

Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 19, 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, John Ohlendorf

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

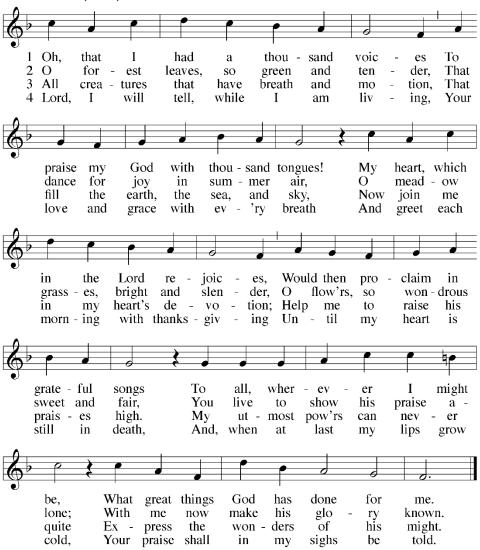
**Today's Focus:** Jesus' glory as the Son of God is revealed before he lays it aside to win glory for us. Our worship follows *Service of Word and Sacrament*.

# 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:** 242, "Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices"



Text: Johann Mentzer, 1658-1734, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE (KÖNIG) (98 98 88) Johann B. König, 1691–1758.

#### 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.

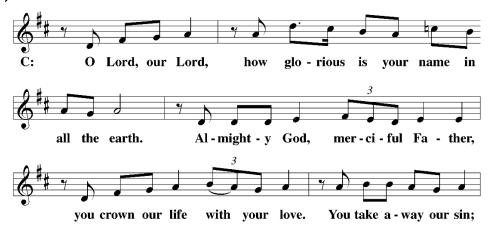
## C: Lord, have mercy.

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



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#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C: Amen.

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### THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

### **Deuteronomy 18:15-18**

Moses, who appears with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration, tells of a coming Prophet who will speak the very words of God.

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brother Israelites. Listen to him.

<sup>16</sup> That is exactly what you asked from the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly. You said, "Do not let me hear the voice of the LORD my God anymore, and do not let me see this great fire again, or I will die."

<sup>17</sup> Then the LORD said to me, "They have done well by saying what they said. <sup>18</sup> I will raise up a prophet for them from among their brothers, like you, and I will put my words in his mouth, and he will speak to them everything that I command him."

# PSALM OF THE DAY: 2

Read responsively

M: Why do the nations conspire

# C: and the peoples plot in vain?

M: The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD

# C: and against his Anointed One.

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- M: The One enthroned in heaven laughs;
- C: the LORD scoffs at them.
- M: Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,
- C: "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill."
- M: I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:
- C: He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father."

#### SECOND LESSON

#### 2 Peter 1:16-21

St. Peter testifies as an eyewitness to Christ's glory as the Son of God. All Scripture does the same, because it is all inspired by the Holy Spirit.

To be sure, we were not following cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the powerful appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> For he received honor and glory from God the Father, when the voice came to him from within the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." <sup>18</sup> We heard this voice, which came out of heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup>We also have the completely reliable prophetic word. You do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the Morning Star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup> since we know this above all else: No prophecy of Scripture comes about from someone's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>In fact, no prophecy ever came by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were being carried along by the Holy Spirit.

### VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! A voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him." Alleluia! (Mark 9:7b)

Stand

#### GOSPEL AND SERMON TEXT

#### **Matthew 17:1-9**

Six days later Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John the brother of James; and he led them up onto a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup> There he was transfigured in front of them. His face was shining like the sun. His clothing became as white as the light. <sup>3</sup> Just then, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Jesus.

<sup>4</sup> Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you want, I will make three shelters here: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

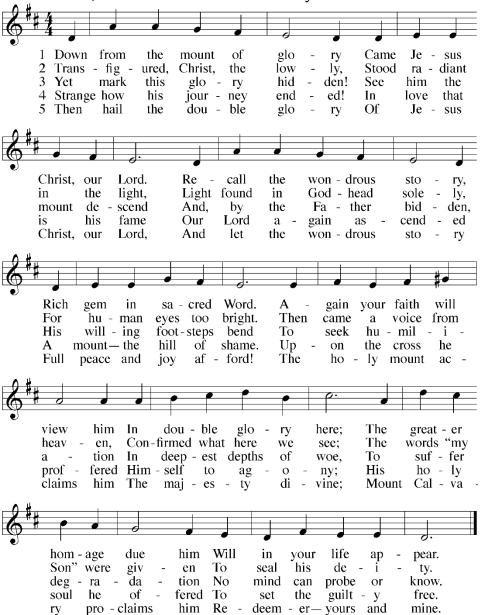
<sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them. Just then, a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him." <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell face down and were terrified. <sup>7</sup> Jesus approached and as he touched them, he said, "Get up, and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup> When they opened their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus alone. <sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Do not tell anyone what you have seen until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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# **HYMN OF THE DAY:** 97, "Down from the Mount of Glory"



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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "WATCH JESUS CLOSELY"

#### **SERMON**

**TEXT:** Matthew 17:1-9

**Theme:** "Glory Sacrificed; Glory Shared"

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.

