

**June 18, 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.





# Third Sunday after Pentecost

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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

**Today's Focus:** Although many reject the Lord's invitation to attend his heavenly banquet, he continues to call until the eternal banquet hall is full. 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: 221, "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered  
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est  
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from  
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and



all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
dark - ness shroud - ed Till your Spir - it breaks our night  
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;  
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we your Word may trust,



Now to seek and love and fear you, By your teach - ings,  
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to  
Help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your  
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.  
God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.  
peo - ple rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.  
low must wan - der, Till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–84, st. 1-3; *Geistreiches Gesang-Büchlein*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1-3, alt.; unknown, st. 4, alt.

Tune: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER (78 78 88) Johann R. Ahle, 1625–73, alt.

*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.**

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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;

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. O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us the strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; 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

#### **Isaiah 25:6-9**

*Isaiah pictures the perfect jubilation and lasting celebration of the banquet of heaven.*

On this mountain  
the LORD of Armies will prepare for all peoples  
a banquet of rich food,  
a banquet of aged wines,  
with the best cuts of meat,  
and with the finest wines.

<sup>7</sup> On this mountain  
he will destroy the shroud that covers all peoples,  
the burial cloth stretched over all nations.

<sup>8</sup> He has swallowed up death forever!  
The LORD God will wipe away the tears from every face.  
He will take away the shame of his people throughout the earth.  
For the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup> On that day it will be said,  
“Look, here is our God!  
We waited for him, and he saved us!  
This is the LORD!  
We waited for him.  
Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!”



## PSALM OF THE DAY: 100

*Read responsively*

Shout to the LORD with joy, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> Serve the LORD with gladness.

Come before him with joyful songs.

<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD is God.

He made us, and we are his.

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

his courtyards with praise.

Give thanks to him and bless his name.

<sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good. His mercy endures forever.

His faithfulness continues through all generations.

## SECOND LESSON

### **1 John 3:13-18**

*Those who by faith have accepted the invitation to heaven's banquet no longer live for the world's approval, but for true love of their brothers and sisters.*

Do not be surprised, brothers, if the world hates you. <sup>14</sup>We know that we have crossed over from death to life, because we love our brothers. The one who does not love remains in death. <sup>15</sup>Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him. <sup>16</sup>This is how we have come to know love: Jesus laid down his life for us. And we also should lay down our lives for our brothers. <sup>17</sup>Whoever has worldly wealth and sees his brother in need but closes his heart against him—how can God's love remain in him? <sup>18</sup>Dear children, let us love not only with word or with our tongue, but also in action and truth.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia! (*2 Corinthians 5:19*)

*Stand*

## **GOSPEL AND SERMON TEXT**

### **Luke 14:16-24**

Jesus said to him, "A certain man made a great banquet and invited many people. <sup>17</sup>When it was time for the banquet, he sent out his servant to tell those who were invited, 'Come, because everything is now ready.' <sup>18</sup>But they all alike began to make excuses.

"The first one told him, 'I bought a field, and I need to go and see it. I ask you to excuse me.'

<sup>19</sup>"Another one said, 'I bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out. I ask you to excuse me.'

<sup>20</sup>"Still another said, 'I just got married, and so I am unable to attend.'

<sup>21</sup>"The servant arrived and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house was angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town, and bring in here the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.'

<sup>22</sup>"The servant said, 'Master, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.'

<sup>23</sup>"Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and urge them to come in, so that my house may be filled. <sup>24</sup>Yes, I tell you that none of those men who were invited will taste my banquet.'"

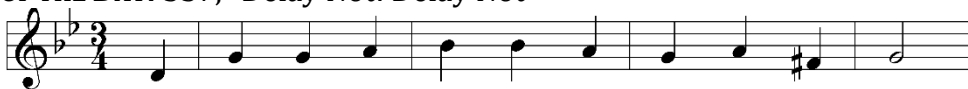
M: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be Seated*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "RSVP"**

## HYMN OF THE DAY: 337, "Delay Not! Delay Not"



1 De - lay not! De - lay not! O sin - ner, draw near!  
2 De - lay not! De - lay not, O sin - ner, to come,  
3 De - lay not! De - lay not! The Spir - it of grace,  
4 De - lay not! De - lay not! The hour is at hand;  
5 De - lay not! De - lay not! Why long - er a - buse



The wa - ters of life are now flow - ing for you.  
For mer - cy still lin - gers and calls you to - day.  
Long grieved and re - sist - ed, may take his sad flight  
The earth will dis - solve, and the heav - ens will fade.  
The love and com - pas - sion of Je - sus, your God?



