your  
wit - ness bear In this glad hour. Your sev'n - fold  
prais - es be For - ev - er - more! His sov - 'reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
peo - ple bless, And give your Word suc - cess;  
gifts im - part; Now rule in ev - 'ry heart;  
maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
Grant us your right - eous - ness, Sav - ior and Friend.  
Nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of Pow'r.  
And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

Text: Unknown, c. 1757, abr., alt.

Tune: ITALIAN HYMN (664 6664) Felice de Giardini, 1716-96, 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.**

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

## O LORD, OUR LORD

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in  
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,  
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;  
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and  
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,  
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,  
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.  
O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,  
you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The time signature is common time (C). The melody consists of nine staves. The lyrics are printed below the notes. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) in the second, third, and fourth staves. The score ends with a double bar line and a key signature change to one flat (Bb).

you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the  
 King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,  
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray. Gracious Father, keep your family, the Church, always faithful to you, that we may lean on the hope of your promises and be strong in the power of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

*BE SEATED*

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

#### **GENESIS 45:3-8, 15**

*Even though they had severely mistreated him, Joseph shows love for his brothers by forgiving them, leading them to repentance, pointing them to God's protection and care, and providing for them and their families.*

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?"

His brothers could not answer him, because they were terrified by his presence. <sup>4</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me, please."

They came closer. He said, "I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup> Now do not be upset or angry with yourselves for selling me to this place, since God sent me ahead of you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup> For two years now the famine has been in the land, and there are still five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup> God sent me ahead of you to preserve you as survivors on the earth, and to keep you alive by a great act of deliverance. <sup>8</sup> So it was not you who sent me here, but God, and he has made me a father to Pharaoh, lord over his entire household, and ruler over the whole land of Egypt..."

<sup>15</sup> He kissed all his brothers and wept over them. After that his brothers talked with him.

## **SECOND LESSON AND SERMON TEXT**

### **ROMANS 12:14-21**

Bless those who persecute you; bless, and do not curse. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who are rejoicing; weep with those who are weeping. <sup>16</sup> Have the same respect for one another. Do not be arrogant, but associate with the humble. Do not think too highly of yourselves.

<sup>17</sup> Do not pay anyone back evil for evil. Focus on those things that everyone considers noble. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, maintain peace with everyone. <sup>19</sup> Do not take revenge, dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath. For it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay," says the Lord. <sup>20</sup> But:

If your enemy is hungry, feed him;  
if he is thirsty, give him a drink.  
For by doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.

<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## **VERSE OF THE DAY**

M: Alleluia. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Alleluia. (*Luke 6:36*)

*STAND*



## GOSPEL

### Luke 6:27-38

*Jesus, whose whole life and message is one of love for lost sinners, instructs us to show love to others, even to our enemies.*

“But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. <sup>28</sup> Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who mistreat you. <sup>29</sup> If someone strikes you on one cheek, offer the other too. If someone takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes away your things, do not demand them back.

<sup>31</sup> “Treat others just as you would want them to treat you. <sup>32</sup> If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? To be sure, even the sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even the sinners do the same thing. <sup>34</sup> If you lend to those from whom you expect to be repaid, what credit is that to you? Even the sinners lend to sinners in order to be paid back in full. <sup>35</sup> Instead, love your enemies, do good and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the unthankful and the evil. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup> “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. <sup>38</sup> Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be poured into your lap. In fact, the measure with which you measure will be measured back to you.”

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

*BE SEATED*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE:** The Hardest Thing Jesus Says

HYMN OF THE DAY: 492, "Son of God, Eternal Savior"



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior,  
 2 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us,  
 3 Bind us all as one to - geth - er  
 4 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers,



Source of life and truth and grace, Word made  
 King of love and Prince of Peace; Hush the  
 In your Church's sa - cred fold, Weak and  
 So may we for oth - ers live. Free - ly



flesh, whose birth a - mong us, Hon - ors  
 storm of strife and pas - sion; Bid its  
 health - y, poor and wealth - y, Sad and  
 have your gifts been grant - ed; Free - ly



all our hu - man race, You our head,  
 cru - el dis - cords cease. By your pa -  
 joy - ful, young and old. Is there want  
 may your ser - vants give. Yours the gold



who, throned in glo - ry, For your own will  
 tient years of toil - ing, By your si - lent  
 or pain or sor - row? Make us all the  
 and yours the sil - ver, Yours the wealth of



ev - er plead: Fill us with your love and  
 hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered thirst for  
 bur - den share. Are there spir - its crushed and  
 land and sea; We but stew - ards of your



pit - y; Heal our wrongs and help our need.  
 plea - sure; Stem our self - ish greed for gain.  
 bro - ken? Teach us, Lord, to soothe their care.  
 boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.

Text: Somerset T. C. Lowry, 1855–1932, abr., alt.  
 Tune: LORD, REVIVE US (87 87 D) *The Revivalist*, Troy, NY, 1868.