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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.

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#### **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: We praise you, O Father, for the precious gift of your Son and for his glorious transfiguration on the holy mountain. Give us the firm resolve to listen to your Son, the eager readiness to believe his promises, and the joyful willingness to heed his commandments. By the sign of Moses and Elijah, show us that blessed are the dead who die in faith, for they know the power of Christ's resurrection.

Dear God and Father, let your Holy Spirit find a home in our poor bodies and transform our weak, sinful lives into the radiance of goodness, purity, and righteousness. Transform our minds, our understanding, our judgments, our whole selves to reflect the mind of Christ. Take our sickness and pain, our disappointments and despair, our sorrows and mourning, our pride and anger, our selfishness and envy, our hate and fear: take all these, Father, and transform them by the healing touch of Jesus into noble impulses, pure motives, kind thoughts, constructive deeds, high courage, and true faith.

Special prayers

Look on your Church, Lord, here and in every place, and grant that we and all who bear the name of Christ may daily offer up to you the acceptable sacrifices of repentance, thanksgiving, and loving obedience. Hear our prayer, and by your mercy grant it for Jesus' sake. 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.

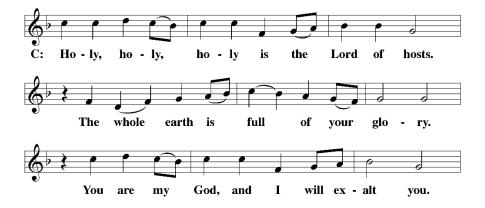
C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

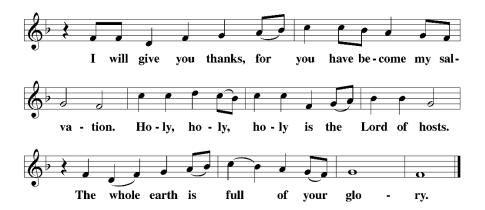
C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise 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



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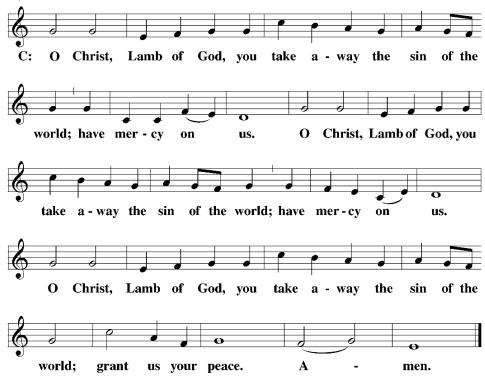
### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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



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# **DISTRIBUTION**

HYMN: 714, "The Lamb"



As the Lord provided for Abraham a sacrifice in place of his son Isaac, so also he lovingly provides for us his own Son, Jesus, the perfect Lamb of God sacrificed for the sins of the world.

Tune: WINTER (48 48 and Refrain)

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#### THANK THE LORD



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







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.

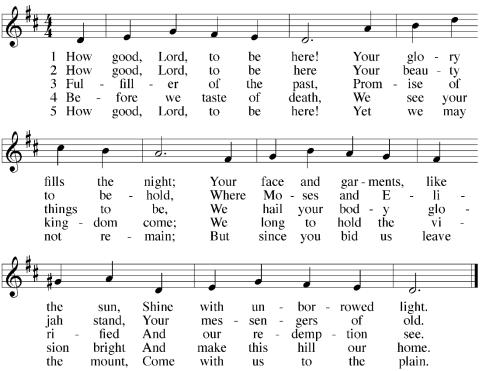
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

#### C: Amen.

# CLOSING HYMN: 95, "How Good, Lord, to Be Here"

The small choir signs the first two verses, and the congregation joins for the final three verses.



Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, alt.

Tune: POTSDAM (SM) J. S. Bach, 1685-1750, adapt.

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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!

# 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 <a href="mailto:erika.ohlendorf@gmail.com">erika.ohlendorf@gmail.com</a> or 617-821-3126

# 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.

Here's how you can help: Throughout the month of March, bring donations of small, individually wrapped Easter candy and plastic eggs to the Fellowship Hall. If you'd rather give a cash donation to pastor and have him buy stuff on your behalf, that works too.

Also, on the day of the hunt a little volunteer help is needed to staff the Welcome Table where VBS and Easter worship invitations will be distributed; also a little help laying out the eggs (around noon) and cleaning up afterward (around 2:30) would be great. If you can help, please speak to pastor. Thank you!

### Wine and Word Bible Study – On Break Until Thursday, 4/20

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 to RSVP.

#### **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.