

**January 1, 2023**

## **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:

11:00:

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

11:00:

**Livestream Producer:** Jack Proksch

**Today's Focus:** God's plan to save with his Son is perfect. He sends Jesus at just the right time, in just the right way, to do everything needed to make us heirs of heaven. 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: 707, "Peace Came to Earth"



1 Peace came to earth at last that cho - sen night  
2 And who could be the same for hav - ing held  
3 You show the Fa - ther none has ev - er seen,  
4 How else could I have known you, O my God!



When an - gels clove the sky with song and light And  
The in - fant in their arms and lat - er felt The  
In flesh and blood you bore our griefs and pain, In  
How else could I have loved you, O my God! How



God em - bod - ied love and sheathed his might— Who could but  
wound-ed hands and side, all doubts dis - pelled— Who could but  
bread and wine you vis - it us a - gain— Who could but  
else could I em - brace you, O my God! Who could but



gasp: Im - man - u - el! Who could but sing: Im - man - u - el!  
sigh: Im - man - u - el! Who could but shout: Im - man - u - el!  
see: Im - man - u - el! Who could but thrill: Im - man - u - el!  
pray: Im - man - u - el! Who could but praise: Im - man - u - el!

*The picturesque language of this Jaroslav Vajda hymn vividly illustrates the weighty significance of God becoming man in Christ.*

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Tune: PEACE CAME TO EARTH (10 10 10 88) Richard Jeffrey, b. 1952 © 2000 Birnamwood Publications (ASCAP),  
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## 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



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Let us pray. Almighty God, in your mercy you sent your one and only Son to take upon himself our human nature. By his gracious coming deliver us from the corruption of our sin and transform us into the likeness of his glory; through 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

#### **Isaiah 42:1-4**

*The Savior speaks justice and peace to all people. It is a perfect message that brings peace to all who believe, and he speaks it with perfect persistence and gentleness.*

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen one in whom I delight.  
I am placing my Spirit on him.  
He will announce a just verdict for the nations.  
<sup>2</sup> He will not cry out.  
He will not raise his voice.  
He will not make his voice heard in the street.  
<sup>3</sup> A bent reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not snuff out.  
He will faithfully bring forth a just verdict.  
<sup>4</sup> He will not burn out, and he will not be broken  
until he establishes justice on the earth.  
The coastlands will wait for his law.

## PSALM OF THE DAY: 103

*READ RESPONSIVELY*

M: Praise the LORD, O my soul;

**C: all my inmost being, praise his holy name.**

M: He forgives all your sins

**C: and heals all your diseases;**

M: he redeems your life from the grave

**C: and crowns you with love and compassion.**

M: The LORD is compassionate and gracious,

**C: slow to anger, abounding in love.**

M: He does not treat us as our sins deserve

**C: or repay us according to our iniquities.**

M: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

**C: so great is his love for those who fear him;**

M: as far as the east is from the west,

**C: so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**

M: As a father has compassion on his children,

**C: so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;**

M: for he knows how we are formed,

**C: he remembers that we are dust.**

M: Our days are like grass, like a flower of the field;

**C: the wind blows over it and it is gone.**

M: But the LORD's love is with those who fear him

**C: from everlasting to everlasting.**



## SECOND LESSON AND SERMON TEXT

### Galatians 4:4-5

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son to be born of a woman, so that he would be born under the law, <sup>5</sup> in order to redeem those under the law, so that we would be adopted as sons.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Alleluia! (*Colossians 3:15a*)

*Stand*

## GOSPEL

### Luke 2:25-38

*Simeon and Anna set their eyes on God's perfect salvation and proclaim Jesus' praise.*

M: The Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 2.

### C: **Glory be to you, O Lord!**

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, waiting for the comfort of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup> Moved by the Spirit he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary according to the law, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him into his arms and praised God. He said,

<sup>29</sup> Lord, you now dismiss your servant in peace, according to your word,

<sup>30</sup> because my eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared before the face of all people,

<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.

<sup>33</sup> Joseph and the child's mother were amazed at the things that were spoken about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Listen carefully, this child is appointed for the falling and rising of many in Israel and for a sign that is spoken against, <sup>35</sup> so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

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<sup>36</sup> Anna, a prophetess, was there. She was a daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old. She had lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup> and then she was a widow of eighty-four years. She did not leave the temple complex, since she was worshipping with fasting and prayers night and day. <sup>38</sup> Standing nearby at that very hour, she gave thanks to the Lord. She kept speaking about the child to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

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: "Let's Sing Like Simeon"**

## HYMN OF THE DAY: 41, "Let All Together Praise Our God"



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore his  
2 He leaves his heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an  
3 He veils in flesh his pow'r di - vine A ser - vant's  
4 A won - drous change which he does make: He takes our  
5 He serves that I a lord may be— A great ex -



high - est throne; To - day he o - pens heav'n a - gain And  
in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies  
form to take; In want and low - li - ness must die Who  
flesh and blood, And he con - ceals for sin - ners' sake His  
change in - deed! Could Je - sus' love do more for me To



gives us his own Son, And gives us his own Son.  
in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.  
heav'n and earth did make, Who heav'n and earth did make.  
maj - es - ty as God, His maj - es - ty as God.  
help me in my need, To help me in my need?

6 For us he opens wide the door  
Of paradise today,  
The angel guards the gate no more;  
To God our thanks we pay,  
To God our thanks we pay.

Text: Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.  
Tune: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN (86 866) Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561.

