

February 5, 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: Steve Proksch, Matthew Mund

11:00: Lawrence Kovaciny, John Ohlendorf

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: Jesus is revealed to be the One who brings his people safely through every trouble. 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.

OPENING HYMN: 441, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"



6 O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Still be our guard while troubles last And our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, abr., alt.

Tune: St. Anne (CM) William Croft, 1678-1727, alt.

STAND

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 OF SINS

We confess our sins to relieve our guilt and rest in the promise of Christ's forgiveness. 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.

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

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.



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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. Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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

Exodus 14:13-22

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 book of Acts and the spread of the gospel in the earliest years after Jesus' ascension.

Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm, and see the salvation from the LORD, which he will perform for you today. For the Egyptians you see today, you will never see again. ¹⁴ The LORD will fight for you. You must wait quietly."

¹⁵ The LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to set out. ¹⁶ As for you, lift up your staff, stretch out your hand over the sea, and divide the sea so that the Israelites can go through the middle of the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷ I myself will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go into the sea after them, and I will gain glory through Pharaoh and his entire army, through his chariots and his charioteers. ¹⁸ The Egyptians will know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory through Pharaoh, his chariots, and his charioteers."

¹⁹ Then the Angel of God, who was going in front of the Israelite forces, moved and went behind them. The pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and stood behind them. ²⁰ It went between the Egyptian forces and the Israelite forces. The cloud was dark on one side, but it lit up the night on the other. Neither group approached the other all night long.

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all night long the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned the sea into dry land. The waters were divided. ²² The Israelites went into the middle of the sea on dry ground. The waters were like a wall for them on their right and on their left

PSALM OF THE DAY: 33

Shout joyfully to the LORD, you righteous. The praise of the upright is beautiful.

² Thank the LORD with a lyre.

Make music for him with the ten-stringed harp.

³ Sing to him a new song.

Play skillfully and shout praises.

⁴ Yes, the word of the LORD is right, and everything he does is trustworthy.

⁵ He loves righteousness and justice.

The mercy of the LORD fills the earth.

⁶ By the word of the LORD the heavens were made.

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By the breath of his mouth he made the whole army of stars.

⁷He gathers the water of the sea into a heap.

He puts the depths into storehouses.

⁸ Let all the earth fear the LORD.

Let all the inhabitants of the world revere him.

⁹ For he said, "Let it be," and it was!

He gave a command, and there it stood.

¹⁰ The LORD wrecks the plan of the nations.

He hinders the intentions of the peoples.

¹¹ The plan of the LORD stands forever.

The intentions of his heart stand through all generations.

¹² How blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,

the people he chose to be his possession.

¹³ From heaven the LORD observes.

He sees all the children of Adam.

¹⁴ From his throne room he looks at all the inhabitants of earth.

¹⁵ He alone is the one who shapes all their hearts.

He understands all their deeds.

¹⁶ No king is saved by the great size of his army.

No hero is rescued by his great strength.

¹⁷ You cannot rely on a horse to save you.

Its great strength will not deliver you.

¹⁸ Look, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,

on those who wait for his mercy.

¹⁹ He will deliver their souls from death.

He keeps them alive in famine.

²⁰ Our souls wait for the LORD.

He is our help and our shield.

²¹ Yes, in him our heart rejoices,

because we trust in his holy name.
²² May your mercy, O LORD, be on us,

²² May your mercy, O LORD, be on us, even as we wait confidently for you

SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:8-10

This is the last section of a continuous reading.

Do not owe anyone anything except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ For the commandments—do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not covet (and if there is any other commandment)—are summed up in this statement: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor, so love is the fulfillment of the law.

VERSE OF THE DAY

The verse emphasizes the spiritual effect of the lessons.

M: Alleluia! Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Alleluia! (John 8:12)

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 8:23-27

Jesus sees his disciples through from trouble to safety.

M: The Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 8.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord!

When he got into a boat, his disciples followed him. ²⁴ Suddenly a terrible storm came up on the sea, so that their boat was covered by the waves. But Jesus was sleeping. ²⁵ They went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to die!"

²⁶ He said to them, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?" Then he got up, rebuked the wind and the sea, and there was a complete calm.

²⁷The men were amazed, saying, "What kind of a man is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him!"

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S SERMON: "What Kind of Man is Jesus?"

