

**March 20, 2022**

## **An Explanation of Our Communion Practice**

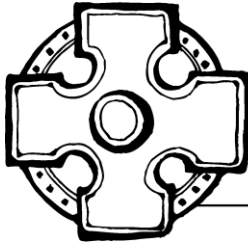
Today we are celebrating the Lord's Supper, which is a wonderful gift from our gracious God. In his Word, God teaches that Christians need a proper understanding of the Lord's Supper before receiving it (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). He also tells us that Christians should be completely united before communing 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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CHURCH



# The Third Sunday In Lent

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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:** Larry Kovaciny (Early)

**Asst Ushers:**

**Keyboard Operators:** Sandee Clay (Early)

**Livestream Producer:** Jack Proksch

**Music:** Suey Nordberg

**Today's Focus:** Despite all human sin and unbelief, God delivers and saves by turning hearts to him. As he does, he also works to help his people overcome temptation and bear the fruits of repentance. 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: 120, "What Wondrous Love Is This"



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my  
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul! What won - drous love is this, O my soul!  
down, When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down,  
sing; To God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.



What won-drous love is this That caused the Lord of  
When I was sink - ing down Be - neath God's right - eous  
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing his love for



bliss To bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my  
frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my  
Am, While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will  
me, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, To bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!  
soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
sing, While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
on, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: *A General Selection of . . . Spiritual Songs*, Lynchburg, 1811, alt.  
Tune: WONDROUS LOVE (12 9 66 12 9) *Southern Harmony*, New Haven, 1835.

*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#). It consists of nine staves of music. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C'. The melody features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with rests. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) on the second, third, and fourth staves. The score concludes with a double bar line and a key signature change to one flat (Bb) on the eighth staff.

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. Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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

#### EXODUS 3:1-15

*The Lord swings into action to deliver Israel from bondage in Egypt. The Lord works to release and save captives of all sorts.*

Now Moses was shepherding the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, a priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>The Angel of the LORD appeared to him in blazing fire from within a bush. Moses saw that the bush was on fire, but the bush was not burning up. <sup>3</sup>So he said, “I will go over and look at this amazing sight—to find out why the bush is not burning up.”

<sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that Moses had gone over to take a look, God called to him from the middle of the bush and said, “Moses! Moses!”

Moses said, “I am here.”

<sup>5</sup> The LORD said, “Do not come any closer. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” <sup>6</sup> He then said, “I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.”

Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD said, “I have certainly seen the misery of my people in Egypt, and I have heard their cry for help because of their slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering. <sup>8</sup> So I have come down to deliver them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup> Now indeed, the Israelites’ cry for help has come to me. Yes, I have seen how the Egyptians are oppressing them. <sup>10</sup> Come now, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

<sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, “Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

<sup>12</sup> So he said, “I will certainly be with you. This will be the sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will serve God on this mountain.”

<sup>13</sup> But Moses said to God, “If I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what should I say to them?”

<sup>14</sup> So God replied to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He also said, “You will say this to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you.”

<sup>15</sup> God also told Moses, “Say this to the Israelites: ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you. This is my name forever, and this is how I am to be remembered from generation to generation.’”

## SECOND LESSON

### 1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-13

*St. Paul reminds us that even some of the chosen Israelites fell into grievous sins and lost God's gift of salvation. If we trust in our own effort to stand firm in the faith, we will also fall. God provides the strength we need to overcome every temptation.*

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup> and they were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. <sup>3</sup> They all ate the same spiritual food <sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them—and that rock was Christ! <sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them. He had them die in the wilderness.



<sup>6</sup> Now these things took place as examples to warn us not to desire evil things the way they did. <sup>7</sup> Do not become idolaters like some of them—as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and got up to celebrate wildly.” <sup>8</sup> And let us not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell. <sup>9</sup> Let us not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and so were being destroyed by the serpents. <sup>10</sup> And do not grumble, as some of them grumbled, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup> All these things that were happening to them had meaning as examples, and they were written down to warn us, to whom the end of the ages has come.

<sup>12</sup> So let him who thinks he stands be careful that he does not fall. <sup>13</sup> No testing has overtaken you except ordinary testing. But God is faithful. He will not allow you to be tested beyond your ability, but when he tests you, he will also bring about the outcome that you are able to bear it.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. (*John 3:14-15*)

*Stand*

## GOSPEL AND SERMON TEXT

### Luke 6:27-38

At that time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup> He answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered these things? <sup>3</sup> I tell you, no. But unless you repent, you will all perish too. <sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse sinners than all the people living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup> I tell you, no. But unless you repent, you will all perish too.”

<sup>6</sup> He told them this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard. He came looking for fruit on it, but he did not find any. <sup>7</sup> So he said to the gardener, ‘Look, for three years now I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and I have found none. Cut it down. Why even let it use up the soil?’ <sup>8</sup> But the gardener replied to him, ‘Sir, leave it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put fertilizer on it. <sup>9</sup> If it produces fruit next year, fine. But if not, then cut it down.’”

