



Fall into the Arms of Jesus

March 27, 2022



The Fourth 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.

Service Volunteers:

Usher: Larry Kovaciny (Early)

Asst Ushers: Hannalore Ayala

Keyboard Operators: Scott Mund (Early) Sandee Clay (Late)

Livestream Producer: Jack Proksch

Music: Suey Nordberg

Today's Focus: God wants people to come to him with humble hearts seeking forgiveness. His arms are always open to forgive with shocking speed and completeness. Our worship follows *Morning Praise*.

We Come into the Presence of God

PASTOR'S GREETING AND INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

MUSICAL INTRODUCTION

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

STAND

MORNING HYMN:



1 Fa - ther, we praise you, now the night is o - ver, Ac - tive and
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions; Ban - ish our
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty



watch - ful, stand - ing now be - fore you. Sing - ing, we of - fer
weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing. Bring us to heav - en,
bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion. Yours is the glo - ry,



prayer and med - i - ta - tion; Thus we a - dore you.
where your saints u - nit - ed Joy with - out end - ing.
gleam - ing and re - sound - ing Through all cre - a - tion.

Invocation

The Invocation calls to mind our baptisms, through which the Holy Spirit washed away our sins in Christ.

M: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. (*Matthew 28:19*)

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

Christians confess their sins in order to worship God with a clean heart and clear conscience. God gives his people the right to forgive sins to all who seek pardon in Christ. (Matthew 16:19)

M: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them. *(Psalm 32:1-2)*

C: Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

M: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: O Lord, open my lips.

C: And my mouth shall declare your praise. *(Psalm 51:15)*

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

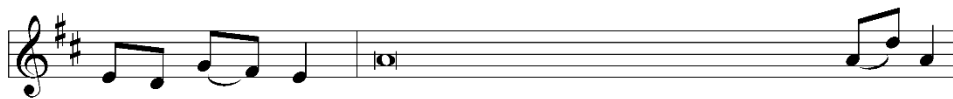
C: O Lord, come quickly to help me. *(Psalm 70:1)*

OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

This canticle is Psalm 95:1-7.



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



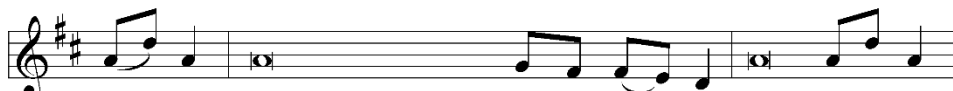
great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



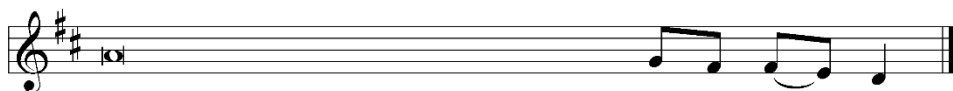
in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God invites his saints to raise up prayers together to him. Many of the Prayers of the Day have deep roots in the Christian Church, dating back as far as 1600 years.

M: Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through your Son, 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

Judges 10:6-16

The lessons weave together the historic theme for each Sunday in the church year. This week's theme is that God desires his people to come to him with humble hearts, pleading for forgiveness.

When the nation of Israel (finally) did this, the Lord, true to his promise, forgave and restored them.

Once again the people of Israel committed evil in the eyes of the LORD. They served the Baals and the Ashtartes, the gods of Aram, the gods of Sidon, the gods of Moab, the gods of the people of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines. In this way they forsook the LORD and did not serve him. ⁷ So the anger of the LORD burned against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of the Philistines and into the hand of the Ammonites, ⁸ who shattered and crushed the people of Israel that year. For the next eighteen years, the Ammonites oppressed all the people of Israel who were in the territory east of the Jordan, in the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead. ⁹ When the Ammonites also crossed the Jordan to wage war against Judah and Benjamin and against the house of Ephraim, Israel suffered great distress.

¹⁰ Finally the people of Israel called out to the LORD, "We have sinned against you, for we have forsaken our God and have served the Baals."

