

Jesus Knocks Us Down and Picks Us Up Again

May 1, 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

Usher: Jordon Ewers (Early), Steven Douglas (Late)

Assistant Ushers: Patrick Proksch (Early)

Keyboard Operators: Scott Mund (Early), Sandee Clay & Erika Ohlendorf (Late)

Livestream Producer: Jack Proksch

Music: Suey Nordberg

Today's Focus: The risen and glorified Jesus appears to his people in order to strengthen faith. Our worship follows *The Common Service*, which is a version of the historic liturgy of the Western Christian Church, and became the service most commonly used by English-speaking Lutherans in America.

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.



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Tune: MIT FREUDEN ZART (448 448 44 44 8) Cinquante Pseaumes, Geneva, 1543, alt.

INVOCATION

The name of the Triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms.

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

We confess our sins to relieve our guilt and rest in the promise of Christ's forgiveness. The promise of God's pardon in Christ also leads us to worship him with light hearts and clean consciences.

- M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- 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.

GLORY BE TO GOD

This canticle calls to mind the high praise of the angels on Christmas night, when God's Son arrived to remove the sin of the world and restore peace with God. "Glory Be to God" has been a Christian song of worship since at least the fourth century.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Prayer of the Church emphasizes the historic theme of the Sunday in the church year. Many of these prayers have deep roots in the Church, some dating as far back as the 400s. The greeting before the prayer marks the beginning of both the "Word" and "Sacrament" sections of the service.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray. O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from despair and death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; 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 AND SERMON TEXT

Acts 9:1-19a

The lessons tie together the theme for the Sunday. The first lesson comes from the Old Testament, except during this season of Easter when it focuses on the spread of the gospel in the earliest years after Jesus' ascension.

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the disciples of the Lord. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any men or women belonging to the Way, he might bring them to Jerusalem as prisoners. ³ As he went on his way and was approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?"

He replied, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. 6 But get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you need to do."

⁷ The men traveling with him stood there speechless. They heard the voice but did not see anyone. ⁸ They raised Saul up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes, he could not see anything. They took him by the hand and led him into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he could not see, and he did not eat or drink.

¹⁰ There was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias!" He answered, "Here I am, Lord."

¹¹The Lord told him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. In fact, at this very moment he is praying. ¹² In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he can regain his sight."

¹³ Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many people about this man and how much harm he did to your saints in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And he has authority here from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."

¹⁵ The Lord said to him, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the people of Israel. ¹⁶ Indeed, I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

¹⁷ Ananias left and entered the house. Laying his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, whom you saw on your way here, has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

¹⁸ Immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized. ¹⁹ And after taking some food, he regained his strength.

PSALM OF THE DAY: 67

Salvation, which comes through our Savior's resurrection, is meant for all people and will fill all people with joy.

¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us. *Interlude*

May his face shine on us—

² so that your way may be known on earth,

your salvation among all nations.

³ May the peoples praise you, O God.

May the peoples praise you—all of them.

⁴ May the countries be glad and sing for joy,

because you rule the peoples with fairness, *Interlude* and you guide the countries of the earth.

⁵ May the peoples praise you, O God.

May the peoples praise you—all of them.

⁶The earth will yield its harvest.

God, our God, will bless us.

⁷ God will bless us,

and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 5:11-14

St. John is granted another vision of the glorified Jesus. Jesus alone is worthy to receive "honor and glory and blessing" from all creatures.

And I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels who were around the throne and around the living creatures and the elders. Their number was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands upon thousands. ¹² With a loud voice they were saying:

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.

¹³ I also heard every creature that is in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever.

¹⁴ The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders bowed down and worshipped.

VERSE OF THE DAY

The verse emphasizes the spiritual effect of the lessons.

M: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Our hearts were burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us. Alleluia! (Luke 24:32)

The congregation stands and speaks words of praise to honor our Savior.

GOSPEL

John 21:1-14

In love and friendship, Jesus appears to his disciples a third time. This time he repeats a pre-Easter miracle so that they will recognize that the resurrected Jesus is the same Jesus who had died for them.

M: The Gospel of St. John, chapter 21.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord!

After this, Jesus showed himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. This is how he showed himself: ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I'm going fishing." They replied, "We'll go with you."

They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus was standing on the shore, but the disciples did not know it was Jesus.

⁵ Jesus called to them, "Boys, don't you have any fish?"

"No!" they answered.

⁶ He told them, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." So they cast the net out. Then they were not able to haul it in because of the large number of fish.

⁷ The disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard, "It is the Lord!" he tied his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the little boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about one hundred yards. ⁹ When they stepped out on land, they saw some bread and a charcoal fire with fish on it. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught."

¹¹So Simon Peter climbed aboard and hauled the net to land, full of large fish, 153 of them. Yet even with so many, the net was not torn.

12 Jesus said to them, "Come, eat breakfast."

None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord.

¹³ Jesus came, took the bread, and gave it to them, and also the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN'S SERMON: "The Best (True) Fishing Story Ever Told"

HYMN OF THE DAY: 385, "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

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



Text: William McComb, 1793-c. 1870, alt.

Tune: GETHSEMANE (77 77 77) Richard Redhead, 1820-1901.

SERMON

Text: Acts 9:1-19a

Theme: "Jesus Knocks Us Down and Picks Us Up Again"

STAND

NICENE CREED

Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. Christians composed the Nicene Creed in the fourth century to defend the Bible's teaching that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are true God, equal to the Father in one, undivided Trinity. This creed is typically used on Sundays when Communion is celebrated, because it is a communal creed: "We believe..."