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

*Be Seated*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:** The Fruit God Wants to See

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** 714, "The Lamb"



1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the  
 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal  
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their  
 4 He sighs, he dies, He takes my sin and  
 5 He rose, he rose, My heart with thanks now

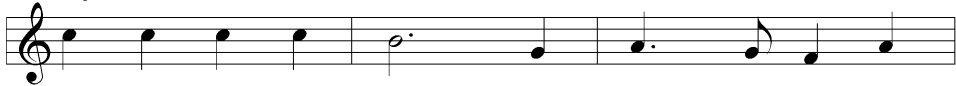


sac - ri - fice? Faith sees, be - lieves God  
 of - fer - ing. The Lamb, the Lamb, Let  
 shep - herd kill So still, his will, On  
 wretch - ed - ness. He lives, for - gives, He  
 o - ver - flows. His song pro - long 'Til



will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
 earth join heav'n his praise to sing.  
 our be - half the law to fill.  
 gives me his own right - eous - ness.  
 ev - 'ry heart to him be - long.

*Refrain*



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me his



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on his throne.

*As the Lord provided for Abraham a sacrifice in place of his son Isaac, so also he lovingly provides for us his own Son, Jesus, the perfect Lamb of God sacrificed for the sins of the world.*

Tune: WINTER (48 48 and Refrain)  
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## **SERMON**

**TEXT:** Luke 13:1-9

**THEME:** Remember to Repent – and to Show it.

*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:** Dear God, heavenly Father, how great is your love for us! You willingly sent your beloved Son to a world full of sinful rebels. The innocent one came to serve the guilty, but his own people rejected him, and his enemies tortured him and put him to death. Because you did not withhold your one and only Son but let him take our guilt on himself to set us free, we praise your holy name.

Dear Son of God, our brother, how great is your love for us! You allowed yourself to be condemned so that we are declared not guilty. Fill our hearts with the same self-sacrificing love that you showed us. You allowed no suffering, no fear, and no doubt to sway you from your path to Calvary. Give us the same single-minded dedication and unshakable commitment as we daily take up our cross and follow you.

Dear Holy Spirit, how great is your love for us! By Word and sacrament you have warmed and transformed our foolish and stubborn hearts, making us wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus and receptive to his gospel of forgiveness. Hold his cross before our eyes so that we may dedicate our lives to him who died for us. Make us strong in the hour of temptation. Lead us to love and serve our neighbor as unselfishly as Christ served us.

*Special prayers*

**M:** Keep us in the true faith in unity with all faithful Christians, and grant us a blessed death. Hear us for Jesus' sake. 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 to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. 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



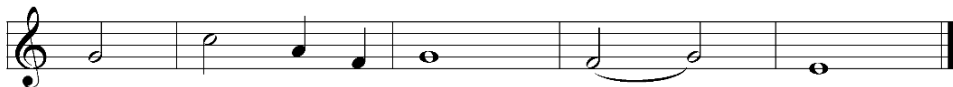
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



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: 313, "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"**



1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, Turned a - way  
 2 As his pledge of love un - dy - ing, He, this pre -  
 3 Je - sus here him - self is shar - ing; Take heed how  
 4 Use - less would be Je - sus' pas - sion If sal - va -  
 5 Christ says, "Come, all you that la - bor, And re - ceive



God's wrath for - ev - er; By his bit - ter grief and  
 cious food sup - ply - ing, Gives his bod - y with the  
 you are pre - par - ing, For if you do not be -  
 tion you could fash - ion. Do not come if you sup -  
 my grace and fa - vor; Those who feel no pain or



woe He saved us from the e - vil foe.  
 bread And with the wine the blood he shed.  
 lieve, Judg - ment in - stead you shall re - ceive.  
 pose You need not him who died and rose.  
 ill Need no phy - si - cian's help or skill."

6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken  
 That this food is to be taken  
 By the souls who are distressed,  
 By hearts that long for peace and rest.

7 Praise the Father, who from heaven  
 Unto us such food has given  
 And, to mend what we have done,  
 Gave into death his only Son.

8 If your heart this truth professes  
 And your mouth your sin confesses,  
 Surely you will be his guest  
 And at his banquet ever blest.

Text: John Hus, 1369–1415; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.: tr. composite.  
 Tune: JESUS CHRISTUS, UNSER HEILAND, DER VON UNS (88 78) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder auff's new gebessert*,  
 Wittenberg, 1535, 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.

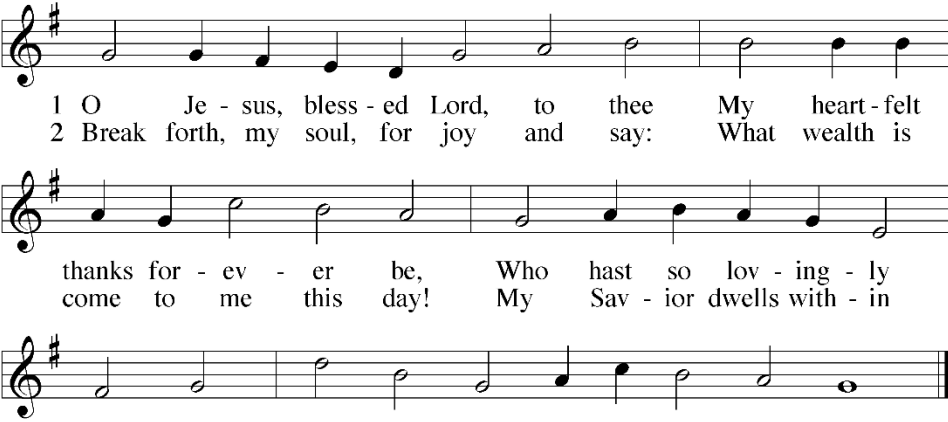
The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**C:** **Amen.**

*Be Seated*



## CLOSING HYMN: 316, "O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"



The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first two staves have two verses of lyrics each, and the third staff has two lines of lyrics.

