

December 4, 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: Rev. Paul Jenkins

Service Volunteers:

Usher: 8:30: Tim Bellott

11:00: Lawrence Kovaciny

Jr. Usher: 8:30: Patrick Proksch

11:00: Daniel Kovaciny

Keyboard Operator: 8:30 Sandee Clay

11:00: Erika Ohlendorf

Livestream Producer: Jack Proksch

Today's Focus: God fills us believers with true and certain hope, even as we live through the struggles and trials of the last days before Jesus' return. Our worship follows *The Common Service*.

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.

OPENING HYMN: 1, "The Advent of our King"



6 All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free, With Father, Spirit, ever one Through all eternity.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. John Chandler, 1806-76, alt.

Tune: St. Thomas (SM) Aaron Williams, 1731-76.

INVOCATION

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

Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

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.

ABSOLUTION

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.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

GLORY BE TO GOD



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- M: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- M: Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; 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

Malachi 4:1-6

The closing words of the Old Testament offer lasting and sure hope to all who trust in the Lord.

Look! The day is coming, burning like a blast furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble. The day that is coming will set them on fire, says the LORD of Armies, a day that will not leave behind a root or branch for them. ² But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will rise, and there will be healing in its wings. You will go out and jump around like calves from the stall. ³ You will trample the wicked. They will surely be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I take action, says the LORD of Armies.

- ⁴ Remember the law of my servant Moses, which I commanded to him at Horeb to serve as statutes and judgments over all Israel.
- ⁵ Look! I am going to send Elijah the prophet to you before the great and fearful day of the LORD comes! ⁶ He will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers. Otherwise, I will come and strike the land with complete destruction.

PSALM OF THE DAY: 85

READ RESPONSIVELY

M: You showed favor to your land, O LORD;

C: you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

M: You forgave the iniquity of your people

C: and covered all their sins.

M: Show us your unfailing love, O LORD,

C: and grant us your salvation.

M: I will listen to what God the LORD will say;

C: he promises peace to his people, his saints.

M: Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,

C: that his glory may dwell in our land.

M: Love and faithfulness meet together;

C: righteousness and peace kiss each other.

SECOND LESSON AND SERMON TEXT

Romans 15:4-13

Indeed, whatever was written in the past was written for our instruction, so that, through patient endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures, we would have hope. ⁵ And may God, the source of patient endurance and encouragement, grant that you agree with one another in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that with one mind, in one voice, you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ For this reason, accept one another as Christ also accepted you to the glory of God. ⁸ For I am saying that Christ became a servant of those who are circumcised for the sake of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs. ⁹ He also did this so that the Gentiles would glorify God for his mercy, as it is written:

For this reason I will praise you among the Gentiles, and I will sing to your name.

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10 And again it says:
Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people.
11 And again:
Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples give him praise.
12 And again Isaiah says:
There will be a Root of Jesse,
and he is the one who will rise up to rule the Gentiles;
on him the Gentiles will place their hope.

¹³ Now may the God of hope fill you with complete joy and peace as you continue to believe, so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. All mankind will see God's salvation. Alleluia! (Luke 3:4 and 6)

Stand

GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

Even as Jesus warns us to be ready for him, he fills us with hope. He reminds that we have God's words of salvation, which never pass away. In his saving promises, we will stand and lift up our heads to greet our Savior.

M: The Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 21.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord!

"There will be signs in the sun, moon, and stars. And on the earth nations will be in anguish, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the surging waves, ²⁶ people fainting from fear and expectation of the things coming on the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ But when these things begin to happen, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is near."

