

August 20, 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

**Today's Focus:** The humble heart finds a home in God's grace as it openly confesses sin and freely receives forgiveness. 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.

1 Rock of cleft for Let hide А me. me ges, 2 Not bors Can the la of my hands ful fill ing 3 Noth in my hand Ī bring, Sim - ply to 4 While Ι draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye ο θ . my - self in thee: Let the and the blood wa ter thy law's de - mands. Could my zeal no res - pite know, thy cross I cling; Na ked. come thee for dress. to lids close in death, When Ι soar to worlds un - known, θ en side which flowed Be the From thy of riv sin Could for - ev - er flow. All for my tears sin could Foul, Help less, look to thee for grace. Ι to the thy judg-ment throne, Rock See thee on of А ges, ο ble Cleanse me dou cure: from its guilt and pow'r. а tone; Thou must save and thou а - lone. not foun tain fly-Wash me. Sav ior. or Ι die! cleft hide my - self in for me, Let me thee!

**OPENING HYMN:** 389, "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Text: August M. Toplady, 1740–78, alt.

Tune: TOPLADY (77 77 77) Thomas Hastings, 1784-1872.

Stand

## INVOCATION

Minister:The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the<br/>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.

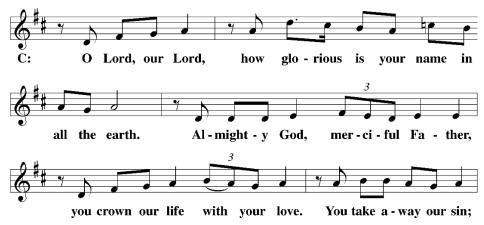
M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

## C: Christ, have mercy.

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- 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. Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son, 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 AND SERMON TEXT

#### 2 Samuel 12:1-13

So the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came and told him this:

There were two men in a city. One was rich and one poor. <sup>2</sup> The rich man had a large number of flocks and herds. <sup>3</sup> The poor man did not own anything except one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He raised it so that it grew up together with him and his children. It ate from his food and drank from his cup. It slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him. <sup>4</sup> When a traveler came to the rich man, the rich man was unwilling to take an animal from his flock or from his herd to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. So he took the lamb from the poor man and prepared it for the man who had come to him.

<sup>5</sup> David's anger flared up against that man. He said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this is as good as dead. <sup>6</sup> In place of that lamb, he will restore four lambs, because he did this and had no pity."

<sup>7</sup> Nathan told David, "You are the man. This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says."

I anointed you king over Israel. I rescued you from the hand of Saul. <sup>8</sup> I gave the house of your master to you, and I gave the wives of your master into your embrace. I gave you the house of Israel and the house of Judah. If this was too little, I would have added even more. <sup>9</sup>Why have you despised the word of the LORD by doing evil in his eyes? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword. You have taken his wife as your own wife. You have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. <sup>10</sup> So now the sword will not depart from your house forever, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.

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<sup>11</sup> This is what the LORD says. Look! I am raising up disaster against you from your own house. Right in front of your eyes I will take your wives and give them to your neighbor, and he will lie down with your wives in the sight of the sun. <sup>12</sup> Because you acted in secret, I will do this in front of all Israel in broad daylight.

13 David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD."

Nathan said to David, "The LORD himself has put away your sin. You will not die."

# PSALM OF THE DAY: 6

Read responsively

- M: O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger
- C: or discipline me in your wrath.
- M: Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am faint;
- C: O LORD, heal me, for my soul is in anguish.
- M: Turn, O LORD, and deliver me;
- C: save me because of your unfailing love.
- M: I am worn out from groaning.
- C: My eyes grow weak with sorrow.
- M: Away from me, all you who do evil,
- C: for the LORD has heard my weeping.
- M: The LORD has heard my cry for mercy;
- C: the LORD accepts my prayer.

## **SECOND LESSON**

### 1 Corinthians 15:1-10

St. Paul maintains godly humility even while asserting his authority as an apostle.