1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to thee My heart - felt  
2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is  
thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing - ly  
come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with - in  
be - stowed On me thy bod - y and thy blood.  
my heart— How blest am I! How good thou art!

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Arthur J. Mason, 1851–1928.

Tune: OLD HUNDRETH (LM) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551.



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## Lenten Suppers

On the remaining Wednesdays in Lent (March 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.

## April Worship Notes

On Palm Sunday (April 10) Madison Wheatley and Daniel Kovaciny will be confirmed in the Christian faith at the 8:30 service.

Worship with Communion will be held on Maundy Thursday (April 14) at 7pm. Good Friday (April 15) worship will also be at 7pm. Easter Sunday (April 17) worship will be at the usual times of 8:30 and 11:00. In between services we'll enjoy an Egg Hunt for kids and Easter breakfast potluck for all. There will be no Sunday School or Bible class on Easter.

In April the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, as well as Maundy Thursday.

## Pastor out of Town

Pastor will be in Savannah, GA from Sunday afternoon, April 24, through Thursday, April 28, to attend the WELS Military Contact Pastors' Conference. You are more than welcome to contact him by phone or email during that time. If you require in-person spiritual attention, please contact Scott Mund, Trinity's worship elder.

## Wine and Word Bible Study – meeting Thursday, 4/7

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.

## Opportunity to Aid the Ukrainian Lutheran Church

WELS Ukraine liaison Rev. Roger Neumann has been able to maintain regular contact with leaders from the Ukrainian Lutheran Church (ULC), WELS' sister church body. All but 2 of the 17 congregations, comprising approximately 600 members, are in the direct line of the Russian advance. Two of the pastors have been

cut off from communication. Many were able to hold online or in-person worship during the invasion last Sunday morning.

Neumann reports, “There’s a lot of fear, mixed with anger and bewilderment, as to why this is happening. They are very encouraged by the international support; very encouraged by the prayers of WELS people that are going out.”

According to Neumann, some members have been able to flee the country. However, at this time, all Ukrainian men between ages 18 and 60 are required to remain to defend their country as needed. The people who have stayed are taking shelter at night in the underground subway stations and come out during the day to find food and supplies. So far, limited supplies are still available, but the shelves are getting emptier.

WELS is financially assisting two ULC churches in western Ukraine that are setting up refugee centers to welcome Ukrainians who are fleeing from war-torn areas in the east, but space and resources are limited. Hundreds of thousands of people are currently on the move. Money is also being sent to help buy supplies for these refugees. At the time of this writing, banks and supermarkets are still open. The situation is being closely monitored regarding how funds can be safely and effectively sent and used.

“When this is all said and done—and Lord willing, it’s going to be soon and Lord willing, it’s going to be where they will keep their sovereignty—there is going to be a tremendous need for humanitarian aid,” Neumann predicts. “Pray for Ukraine; pray for the people. That’s the number one thing, and the rest God will take care of in his way.”

If you’d like to give a gift to support these relief efforts, visit [wels.net/wmgift](https://wels.net/wmgift) and select “Ukraine” from the dropdown menu.

## **Egg Hunt for Kids April 9!**

Trinity will be holding our annual Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. There will be two sections: one for children 4 and under and another for children 5 and up. Bring baskets to collect eggs!

We are now collecting donations of little plastic eggs and candy that can fit inside the eggs. Donations are welcome all the way up to the date of the hunt. Please leave your donation on the table in the back of the Fellowship Hall.

While this event doesn’t require a lot of volunteer help, it would be good to have a couple people on hand besides pastor to hand out invitations to VBS, to collect contact information from those interested in learning more about Trinity, and to attempt to maintain order as well as it can be maintained at an Easter Egg Hunt. If you’re available and can help out, please let pastor know. Two or three helpers is all we should need.

## **District Convention Delegate Needed**

A lay delegate from Trinity is needed to attend the North Atlantic District Convention from June 7-8 at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Chesapeake. The delegate should be a voting member. All costs are covered. Please speak to pastor if you are eligible, available, and want to do this.

## **Voters' Meeting TODAY!**

Trinity's next voters' meeting will be held online at 1:30pm on today. If you have not received the agenda and meeting link, please let either Dawn Knox or President Steve Proksch know and they will be sure you receive them prior to the voter's meeting.

## **Small Choir**

Trinity's small choir sings 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**

We are now nearing the end of a study on Lifestyle Witnessing. 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 sent via email through Sign-up Genius and is also 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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