²⁹ He told them a parable. "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. ³⁰ As soon as they are sprouting leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is actually near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Amen I tell you: This generation will not pass away until all these things happen. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

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³⁴ "Watch yourselves or else your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and the worries of this life, and that day may come on you suddenly. ³⁵ For it will come like a trap on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Stay alert all the time, praying that you may be able to escape all these things that are going to happen and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

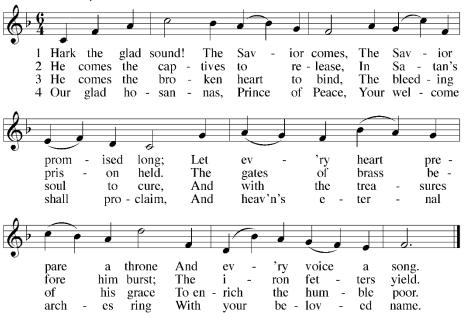
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate 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

CHILDREN'S SERMON: "Jesus is Hope that Can't Miss"

HYMN OF THE DAY: 12, "Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes"



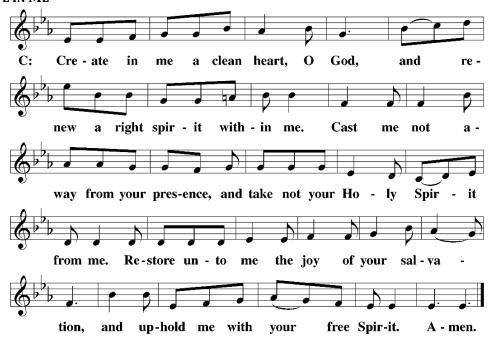
Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–51, abr., alt.
Tune: CHESTERFIELD (CM) Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820, alt.

SERMON

Text: Romans 15:4-13 Theme: We Have Real Hope

Stand

CREATE IN ME



Be seated

OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Register located in the pew.

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

- M: Eternal Father, throughout the centuries you repeated and affirmed your promise to send the offspring of the woman to crush the serpent's head. Through your prophets of old, you continually directed the eyes of your people to the advent of their Savior.
- C: We praise you, O Lord, for keeping your promise and sending your Son to destroy the works of the devil.
- M: As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our King, use your mighty Word to shatter our pride and to rouse us from spiritual slumber and apathy.
- C: Move us to take to heart the words of John the Baptist: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."
- M: You sent your Son to redeem us from sin. Let this good news be our joy and strength. Use it to cheer the lonely, encourage the fearful, and give hop to the despairing. In these days before Christmas, spare us from the stress of deadlines and the frenzy of commercialism.
- C: Fill our lives with the message of your peace and the music of your grace.
- M: Direct our eyes not only to the manger but also to the skies, where we will see your Son coming again, not as a lowly child but as the Lord of lords.
- C: Lift up our hearts in joyful anticipation of that day.
- M: Come quickly, Lord Jesus, in your grace, in your power, and in your glory.
- C: Come, Lord Jesus! 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

PREFACE

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.

PROPER PREFACE

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who preserves his Church to the end of time when he will come again as King to judge all people and take his own to glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - SANCTUS



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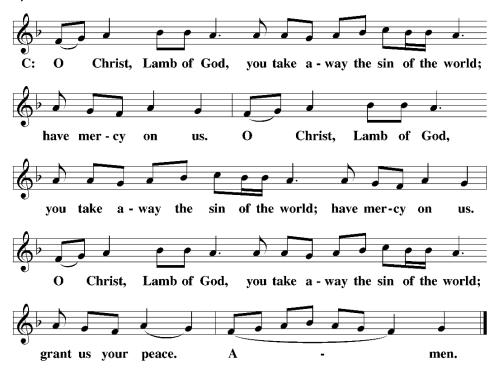
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is (+) my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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.

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



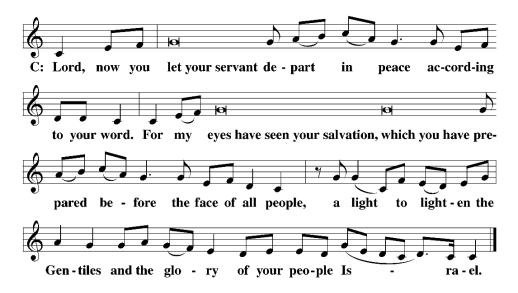
- 6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken
 That this food is to be taken
 By the souls who are distressed,
 By hearts that long for peace and rest.
- 7 Praise the Father, who from heaven Unto us such food has given And, to mend what we have done, Gave into death his only Son.
- 8 If your heart this truth 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 auffs new gebessert,
Wittenberg, 1535, alt.

