

March 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

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

Keyboard Operator: 8:30: Sandee Clay 11:00:

Livestream Producer: Jack Proksch

Today's Focus: The Lord's saving Servant works for all nations. His love inspires faith that clings to him fully and fervently. Our worship follows *The Common Service*.

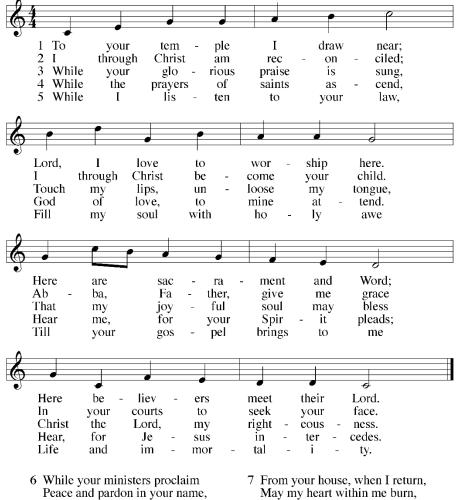
We Come into the Presence of God

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: 226, "To Your Temple I Draw Near"



Through their voice, by faith, may I Hear you speaking from the sky.

⁷ From your house, when I return, May my heart within me burn, And at evening let me say, "I have walked with God today."

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.

Tune: GOTT SEI DANK DURCH ALLE WELT (77 77) Freylinghausen, Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, Halle, 1704, alt.

Stand

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



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

- M: Let us pray. Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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 49:5-9a

God's love reaches beyond the chosen nation of Israel; his Messiah will work to save all nations.

But now the LORD, who formed me from the womb to be his servant. to turn Jacob back to him, so that Israel might be gathered to him, so that I will be honored in the eyes of the LORD, because my God has been my strength-⁶ the LORD said: It is too small a thing that you should just be my servant to raise up only the tribes of Jacob and to restore the ones I have preserved in Israel, so I will appoint you to be a light for the nations, so that my salvation will be known to the end of the earth. ⁷ This is what the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, its Holy One, says to the one deeply despised, to the one who is detested by the nation, to the servant of rulers.

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Kings will see and stand up. Officials will see and bow down, because of the LORD, who is faithful, because of the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you. ⁸ This is what the LORD says. In the time of favor, I will answer you. In the day of salvation, I will help you. I will guard you, and I will appoint you to be a covenant for the people, to re-establish the land, to redistribute inheritances that are now deserted, ⁹ to say to the prisoners, "Go forth!" to those who are in the darkness, "Show yourselves!"

PSALM OF THE DAY: 25

Read Responsively

- M: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
- C: in you I trust, O my God.
- M: Remember, O LORD, your mercy and your love,
- C: for they are from of old.
- M: Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;
- C: according to your love remember me, for you are good, O LORD.
- M: Turn to me and be gracious to me,
- C: for I am lonely and afflicted.
- M: Look upon my affliction and my distress
- C: and take away all my sins.
- M: Guard my life and rescue me,
- C: for I take refuge in you.

SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 4:1-7

Fervent faith in the Lord will prove itself with strong, sanctified, God-pleasing lives.

Therefore, beyond this, brothers, just as you received instruction from us about how you are to walk so as to please God (as indeed you are doing), we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus that you do so even more.² To be sure, you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. ³ Indeed, this is God's will: that you be sanctified, namely, that you keep yourselves away from sexual immorality. ⁴ He wants each of you to learn to obtain a wife for yourself in a way that is holy and honorable, ⁵ not in lustful passion like the heathen, who do not know God. ⁶ No one is to overstep and take advantage of his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, just as we said previously and solemnly testified to it. ⁷ For God did not call us for uncleanness, but in sanctification.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. Alleluia! (*Philippians 2:8b*)

Stand

GOSPEL AND SERMON TEXT

Matthew 15:21-28

M: The Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 15.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord!

Jesus left that place and withdrew into the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² There a Canaanite woman from that territory came and kept crying out, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! A demon is severely tormenting my daughter!"

²³ But he did not answer her a word.

His disciples came and pleaded, "Send her away, because she keeps crying out after us."

²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

²⁵ But she came and knelt in front of him, saying, "Lord, help me."

²⁶ He answered her, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to their little dogs."
²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she said, "yet their little dogs also eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."
²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, your faith is great! It will be done for you, just as you desire." And her daughter was healed at that very hour.

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

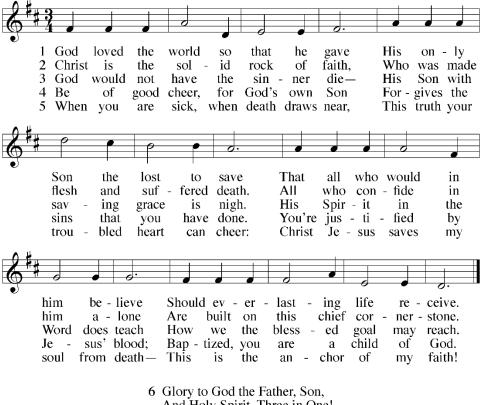
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate 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: "God, Grow our Faith Strong"

HYMN OF THE DAY: 391, "God Loved the Word So that He Gave"



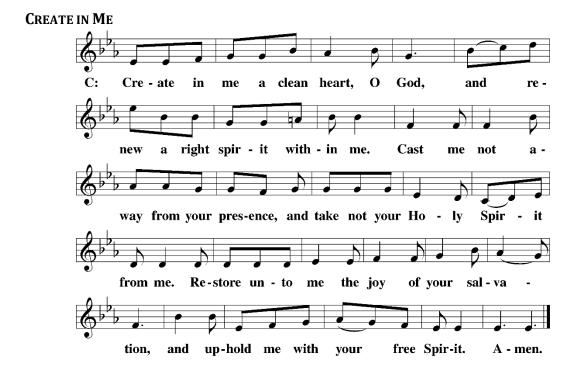
Glory to God the Father, Son,
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 To you, O blessed Trinity,
 Be praise now and eternally!