¹¹ At this, the LORD said to the people of Israel, "Did I not deliver you from Egypt, from the Amorites, from the Ammonites, and from the Philistines? ¹² When the Sidonians and Amalek and Maon oppressed you, and you called out to me, I delivered you from their hands. ¹³ It is you who have forsaken me and served other gods. Therefore, I will no longer deliver you. ¹⁴ Go and cry out to the gods whom you have chosen! Let them deliver you in the time of your distress!"

¹⁵ But the people of Israel said to the LORD, "We have sinned. Do with us whatever seems good in your eyes, but please save us today." ¹⁶ When they removed the foreign gods from their midst and served the LORD, he could no longer refrain from relieving the misery of Israel.

SECOND LESSON

James 4:7-10

St. James strongly encourages Christians to approach God with humility.

So, submit yourselves to God. Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Come near to God, and he will come near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded people. ⁹Lament, mourn, and weep. Let your laughter be changed into mourning and your joy into gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he will lift you up.

STAND

GOSPEL AND SERMON TEXT

Luke 15:1-2, 11-32

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming to Jesus to hear him. ²But the Pharisees and the experts in the law were complaining, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

Jesus said, “A certain man had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered together all that he had and traveled to a distant country. There he wasted his wealth with reckless living. ¹⁴After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵He went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶He would have liked to fill his stomach with the carob pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, and I am dying from hunger! ¹⁸I will get up, go to my father, and tell him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.’”

²⁰“He got up and went to his father. While he was still far away, his father saw him and was filled with compassion. He ran, hugged his son, and kissed him. ²¹The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

²²“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick, bring out the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let us eat and celebrate, ²⁴because this son of mine was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found.’ Then they began to celebrate.

²⁵“His older son was in the field. As he approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the servants and asked what was going on. ²⁷The servant told him, ‘Your brother is here! Your father killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸The older brother was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him.

29 “He answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I’ve been serving you, and I never disobeyed your command, but you never gave me even a young goat so that I could celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours arrived after wasting your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’

31 “The father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. 32 But it was fitting to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found.’”

APOSTLES’ CREED

Christians confess their faith to each other and to the world both because God commands them to do so and because they want to. The Apostles’ Creed dates to at least the second century and offers a simple summary of what Jesus’ apostles taught, in accord with their Savior’s teaching.

**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

CHILDREN’S SERMON: “How to Approach God”

HYMN OF THE DAY: 304, “Jesus Sinners Does Receive”

The Hymn of the Day is assigned to this Sunday because of its rich content and connection to the day’s Gospel.



1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; Oh, may all this
 2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet his words, rich
 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray Are not by the
 4 Come, O sin - ners, one and all, Come, ac - cept his
 5 I, a sin - ner, come to you With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live
 grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;
 Lord for - sak - en; Wea - ry souls who lost their way
 in - vi - ta - tion. Come, o - bey his gra - cious call;
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, show me mer - cy, too;



And from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope
 Here their ills have per - fect heal - ing Who with hum -
 Are by Christ, the shep - herd, tak - en In his arms
 Come and take his free sal - va - tion! Firm - ly in
 Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words



for all who grieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 ble hearts be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 that they may live— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 these words be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 my soul re - ceive— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

6 Oh, how blest it is to know,
 Were as scarlet my transgression,
 It shall be as white as snow
 By your blood and bitter passion,
 For these words I do believe—
 Jesus sinners does receive.

7 Jesus sinners does receive.
 Even I have been forgiven.
 And when I this earth must leave,
 I shall find an open heaven.
 Dying, still to him I cleave—
 Jesus sinners does receive.

Text: Erdmann Neumeister, 1671–1756, abr.; tr. composite.
 Tune: MEINEN JESUM LASS ICH NICHT (78 78 77) *Neu-verfertigtes Darmstädtsches Gesang-Buch*, Darmstadt,
 1699, alt.

SERMON

Text: Luke 15:1-2, 11-32

Theme: Fall into Your Father's Arms

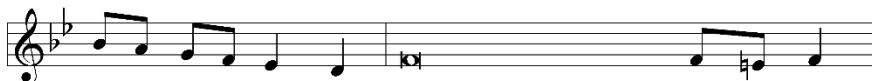
Stand

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD

Following the proclamation of God's Word, Christians praise God for his glory and grace using the assigned canticle for the service.



