



January 15, 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.





- **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
11:00: Matthew Popelier

Jr. Usher: 8:30: Patrick Proksch
11:00:

Keyboard Operator: 8:30am: Sandee Clay
11:00am: Erika Ohlendorf

Livestream Producer: Jack Proksch

Today's Focus: Epiphany is the season of revelations. On this Sunday, the twelve-year old Jesus reveals himself to be the holy Son of God, perfect *always*. 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: 283, "Speak, O Savior; I am Listening"



1 Speak, O Sav - ior; I am lis - t'ning, As a ser - vant
2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near you And to lis - ten
3 Lord, your words are wa - ters liv - ing Where I quench my
4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let your words in



to his lord. Let me show re - spect and hon - or
to your voice! Let me ev - er love and fear you;
thirst - y needs. Lord, your words are bread life - giv - ing;
me take root. May your Spir - it e'er be near me



To your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, That each day, my
Let your Word still be my choice. Man - y hard - ened
On your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, your words will
That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly



whole life through, I may serve and fol - low
sin - ners, Lord, Flee in ter - ror at your
be my light Through death's cold and drear - y
sing your praise, From my heart glad an - thems

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you. Let your Word e'er be my plea - sure
 Word, But to all who feel sin's bur - den
 night; Yes, they are my sword pre - vail - ing
 raise, Till my high - est praise is giv - en

And my heart's most pre - cious trea - sure.
 You give peace and words of par - don.
 And my cup of joy un - fail - ing.
 In the end - less joy of heav - en.

Text: Anna Sophia of Hesse-Darmstadt, 1638–83, abr.; tr. composite.
 Tune: WERDE MÜNTER (87 87 77 88) Johann Schop, c. 1590–1667.

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;
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;

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are aligned with the notes. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) over the words 'mer-ci-ful', 'take a-way', and 'Fa-ther'.

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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. Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be Seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 61:1-3

The work of the Lord's Messiah is pure perfection.

The Spirit of the LORD God is upon me,
 because the LORD has anointed me
 to preach good news to the afflicted.
 He sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
 to proclaim freedom for the captives
 and release for those who are bound,

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- ² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor
and the day of vengeance for our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
³ to provide for those who mourn in Zion,
to give them a crown of beauty instead of ashes,
the oil of joy instead of mourning,
a cloak of praise instead of a faint spirit,
so that they will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the LORD to display his beauty.

PSALM OF THE DAY: 84

Read responsively

M: How lovely is your dwelling place,

C: O LORD Almighty!

M: My soul yearns, even faints,

C: for the courts of the LORD.

M: Blessed are those who dwell in your house;

C: they are ever praising you.

M: Better is one day in your courts

C: than a thousand elsewhere;

M: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God

C: than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

M: O LORD Almighty,

C: blessed are they who trust in you.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:1-5

This is the first in a series of continuous readings from Romans chapter 12.

Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice—holy and pleasing to God—which is your appropriate worship. ² Also, do not continue to conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, so that you test and approve what is the will of God—what is good, pleasing, and perfect.

³ So by the grace given to me, I tell everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought, but think in a way that results in sound judgment, as God distributed a measure of faith to each of you. ⁴ For we have many members in one body, and not all the members have the same function. ⁵ In the same way, though we are many, we are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! He said to me, “You are my servant in whom I will display my splendor.” Alleluia!
(Isaiah 49:3)

Stand

GOSPEL AND SERMON TEXT

Luke 2:41-52

Every year his parents traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up according to the custom of the Festival. ⁴³ When the days had ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it. ⁴⁴ Since they thought he was in their group, they went a day’s journey. Then they began to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him.

⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us this way? See, your father and I have been anxiously looking for you.”

⁴⁹ He said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be taking care of my Father’s business?” ⁵⁰ They did not understand what he was telling them.

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⁵¹He went down with them and came to Nazareth. He was always obedient to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. ⁵²Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and with people.

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "Jesus Stayed Behind in Church....On Purpose...For Four Days...at Least!"

HYMN OF THE DAY: 85, "O God from God, O Light from Light"



1 O God from God, O Light from Light, O Prince of
2 Deep in the proph - ets' sa - cred page, Grand in the
3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death of
4 Sing to the Lord a might - y song; Sing to his



Peace and King of kings, To you in heav - en's
po - ets' wing - ed word, Slow - ly, in type, from
pain mid hate and scorn—These all are past, and
name, his glo - ries tell! Sing, heav'n - ly hosts, your



glo - ry bright The song of praise for - ev - er rings.
age to age The na - tions saw their com - ing Lord;
now a - bove He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.
praise pro - long, And all on earth, your an - them swell!