Text: *Heiliges Lippen... Gesangbuch*, Stettin, c. 1778; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt. Tune: ST. CRISPIN (LM) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

SERMON

Text: Matthew 15:21-28 Theme: Jesus Feeds Tenacious Faith

Stand



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: Lord Jesus, you are the author and perfecter of our faith. Obeying your Father's will, you endured the cross and scorned its shame. Now you sit at the right hand of the throne of God, governing all things.

Lord, we confess that it was for us and for our salvation that you came to this world to suffer and die. You bore our guilt. You endured our punishment. You experienced the wrath of God in our place. For your unselfish sacrifice on our behalf, help us show our gratitude to you in everything we think, say, and do.

As we walk through life, keep us from becoming entangled by sin. Remove all obstacles and stumbling blocks, and keep us from falling or going astray. Help us run with perseverance the race that you have marked out for us. When that way involves pain, suffering, or persecution, help us view these things as evidence of your loving discipline intended to draw us ever closer to you.

Special prayers

M: Hold before us the example of those who have gone ahead, bearing the cross for you. As you led them, so lead us. As you strengthened them, so strengthen us. Keep our eyes fixed on you, for then we will surely arrive safely at the heavenly home you have prepared for us. Hear us for your mercy's 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

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.

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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, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. 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

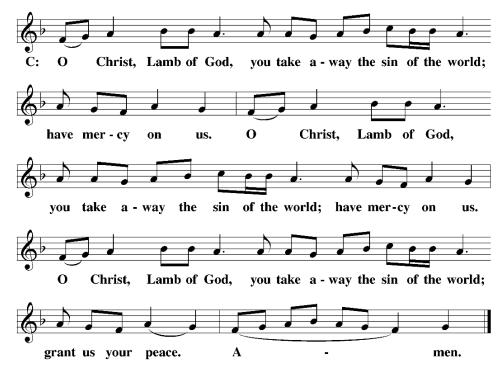


WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

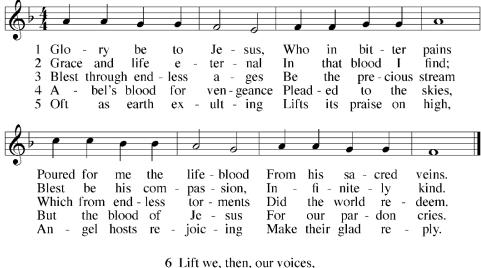


O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD – AGNUS DEI

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DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: 103, "Glory Be to Jesus"



6 Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood; Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!

Text: Italian hymn, 18th century, abr.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt. Tune: WEM IN LEIDENSTAGEN (65 65) Friedrich Filitz, 1804–76.

Stand

SONG OF SIMEON



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 the Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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: 318, "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, Our faith true con -2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing, То God ev er --God from fess - ing, The peo - ple his dwell - ing of take liv - ing, The tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will leave. The sup - per is end - ed; Oh. be now ex faith face. Our ev - er shar - ing, In love ev er tend - ed The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be car - ing, Em - brac - ing his chil - dren of each tribe and lieve. The seed of his teach - ing, Re cep With race. your feast feed us; With your you tive souls reach - ing, Shall blos - som in ac - tion for light now lead us; U nite us as one in this vite God and for all. His grace did in _ us; His life that we share. Then may all the liv - ing With shall То God's love u nite us work for and thanks - giv - ing Give praise hon or to king dom and his call. swer an -Christ and his that name we bear.

Omer Westendorf, b. 1916, alt. © 1964 World Library Publications, Franklin Park, IL, www.wlpmusic.com. Text: All rights reserved. Used by permission. Tune: THE ASH GROVE (66 11 66 11 D) Welsh folk tune.

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Lenten Suppers

During the remaining Wednesdays of Lent (March 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.

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!

Trinity Book Club - March 25

Join the Trinity Book Club at Rachel Kovaciny's house on Saturday, March 25, to discuss *Jane of Austin* by Hillary Manton Lodge. We'll start the discussion at 9:30am. Please let Rachel know if you plan to attend.

Voters' Meeting – March 26

Trinity's next quarterly voters' meeting will be held online Sunday, March 26 at 1:30pm. A zoom link and agenda will be coming to voters' inboxes from President Steve Proksch.

Church-Wide Yard Sale – April 15

Our annual church-wide yard sale will be held Saturday, April 15! Start your spring cleaning off right by bringing us all your unwanted clothing, shoes, toys, housewares, small appliances, books, etc. Beginning after Sunday school (11 am) on Sunday, April 2, you can drop off your donations in the big classroom (next to Pastor's office). Please, NO large appliances or other large items.

We'll need some volunteers to help sort those items before the yard sale, to help set up the yard sale the morning of April 15, and to help take any unsold items to the thrift stores at 11am on April 15. Let Rachel Kovaciny know if you are willing and able to help with any of those. (Rain date is Saturday, April 22.)

As always, all money raised at the yard sale will go straight into the Sunday school's mission offering, which supports the Kids C.A.R.E. ministries organized by our synod.

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 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 <u>dawn.f.knox@gmail.com</u> 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 <u>admin@trinityofwoodbridge.org</u>

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 <u>revpauljenkins@yahoo.com</u> 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.