## SERMON

Text: Galatians 4:4-5  
Theme: You Are Now God's Son

*Stand*

## CREATE IN ME

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'CREATE IN ME'. It consists of five staves of music in a single system. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

*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: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.

**C: Every day I will praise you and exult your name.**

M: It is fitting, O Lord, in the opening hours of this year, to express our gratitude for the countless gifts of grace we received from you in the year past.

**C: You have been faithful to your promises and loving toward all you have made.**

M: You clothe your creation with beauty; you feed even the birds and tell us what we are much more valuable than they.

**C: You know what we need, and you give us all good things.**

M: Clothing and food, safety and health, possessions and money, even life itself – all these come to us from your gracious hand.

**C: We thank you for these blessings, and ask that you continue to grant them to us.**

M: We thank you especially for your Word and Holy Super, which strengthen our faith, shield us from temptation, and equip us for service.

**C: Increase our commitments to these precious gifts, so that we may continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

### *Special prayers*

M: Almighty and eternal God, you have been gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, and rich in love. As you led your people Israel with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, so lead us by the light of your Word, that we may live our lives to your glory and be prepared to depart this world in peace.

**C: We ask these things in the name of Jesus. In his name we begin this year. 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, for in the wonder and mystery of his birth you have opened our eyes to the glory of your grace and renewed in our hearts the fervor of your love. 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*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



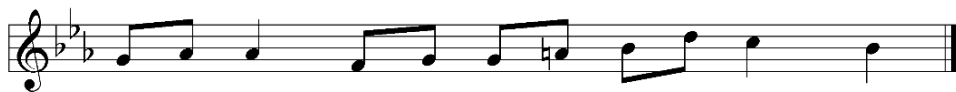
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

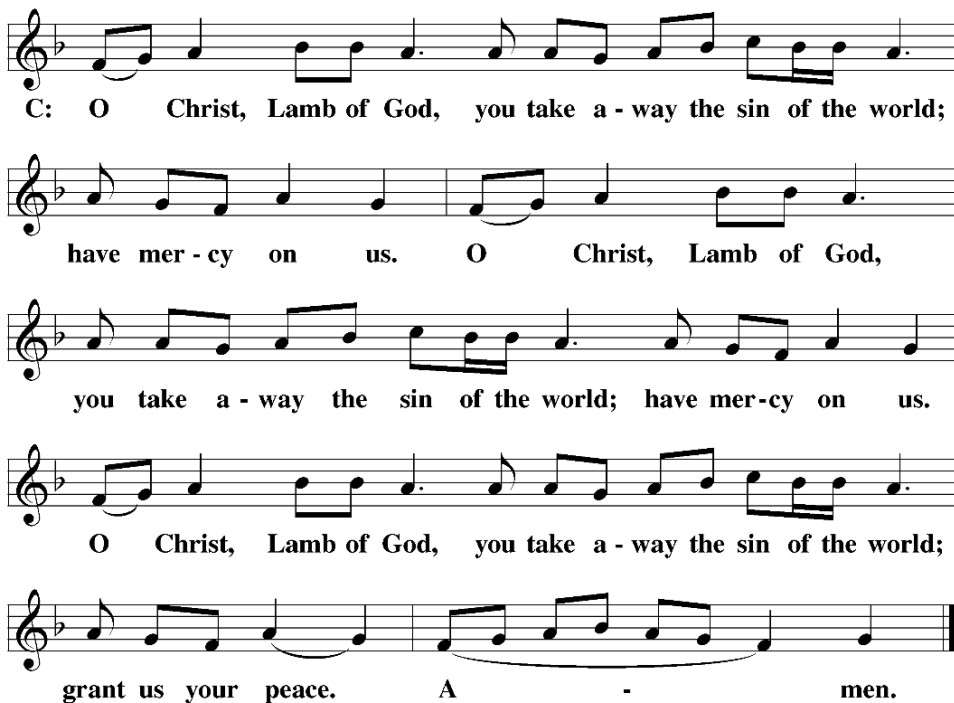
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is (+) my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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 – *AGNUS DEI*



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: 376, "Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness"



1 Je - sus, your blood and right - eous - ness My beau - ty  
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day— Who can a  
3 Lord, I be - lieve your pre - cious blood, Which at the  
4 Lord, I be - lieve were sin - ners more Than sands up -  
5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my



are, my glo - rious dress; Mid flam - ing worlds, in  
word a - gainst me say? Ful - ly through you ab -  
ver - y throne of God For - ev - er will for  
on the o - cean shore, You have for all a  
man - sion in the skies, E'en then this shall be



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.  
solved I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.  
sin - ners plead, For me— e'en for my soul— was shed.  
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.  
all my plea: Je - sus has lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!  
Your boundless mercy has for me,  
For me and all your hands have made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–60, abr.; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–91, alt.  
Tune: ST. CRISPIN (LM) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

STAND

## SONG OF SIMEON



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

## THANKSGIVING

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

C: **And his mercy endures forever.**

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, 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: 71, "The Old Year Now Has Passed Away" Verses 1 and 2**



1 The old year now has passed a - way; We thank you,  
2 We pray you, O e - ter - nal Son, Who with the



O our God, to - day That you have kept us  
Fa - ther reigns as one, To guard and rule your



through the year When dan - ger and dis - tress were near.  
Chris - ten - dom Through all the a - ges yet to come.



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## **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 Return Next Week**

Sunday School, Bible class, and Catechism class will not meet today. All classes will resume next Sunday, January 8. 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."

## **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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**to glorify God**

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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.