To him who sits up - on the throne, The Lamb once
Till through the deep Ju - de - an night Rang out the
Lift up your heads, O might - y gates! So sang the
Wor - thy the Lamb for sin - ners slain! For - ev - er

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slain but raised a - gain, Be all the glo - ry
song, "Good will to men!" Sung by heav'n's hosts in
an - gel hosts a - gain. Lift up your heads— your
let the song as - cend! Wor - thy the Lamb en -



he has won, All thanks and praise! A - men, A - men.
splen - dor bright, Re - ech - oed now, "Good will!" A - men.
King a - waits. We lift them up, A - men, A - men.
throned to reign; Glo - ry and pow'r! A - men, A - men.

Text: John Julian, 1839–1913, abr., alt.

Tune: O GROSSER GOTT (LM D) *Johann Störks . . . Schlag-Gesang-Und Noten-Buch*, Stuttgart, 1744.

SERMON

TEXT: Luke 2:41-52

Theme: "Our Jesus is Our Perfection"

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.

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**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: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: **Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

M: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

Special prayers

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer

M: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory. Now have 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



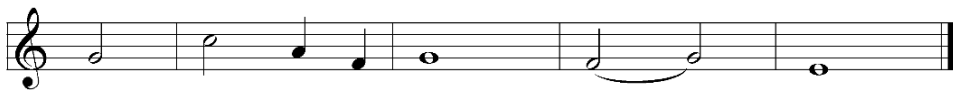
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



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.

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DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: 310, "I Come, O Savior, to Your Table"



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to your ta - ble, For weak and
2 Oh, grant that I in man - ner wor - thy May now trust
3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
4 Oh, let me loathe all sin for - ev - er As death and
5 Your heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners



wea - ry is my soul; O Je - sus, you a - lone are
sole - ly in your Word, And, con - scious of the sins be -
have a sin - ful heart, Yet you your lamb will ban - ish
poi - son to my soul, That I through will - ful sin - ning
may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to you in faith are

Refrain



a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole.
fore me, Look on - ly un - to you, O Lord.
nev - er, Nor will your faith - ful - ness de - part. Lord, may your
nev - er May see your judg - ment take its toll!
turn - ing; So let me, too, come trust - ing - ly.



bod - y and your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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- 6 Weary am I and heavy laden;
With sin my soul is sore oppressed.
Receive me graciously and gladden
My heart, for I am now your guest.
Refrain
- 7 You here will find a heart most lowly
That feels unworthy in your sight,
That duly weeps o'er sin, yet solely
Your merit pleads, as it is right.
Refrain
- 8 By faith I call your holy table
The testament of your deep love,
For by your gift I now am able
To know the heart of God above.
Refrain
- 9 What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace.
Refrain
- 10 This feast is manna, wealth abounding
Unto the poor, to weak ones pow'r,
To angels joy, to hell confounding,
And life for me in death's dark hour.
Refrain
- 11 Your body, giv'n for me, O Savior,
Your blood, which you for me have shed—
These are my life and strength forever;
By them my hungry soul is fed.
Refrain
- 12 With you, Lord, I am now united;
I live in you and you in me.
No sorrow fills my soul; delighted,
It finds its peace on Calvary.
Refrain
- 13 Who can condemn me now? For surely
The Lord is near, who justifies.
No hell I fear, and thus securely
With Jesus I to heaven rise.
Refrain
- 14 Though death may threaten with disaster,
It cannot rob me of my cheer,
For he who is of death the master
With help and strength is always near.
Refrain
- 15 My heart has now become your dwelling,
O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, your praises telling,
Shall live in joy eternally.
Refrain

Text: Friedrich C. Heyder, 1677–1754, abr.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.
Tune: ICH STERBE TÄGLICH (98 98 88) *Emskirchner Choralbuch*, Leipzig, 1756, alt.

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.**

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CLOSING HYMN: 323, "Almighty Father, Bless the Word"

The image shows a musical score for a closing hymn. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff has two vocal parts: a soprano line (1) and an alto line (2). The lyrics are: "1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through your / 2 We praise you for the means of grace As home - ward". The second staff continues the lyrics: "grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious seed / now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who wor -". The third staff concludes the lyrics: "take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit. / shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear." The music is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through your
2 We praise you for the means of grace As home - ward

grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious seed
now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who wor -

take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit.
shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.

Text: Scandinavian hymn; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnary*, Decorah, 1913, alt.
Tune: OLD HUNDREDETH (LM) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551.

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Wine and Word Bible Study - Thursday, January 19

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.

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

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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.