

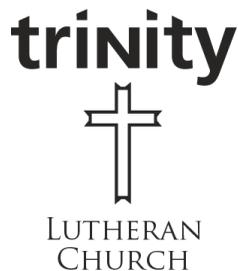


**December 18, 2022**

## **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.





## Fourth Sunday in Advent

- **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: John Stedman

11:00: Lawrence Kovaciny

**Jr. Usher:** 8:30: Patrick Proksch

11:00: Daniel Kovaciny

**Keyboard Operator:** 8:30am: Sandee Clay

11:00am:

**Livestream Producer:** Jack Proksch

**Today's Focus:** Jesus is Immanuel, "God with us." He is born of a virgin, to fulfill God's loving promises and to fill us with divine peace. 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: 377, "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice" Verses 1, 5-7

1 Dear Chris - tians, one and all, re - joice, With  
5 He spoke to his be - lov - ed Son: "Tis

ex - ul - ta - tion spring - ing, And, with u -  
time to have com - pas - sion. Then go, bright

nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly rap - ture  
Jew - el of my crown, And bring man - kind sal -

sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God  
va - tion. From sin and sor - row set

has done, How his right arm the vic - t'ry  
them free; Slay bit - ter death for them that

won. How dear - ly it has cost him!  
they May live with you for - ev - er."

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6 The Son obeyed his Father's will,  
Was born of virgin mother,  
And, God's good pleasure to fulfill,  
He came to be my brother.  
No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore;  
A servant's form like mine he bore  
To lead the devil captive.

7 To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me—  
I am your rock and castle.  
Your ransom I myself will be;  
For you I strive and wrestle.  
For I am yours, your friend divine,  
And evermore you shall be mine;  
The foe shall not divide us.

*Stand*

## INVOCATION

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;

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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;

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. Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Be Seated*

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON AND SERMON TEXT

#### **Isaiah 7:1-14**

This took place in the days when Ahaz, the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, was king of Judah. Rezin king of Aram, and Pekah son of Remaliah, the king of Israel, marched up to Jerusalem to wage war against it, but they could not capture it.

<sup>2</sup>The house of David was told, "Aram has allied itself with Ephraim." The heart of Ahaz trembled, and the heart of his people trembled as the trees of the forest tremble in the wind.

<sup>3</sup>Then the LORD said to Isaiah:

Go out now to meet Ahaz, you and your son Shear Jashub. Meet him at the end of the water channel from the upper pool, on the road that goes to the launderers field.

<sup>4</sup>Tell Ahaz, "Get control of yourself, and remain calm. Do not be afraid. Do not lose your courage because of these two stubs of smoldering torches. Do not be afraid because of the fierce anger of Rezin, Aram, and the son of Remaliah, <sup>5</sup>even though Aram, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah have plotted evil against you and said, <sup>6</sup>'Let's go up against Judah and tear it apart. Let's divide it among ourselves and set up a king over it, namely, this son of Tabe'el.'"

<sup>7</sup>This is what the LORD God says.  
Their plan shall not succeed.  
It shall not take place.

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<sup>8</sup>Yes, the head of Aram is Damascus,  
and the head of Damascus is Rezin,  
but within sixty-five years Ephraim will be broken into pieces,  
so that it will no longer be a people.

<sup>9</sup>The head of Ephraim is only Samaria,  
and the head of Samaria is only Remaliah's son.  
If you do not stand firm in faith,  
you will not stand at all.

<sup>10</sup> The LORD spoke to Ahaz again. He said, <sup>11</sup> "Ask for a sign from the LORD your God. Ask for it either  
in the depths below or in the heights above."

<sup>12</sup> But Ahaz responded, "I will not ask. I will not test the LORD."

<sup>13</sup> So Isaiah said:

Listen now, you house of David. Is it not enough for you to test the patience of men? Will you test  
the patience of my God as well? <sup>14</sup> Therefore the LORD himself will give a sign for all of you. Look!  
The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and name him Immanuel.

## **PSALM OF THE DAY: 92**

*Read responsively*

M: How great are your works, O LORD,

**C: how profound are your thoughts!**

M: The senseless man does not know,

**C: fools do not understand,**

M: that though the wicked spring up like grass

**C: and all evildoers flourish,**

M: they will be forever destroyed.