No price is de - mand - ed; the Sav - ior is here.  
Its voice is not heard in the vale of the tomb;  
And leave you in dark - ness to fin - ish your race,  
The dead, small and great, in the Judg - ment must stand—  
A foun - tain is o - pened—how can you re - fuse?



Re - demp - tion is pur - chased; God's prom - ise is true.  
Its mes - sage, un - heed - ed, will soon pass a - way.  
To sink in the gloom of e - ter - ni - ty's night.  
What pow'r, then, O sin - ner, can lend you its aid?  
Come, wash and be cleansed in his par - don - ing blood.

Text: Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872, alt.

Tune: MALDWYN (11 11 11 11) Welsh melody, 17th century.

## SERMON

**TEXT:** Luke 14:16-24

**Theme:** God Keeps Calling

*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.**

**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: Lord of power and grace, whose eyes are on the righteous and whose ears are open to their cry, hear the prayer of your people as we come now in thankfulness for the mercies you pour down on us anew each day.

We thank you for the gifts of your mighty providence. Make us mindful, O Lord, that you have provided us with life, breath, and being, and are the source of our daily bread. We praise you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be the Savior of the world. Grant that we may believe in him with all our hearts, learning from him the great truths of the kingdom to which he bore faithful witness.

Grant us your Holy Spirit, that we may produce the fruits of righteousness. May he endow us with unwavering faith, that we might always be ready to do your will.

We pray for the nations of the earth. Subdue terror and tyranny everywhere, and call forth leaders who acknowledge that you are Lord over all the earth. Bless our own land. May it ever follow that which is good and turn from all that is wicked, that our people may prosper in uprightness and integrity.

O Lord, hear our cry for those who are afflicted. Grant them health in body and soul, and save them for your mercy's sake.

*Special prayers*

M: Hear and answer us for Jesus' sake, as we pray in his words:

## 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 be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends his Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. 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.**

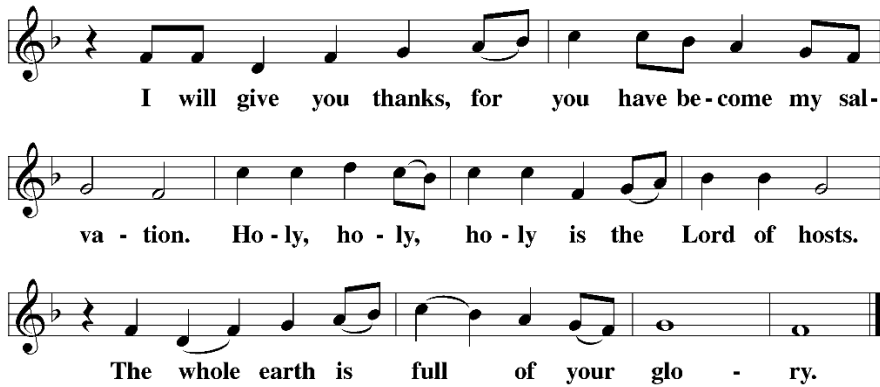


**The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.**



**You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.**

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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



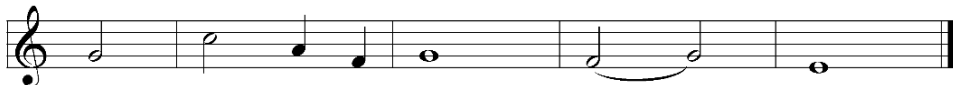
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



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.

*Be Seated*

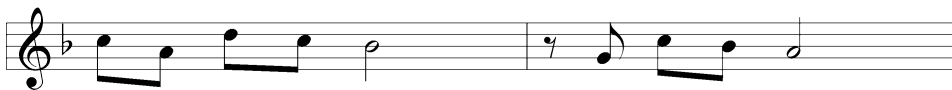
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**HYMN: 742 “What is This Bread”**



1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	That	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en	from	the	dead:	This	bread	we	break.
Je - sus	shed	for	mine;	The	cup	of	grace
live	and	he	should	die	Un -	der	the
Word	and	prom -	ise	clear.	In	mouth	and
giv - en	and	set	free!	I	do	be -	lieve



This	life	we	take	Was	crushed	to	pay	for	our	re -
Brings	his	em -	brace	Of	life	and	love	un -	til	I
My	God,	my	God,	Why	have	you	not	for -	sak -	en
He	makes	us	whole—	Christ,	tru -	ly	pre -	sent	in	this
That	I	re -	ceive	His	ver -	y	bod -	y	and	his



lease.	Oh,	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	peace.
sing!	Oh,	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	King.
me?	Oh,	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	free.
meal.	Oh,	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	real.
blood.	Oh,	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	good.