## SERMON

**TEXT:** Romans 12:14-21

**THEME:** Love Your Enemies with God’s Love

*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:** Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you for reconciling us to yourself through the sufferings and death of your dear Son. Through him we have confidence to enter into your presence and to bring you our prayers.

Out of the infinite bounty of your goodness, grant us a rich measure of your Spirit. Let the love of Christ fill your Church, so that it may flourish in all good works. Help us show love and compassion for all who are in need. Bestow on the nations of the earth the knowledge of your mercy, that they may turn to you, the only God, and find salvation in you.

Strengthen our faith so that we unflinchingly come to you in prayer for all our bodily needs. Give a special measure of your power to those who are sorrowful or mourning, to those who are in pain or sickness, to those who may be in temptation or peril, so that they may receive your blessed aid. And help us patiently endure any afflictions you permit into our lives, knowing that you are using them in love to prepare us for that joyful communion with you, which is ours for all eternity.

Accept our prayers, and provide for all our needs not because we are worthy but for the sake of Jesus our Savior. Amen.

## 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



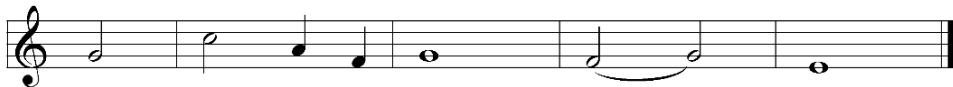
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



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.

*BE SEATED*

**DISTRIBUTION**

## HYMN: 436, "Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep"



1 Je - sus, shep - herd of the sheep, Who your  
2 In your prom - ise firm we stand; None can  
3 By your blood our souls were bought; By your  
4 Fa - ther, draw us to your Son; We with  
5 We, in robes of glo - ry dressed, Join th' as -



Fa - ther's flock does keep, Safe we wake and  
take us from your hand. Speak— we hear— at  
life sal - va - tion wrought; By your light our  
joy will fol - low on Till the work of  
sem - bly of the blest, Gath - ered to e -



safe we sleep, Guard - ed still by you.  
your com - mand, We will fol - low you.  
feet are taught, Lord, to fol - low you.  
grace is done, There to live with you.  
ter - nal rest In the fold with you.

Text: Henry Cook, 1788–1868, alt.

Tune: CAPETOWN (777 5) Friedrich Filitz, 1804–76, alt.

*STAND*



## THANK THE LORD



**C:** Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**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.**

**CLOSING HYMN: 505, "Love Is the Gracious Gift"**



1 Love is the gra - cious gift of your good - ness;  
 2 You loved me first, Lord, send - ing me Je - sus.  
 3 Love means for - give - ness, pa - tience, and kind - ness;  
 4 Love in a mar - riage, love free - ly giv - en,  
 5 Love a - mong Chris - tians, love in the fam - 'ly,



Love is the pa - tient fruit of your care;  
 Then I re - spond - ed, trust - ing your Son.  
 Love is not jeal - ous, boast - ful, or rude.  
 Love of a hus - band, love of a wife—  
 Love for the Sav - ior, whose blood was shed,



Love is the gen - tle work of your Spir - it,  
 Now you in - vite me to love my neigh - bor,  
 Love en - dures all things, bear - ing, be - liev - ing;  
 Made to con - tin - ue, blos - som, and flour - ish,  
 Love and sub - mis - sion one to an - oth - er



Who is the source of love ev - 'ry - where.  
 Show - ing your true love to ev - 'ry - one.  
 Love hopes for - ev - er, re - joic - es in truth.  
 Grow ev - er deep - er through - out this life.  
 As un - to Christ, who reigns as our head.

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 Tune: BUNESSAN (Irregular) Gaelic melody, 19th century.



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### **VBS Planning is Starting (Yes, really!)**

It's that time of year to begin our plans for this year's VBS program and we need your help! Please join us on Saturday, February 26th at 9:00 here at church for a brief meeting to discuss things like games, snacks, decorations, and all of the other fun activities that happen during VBS week. We are so excited to be having it in-person again and are looking forward to seeing all the smiling faces on the children and volunteers! Please, come and volunteer - we know you'll love it!

### **Ash Wednesday Worship and Lenten Suppers**

On March 2 Trinity will hold Ash Wednesday worship in the sanctuary at 7pm. The service will also be livestreamed.

On the following Wednesdays in Lent (March 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6), we will enjoy meals in the Fellowship Hall. Doors open at 5:30 for set up and supper's served at 6:00; a brief devotion will follow at 6:45. Some beverages and tableware will be provided; please bring a dish to pass if you're able.

### **Green Bag Food Drive for NVCC Students Ends Next Sunday 2/27**

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.

### **Wine and Word Bible Study – meeting Thursday, 3/3 & 3/17**

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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays from 7-8:30pm. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.