**C: But you, O LORD, are exalted forever.**

M: The righteous will flourish like a palm tree,

**C: they will flourish in the courts of our God.**

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M: They will still bear fruit in old age,

**C: they will stay fresh and green,**

M: proclaiming, "The LORD is upright;

**C: he is my rock, and there is no wickedness in him."**

## SECOND LESSON

### **Philippians 4:4-7**

*The Lord is near; God has come to be with us and save us! His love fills us with joy.*

Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel. Alleluia! (*Matthew 1:23*)

*Stand*

## GOSPEL

### **Luke 1:46-55**

*Mary rejoices that God has kept his promise to send salvation in his Son, true God born of a virgin.*

Then Mary said,

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

<sup>47</sup> and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup> because he has looked with favor on the humble state of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed,

<sup>49</sup> because the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup> His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm.

He has scattered those who were proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

<sup>52</sup> He has brought down rulers from their thrones.

He has lifted up the lowly.

53 He has filled the hungry with good things, but the rich he has sent away empty.

54 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, remembering his mercy,  
55 as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and his offspring forever.

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Be Seated*

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "Our Immanuel"

### HYMN OF THE DAY: 23, "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel" verses 1-3



1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive  
2 Oh, come, O Root of Jes - se, free Your own from Sa - tan's  
3 Oh, come, O Day-spring from on high, And cheer us by your



Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell your peo - ple save,  
draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,



Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
And bring them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!  
And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.



Em - man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 12th century, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-66, alt.

Tune: VENI, EMMANUEL (LM with Refrain) Plainsong melody, 15th century, alt.

## **SERMON**

**TEXT:** Isaiah 7:1-14

**Theme:** "Let's Unwrap the Gift we Need"

*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*

## OFFERING

*Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Register 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: Almighty God, heavenly Father, we are thankful that you fulfilled all your ancient promises and sent us a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Your Son left the glory of heaven and became flesh of our flesh. He became our brother so that through him we become your children. We marvel at his grace, that though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, so that we through his poverty might become rich. We are indeed rich, for we have peace with you and access to your throne in every need.

Dear Savior, give us a simple, childlike faith that sees your glory even in your lowliness. Help us all to rejoice in your birth. In sincere faith may we join the song of the angels, delight of the shepherds, and the adoration of the wise men. May the truth, love, and redemption that you have brought dwell in our hearts and lives. Like Mary, may we treasure up all these things and ponder them in our hearts. And since you came for all people, help us share the good news of great joy we have in you.

*Special prayers*

M: Hear us, O Lord, for the sake of your name. Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. Through his holy prophets, he promised a King to bring light to those living in darkness and in the shadow of death. Now have they 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



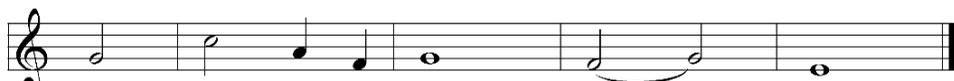
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



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: 47, "Behold, a Branch is Growing"



1 Be - hold, a Branch is grow - ing Of  
 2 I - sa - iah had fore - told it In  
 3 The shep - herds heard the sto - ry Pro -  
 4 This flow'r, so small and ten - der, With  
 5 O Sav - ior, Child of Mar - y, Who



love - liest form and grace, As proph - ets sang, fore -  
 words of prom - ise sure, And Mar - y's arms en -  
 claimed by an - gels bright, How Christ, the Lord of  
 fra - grance fills the air; His bright - ness ends the  
 felt our hu - man woes, O Sav - ior, King of



know - ing; It springs from Jes - se's race And  
 fold it, A vir - gin meek and pure. Through  
 glo - ry, Was born on earth this night. To  
 dark - ness That kept the earth in fear. True  
 glo - ry, Who con - quered all our foes, Bring



bears one lit - tle flow'r In midst of cold - est  
 God's e - ter - nal will This child to her is  
 Beth - le - hem they sped And in the man - ger  
 God and yet true man, He came to save his  
 us at last, we pray, To the bright courts of



win - ter, At deep - est mid - night hour.  
 giv - en At mid - night calm and still.  
 found him, As an - gel her - alds said.  
 peo - ple From earth's dark night of sin.  
 heav - en And to the end - less day.

Text: *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, Köln, 1599, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: ES IST EIN ROS (76 76 676) *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, Köln, 1599.

STAND

## THANK THE LORD



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



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



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



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

**M:** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

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

**CLOSING HYMN: 23, "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel" verse 4**

4 Oh, come, O Key of David, come, And open wide our  
heav'n - ly home. Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to mis - er - y. *Refrain*  
Em - man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

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## 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, January 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:dawn.f.knox@gmail.com) to RSVP.

## Sunday School, Bible Class, and Catechism Break

Sunday School, Bible class, and Catechism class will not meet today, Christmas Day, or New Year's Day. 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:revpauljenkins@yahoo.com) with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work





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