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON



THANKSGIVING

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

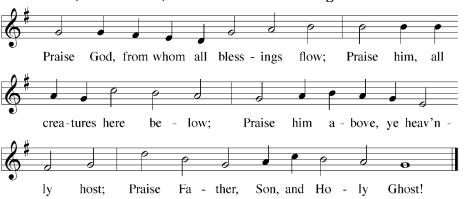
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN: 334, "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, abr.
Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH (LM) Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, Geneva, 1551.

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Sunday School's Warm in Woodbridge: One More Week to Give!

Trinity's Sunday School is holding its annual "Warm in Woodbridge" drive! We are gathering winter hats, scarves, gloves, and socks to share with homeless people in Woodbridge via the HUGS (Help Us Grow Strong) organization. Please contribute if you can, remembering that what we do for others we do for our Savior. There will be a collection box for these items in the narthex through December 11.

Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

Adult Bible class & Sunday School meet between services. The adult Bible Class is focusing on St. Mark's Gospel. Other topics through the spring of 2023 will include "My Brother's Keeper" (Biblical strategies for Christians to reach out to family and friends straying from their Savior) and "The Armor of God."

Wine and Word Bible Study - Thursday, December 15

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 studying the book of Revelation 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.

Midweek Advent Suppers - December 7 & 14

On Wednesdays December 7, and 14, Trinty will enjoy midweek Advent suppers. Doors will open at 5:30, and supper will be served at 6:00. Please bring a dish to pass, if you're able. If you're not able to bring food, don't worry! Please come anyway! Beverages, plates, silverware and napkins are provided. A brief Advent devotion will follow supper at 6:30.

Christmas for Kids – This Saturday, December 10

Trinity will be hosting its first Christmas for Kids program on Saturday, December 10, from 10-11:30. A link to register is now available on Trinity's website, www.TrinityofWoodbridge.org. Please pray that this first-time event will work to bring the love of Jesus to the forty children we hope to welcome that morning. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with Christmas for Kids, and to God for the opportunity to spread his love in Christ.

Children's Christmas Worship Service: Next Sunday at 11:00!

The children of Trinity's Sunday School will lead our 11:00 worship next Sunday, December 11, by telling us the story of Jesus' birth with word, song, and action. The 8:30 service on that Sunday will be a "normal" Advent liturgical service led by pastor. Both services will be livestreamed, and of course you are welcome to attend both if you'd like.

Sunday School, Bible Class, and Catechism Break

Sunday School, Bible class, and Catechism class will not meet on Sundays December 18, and 25, and January 1. All classes will resume on Sunday, January 8.

Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day Worship

Candlelight Christmas Eve worship will be held at 5 and 7. This year, Christmas Day and New Year's Day both fall on Sundays. The normal Sunday morning worship schedule (8:30 and 11:00) will remain in place on both Sundays.

Youth Activities Coming This Summer

Camp Chi Rho will take place July 24-28, 2023. The location is moving from Elk Neck, MD to Shenandoah River State Park. This new location is more centralized and has more comfortable accommodations (A/C cabin rooms) while still maintaining the possibility to tent camp. And, who can pass up the world class finishing in the Shenandoah River? The cost will be roughly \$25 a night. Camp Chi Rho is for kids finishing grades 4-8. Kids finishing grades 9-12 can attend as "counselors." For more information, please visit campchirho.org.

The next regional youth rally, for students finishing grades 8-12, is planned for July 10-13, 2023 at Slippery Rock University (50 minutes north of Pittsburgh). The overall theme will center on relationships (with God, with others, and with ourselves). More detailed information will be available in the coming months.

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.

Ushers and Usher Assistants Needed

A sign-up sheet is sent via email through Sign-up Genius. 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 Matt Popelier. If you are not getting the emails for Sign-Up Genius, please email admin@trinityofwoodbridge.org

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.