*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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**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, though 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.

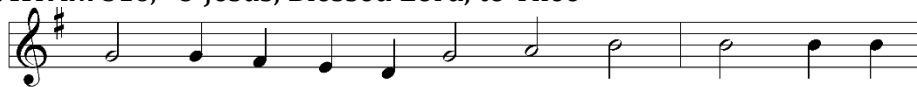
The Lord bless you and keep you.

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: 316, "O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"**



1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to thee My heart - felt  
2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is



thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing - ly  
come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with - in



be - stowed On me thy bod - y and thy blood.  
my heart— How blest am I! How good thou art!

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Arthur J. Mason, 1851–1928.

Tune: OLD HUNDREDETH (LM) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551.



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### Fellowship Opportunities This Summer: “Chosen” Nights

On most Wednesday nights this summer, everyone is welcome to potluck suppers that will start at 6. Beverages and tableware will be provided; please bring a dish to pass if you can. After supper we will watch an episode of the acclaimed series, “The Chosen,” which tells the story of Jesus through the eyes of those who followed him. A little discussion time will follow the show.

The “Chosen” nights will be: June 21 and 28; July 12 and 26; August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

Speak to Pastor if you have any questions.

### Join the Trinity Book Club at 9am on Saturday, July 1, at Cuppi Coffee in Dumfries.

We'll discuss *Code Name Edelweiss* by Stephanie Landsem. Contact Rachel Kovaciny with any questions.

### Wine and Word Bible Study – Thursday, July 6

The Wine and Word Bible Study meets at the home of Bruce and Dawn Knox. Their home is located just 5 minutes from the church in Old Bridge Estates. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays from 7-8:30pm. We are studying the book of Revelation with Larry Kovaciny as our guide. Those who wish can bring a bottle of wine and small bite appetizer. Come and join us whether you drink wine or not! Contact Dawn at 703-615-9320 or [dawn.f.knox@gmail.com](mailto:dawn.f.knox@gmail.com) to RSVP.

### Excess Offerings Team

From Trinity’s President Steve Proksch: Trinity was blessed with an abundance of financial offerings beyond our actual expenses in 2022. Anyone in the congregation may contact the treasurer, Mr. Jim Strock, if they would like to participate on the team to help decide what to do with Trinity’s surplus funds. This could include additional support to world missions, helping other WELS churches in need, or adjusting Trinity’s financial investments.

### VBS Donation Board

There is a board in the narthex listing items we need to make this year's VBS a success! Some items are loans and will be returned after VBS, and some items are donations that will be used up and not returned. Please take the sticky note for any item you wish to contribute. All donations and loans must be dropped off in the big classroom by July 9th.

## 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.



## Vacation Bible School

It's time to register for this year's VBS, which will be held here at Trinity July 17-21 from 9:00-11:30 am. Come join us for a Stellar VBS where kids will have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. We're looking forward to sharing God's Word, singing songs, making crafts, playing games, and of course, having some awesome snacks together. VBS is for kids ages 3 (and potty trained) to those entering 6th grade in the fall. Please register here: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/trinity2023> or scan the QR Code below



If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact Erika Ohlendorf ([erika.ohlendorf@gmail.com](mailto:erika.ohlendorf@gmail.com)). Kids entering 7th grade and older may volunteer as helpers.

## Help Needed with New Mover Welcome Packages

Each month Trinity delivers welcome care packages to new residents in our nearby neighborhood. We have a dedicated but small crew undertaking this project. If you would like to help, either providing care packages or delivering them, please speak to pastor. We are trying to make friends, inviting contact with as many new neighbors as possible, but need more help. Thank you for considering.

## Ushers and Usher Assistants Needed

A sign-up sheet is sent via email through Sign-up Genius. You are welcome to fill in as many Sundays as you are available. If you would like to become part of the regular rotation of ushers, or even just fill in once in a while when needed, please speak to Worship Elder Matt Popelier. If you are not getting the emails for Sign-Up Genius, please email [admin@trinityofwoodbridge.org](mailto:admin@trinityofwoodbridge.org)

## Our Little Free Library

Our Little Free Library always welcomes donations of books and food! If the library outside is full, you can place donations in the white plastic bin in the Fellowship Hall right beside the door to the hallway.

## Lord's Supper Available to All Members

If you are a confirmed member of Trinity, Pastor would be happy to commune you at home, or anywhere else you would like to meet. Just contact him at (309) 433-5807 or [revpauljenkins@yahoo.com](mailto:revpauljenkins@yahoo.com) with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work



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to Woodbridge and to the world.



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