HYMN OF THE DAY: 280, "Thy Strong Word" Verses 1-4"

The Hymn of the Day is assigned because of its rich content and connection to the day's Gospel. 1 Thy word did cleave the strong dark - ness; At thy 2 Lo. those who dwelt in dark - ness. Dark on as 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us right - eous; Bright with 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth speak - ing it was done. For cre at - ed night and deep death, **Broke** the as light of thine own ho li - ness, Glo rious now, we forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for light we thank thee While thine or dered sea thv sal va tion. Breathed thine life giv own press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes beam - eth All thy bright deem re er 3 lu ia! Al - le Al - le lu - ia! Praise sons run. Al - le lu - ia! Al - le ing breath. lu - ia! Praise con - fess. Al - le lu - ia! Al - le lu - ia! Praise Al - le lu - ia! Al - le ing light. lu - ia! Praise thee who light dost Al - le to send! lu - ia! light to thee who dost send! Al - le lu - ia! light dost Al - le to thee who send! lu - ia! to thee who light dost send! Al - le Al - le lu - ia! Al - le lu - ia with - out end! Al - le Al - le lu - ia! lu - ia with - out end! Al - le lu ia! Al - le lu - ia with - out end! Al - le Al - le lu lu - ia ia! with - out end!

SERMON

Text: Exodus 14:13-22

Theme: Stand Firm, and See the Salvation from the Lord

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..."

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 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 aifts 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 will, 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.

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- 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, heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. 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."

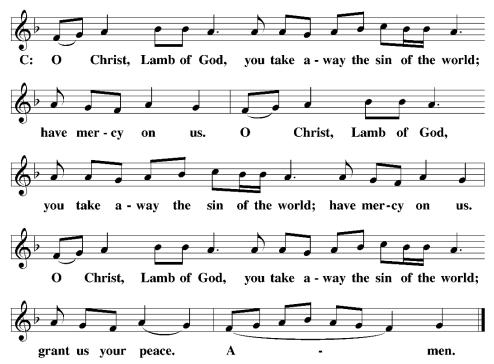
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is (+) my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

C: Amen.

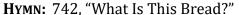
O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD - AGNUS DEI

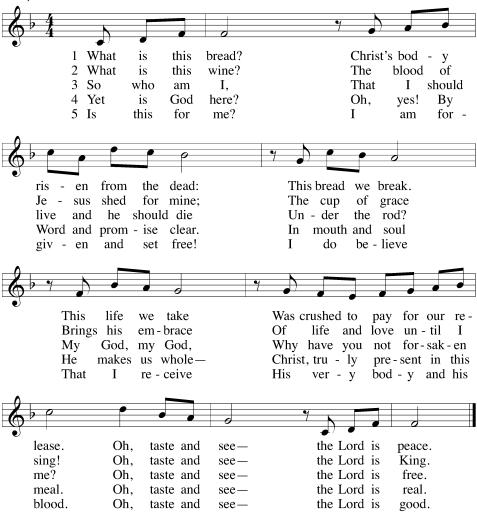
Jesus is God's Lamb who was offered as a sacrifice for sin once for all. (John 1:29)



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 with a common confession of faith.





This hymn nicely summarizes Martin Luther's fine discussion on the institution and blessings of Holy Communion as outlined in his Small Catechism.

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STAND

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 107:1-3
- 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.

CLOSING HYMN: 432, "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"



Text: Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724-82; tr. composite.

Tune: Weil ich Jesu Schäflein bin (77 88 77) Choralbuch . . . Brüder-Gemeinen, Leipzig, 1784.

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Sunday School Service Project

Through Sunday, February 26, Trinity's Sunday school students are collecting baby items for Birthright of Woodbridge. These will help new moms facing difficult situations or with little support from their own families and friends. Items needed are:

- + Baby clothing sizes newborn to 12mo (onesies and separates)
- +Baby toiletries (baby shampoo, diaper cream, baby lotion, baby soap, baby powder)
- +Baby socks
- +Baby towels
- +Bibs and burp cloths

Please place all donations in the bin provided in the narthex between now and February 26.

Ash Wednesday Worship and Lenten Suppers

Trinity will worship at 7:00pm on Ash Wednesday, February 22.

Through the following five Wednesdays of Lent (March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29), we will have potluck suppers. Doors will open at 5:30, with supper at 6:00 and a brief Lent devotion at 6:30. Beverages, tableware and silverware will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass if you can. But even if you can't, please come anyway!

Trinity's 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Trinity's Easter Egg Hunt outreach event for our neighborhood will be on Saturday, April 1, at 2pm. Besides showing kindness, the Egg Hunt also gives us the chance to invite families from around Trinity to Holy Week worship and Vacation Bible School.

More details will be coming in the weeks ahead, including information on a few volunteer opportunities and donations of candy and eggs. (Trinity's kids will get to hunt for eggs between services on Easter Sunday.)

Wine and Word Bible Study - Thursday, February 16th

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.

VBS Planning Meeting – Saturday, February 25 at 10 am

It's time to begin planning for this summer's Vacation Bible School! At this meeting we will set the VBS dates and choose our curriculum. If you cannot attend the meeting, but would like to learn more, please contact Erika Ohlendorf at erika.ohlendorf@gmail.com or 617-821-3126

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.

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.

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.