C: 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

OFFERING

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

God invites his saints, cleansed by the blood of Christ, to raise up together prayers in Jesus' name.

M: O Lord God almighty, through the greatness of your power all things in heaven and earth were created. We thank you for crowning the year with your goodness, for spreading grain over the fields, and for adorning the valleys with bounty. You have filled the earth with riches and rewarded human labor. Above all, though, we thank you for bringing us salvation through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Great is your name and marvelous is your mercy.

Make your Church alive with the power of your gospel. Pour out the Holy Spirit on us so that we may serve you with fervent zeal: rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, constant in prayer. Give quietness and confidence to all who may be enduring any trial or adversity of body, mind, or spirit, and grant them the rewards of trust in you.

And since our salvation is nearer than when we first believed, help us to cast off the works of darkness and to put on the armor of light, so that when our Lord Jesus Christ returns, he may, according to his promise, transform our lowly bodies and glorify them like his own. In his holy name we pray. 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.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

The words of the Preface mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of the service and lift worshipers' hearts in praise. The opening sentences are the oldest in the Christian liturgy.

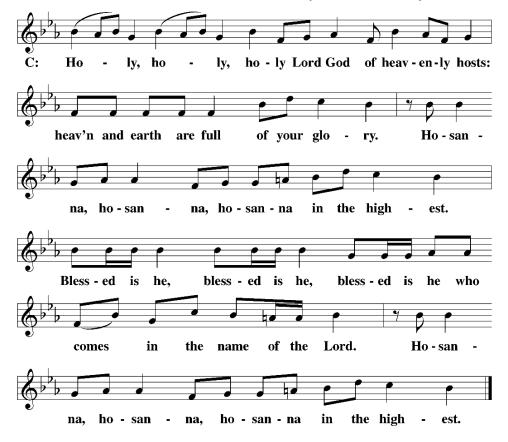
- M: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- M: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them up unto the Lord.
- M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore with all your saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - SANCTUS

Based on Isaiah 6:3 and Matthew 21:9, this canticle was in use as early as the second century.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

As he speaks the Words of Institution, the minister both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death.

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."

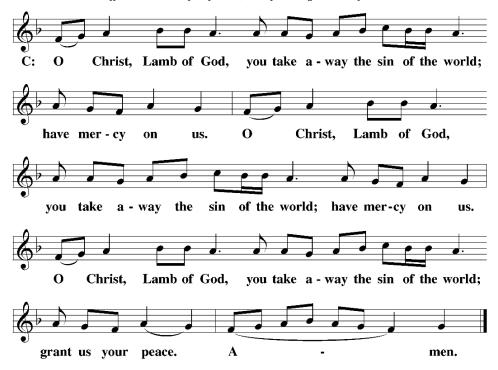
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is (+) my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD - AGNUS DEI

Jesus is God's Lamb who was offered as a sacrifice for sin, once for all. (John 1:29)



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DISTRIBUTION

Scripture teaches that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ as we receive his body and blood with the bread and wine. It also connects us to other Christians who share a common confession of faith.

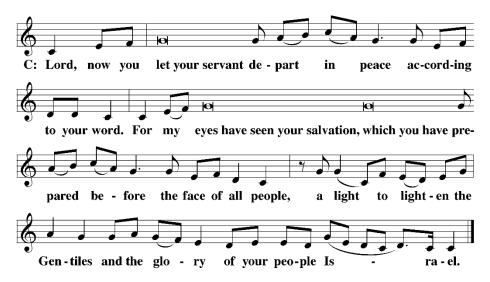
HYMN: 241, "Alleluia! Let Praises Ring"



Text: Geistreiches Gesangbuch, Darmstadt, 1698; tr. composite.
Tune: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET (887 887 22 44 48) Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608, alt.

SONG OF SIMEON

Through God's Word and sacrament we have seen Jesus Christ, and like Simeon we find divine peace and comfort through faith in him. (Luke 2:29-32)



THANKSGIVING

- M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
- C: And his mercy endures forever. (Psalm 107)
- M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever
- C: Amen.

BLESSING

The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on them, and I will bless them." (Numbers 6:24-26)

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

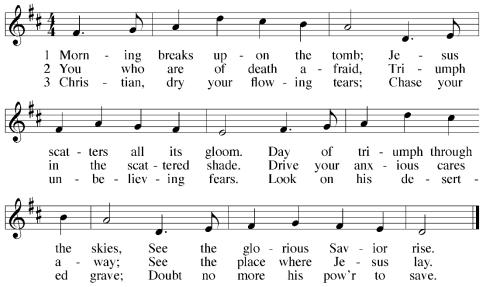
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

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CLOSING HYMN: 159, "Morning Beaks upon the Tomb"



Text: William B. Collyer, 1782–1854, abr.
Tune: INNOCENTS (77 77) French melody, 13th century.

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Pastor out of Town

Pastor 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, 5/5

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.

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 registration opened 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

Last Sunday for Sunday School and Bible Class; Summer Worship Schedule The final Sunday for Sundy School and Bible class will be May 15.

Beginning on May 29, there will be a single worship service that starts at 10am. This worship schedule will continue through Labor Day weekend.

Sundae Sunday

To celebrate another great year of Bible class and Sunday School, on May 15 there will be sundae bar during fellowship time.

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

Our final Bible study of the spring, on the prophet Zechariah, is now in full swing on Sunday mornings between services. But it's never too late to join!

The same sessions are repeated each Wednesday night 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

It is the mission of



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.