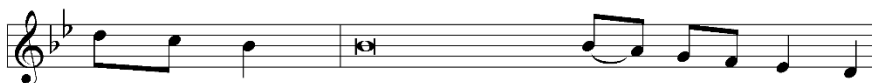
C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,



Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,



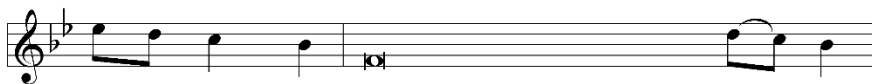
cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of



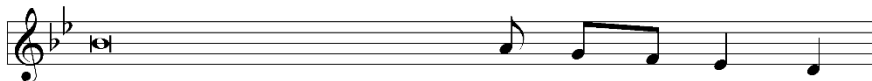
heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of



proph - ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.




Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



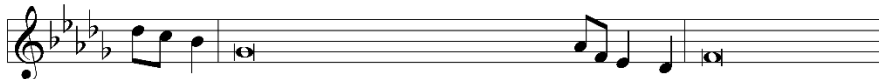
Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,



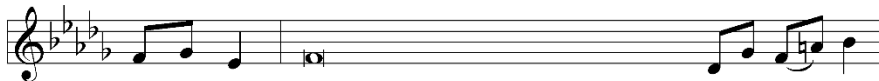
and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to



set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin. You overcame the




sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.



You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.



We believe that you will come to be our judge.



Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of



your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

BE SEATED (8:30)

OFFERING

You may drop your offering in the plates before 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)

M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer. *(Psalm 5: 3)*

C: **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.** *(Mark 10:47)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

C: **Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

M: Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

C: **Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**

M: Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

C: **Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**

M: Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

C: **Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**

M: Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

C: Be with those who devote themselves to any useful task.

M: Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

C: Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

M: Grant these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13)

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.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: Let us praise the Lord. *(Psalm 95:1)*

C: Thanks be to God. *(Psalm 118:1)*

BLESSING

Christians leave worship under the eternal blessing of God. This blessing, known as the Apostolic Blessing, is found in 2 Corinthians 13:14.

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

C: Amen.

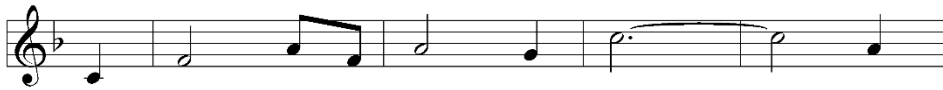
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CLOSING HYMN: 379, "Amazing Grace – How Sweet the Sound"

At the 8:30 service, the small choir sings the first two verses.



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound—
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me;
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares
4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years,



That saved a wretch like me! I
His Word my hope se - cures. He
I have al - read - y come; 'Tis
Bright shin - ing as the sun, We've



once was lost but now am found,
will my shield and por - tion be
grace has brought me safe thus far,
no less days to sing God's praise



Was blind but now I see.
As long as life en - dures.
And grace will lead me home.
Than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, st. 1-3, abr.; John P. Rees, 19th century, st. 4.
Tune: NEW BRITAIN (CM) *Columbian Harmony*, Cincinnati, 1829, alt.

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It's Time to Register for VBS!



It's time to register for this year's VBS, which will be held here at Trinity July 18th-22nd. Come join us as we learn how Jesus' power pulls us through anything! We're looking forward to sharing God's Word, making crafts, playing games, and of course, having some awesome snacks together.

Please register now, as we will open registration to the public at the Easter Egg Hunt on April 9th. There is also an online form to register as a volunteer and we need you! Here is the link:

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/trinity2022>

Lenten Suppers

On the remaining Wednesdays in Lent (March 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 3rd and 10th, 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. He will also be out of town From May 3-4 to attend Pastors' Conference in Huntersville, NC. You are more than welcome to contact him by phone or email during these times. 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 1st and 3rd 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 to RSVP.

Egg Hunt for Kids April 9!

Trinity will be holding our annual Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 9th 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.

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

This morning we are beginning a brand-new Bible study on the book of Zechariah. Other topics to follow through the spring and fall of 2022 will include Mark's Gospel and Lutheran Worship.

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 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.



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