Brothers, I am going to call your attention to the gospel that I preached to you. You received it, and you took your stand on it. <sup>2</sup> You are also being saved by that gospel that was expressed in the words I preached to you, if you keep your hold on it—unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received:

that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve.

<sup>6</sup>After that he appeared to over five hundred brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, but some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, he appeared also to me, the stillborn child, so to speak. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, and I am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted God's church. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not ineffective. On the contrary, I worked more than all of them (and yet it wasn't my doing, but it was the grace of God, which was with me, that did it).

# VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Alleluia! (*Hebrews 11:1*)

Stand

# GOSPEL

#### Luke 18:9-14

God gladly answers humble confession with divine forgiveness. (The beginning of verse 11 could also be translated: The Pharisee stood and prayed to himself like this...)

Jesus told this parable to certain people who trusted in themselves (that they were righteous) and looked down on others: <sup>10</sup> "Two men went up to the temple courts to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee stood and prayed about himself like this: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people, robbers, evildoers, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week. I give a tenth of all my income.'

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<sup>13</sup> "However the tax collector stood at a distance and would not even lift his eyes up to heaven, but was beating his chest and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'

<sup>14</sup> "I tell you, this man went home justified rather than the other, because everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

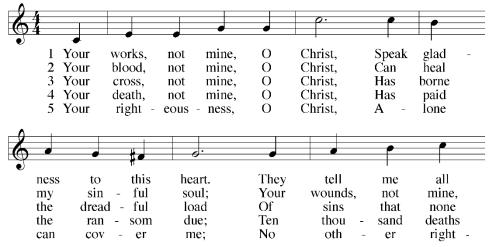
M: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

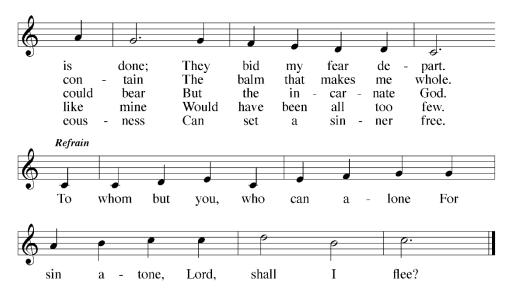
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# CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "A Basic Lesson on Pride"

# HYMN OF THE DAY: 401, "You Works, Not Mine, O Christ"



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Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–89, alt. Tune: ST. JOHN (66 66 88) *The Parish Choir*, London, 1850.

# SERMON

TEXT:	2 Samuel 12:1-13
Theme:	The Lord Gives Life to the Humble

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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.

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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: O Lord God almighty, through the greatness of your power all things in heaven and earth were created. We thank you for crowning the year with your goodness, for spreading grain over the fields, and for adorning the valleys with bounty. You have filled the earth with riches and rewarded human labor. Above all, though, we thank you for bringing us salvation through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Great is your name, O God, and marvelous is your mercy.

Make your Church alive with the power of the gospel. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us that we may serve you with zeal: rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing in prayer.

Give quietness and confidence to all who may be enduring any trial or adversity of body, mind, or spirit, and grant them the rewards of faith and trust in you.

And since our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed, help us to cast off the works of darkness and to put on the armor of light, so that when our Lord Jesus returns, he may, according to his promise, transform our lowly bodies and make them glorious like his. In his holy name we pray. Amen.

Special prayers

# 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.

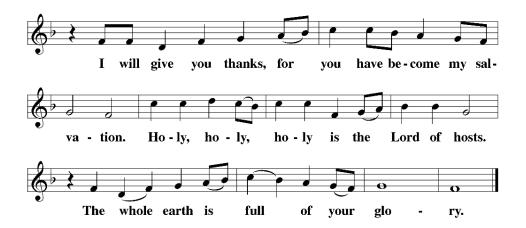
#### C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the 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.

#### C: Ho - ly. ho - lv is the Lord ho - ly, of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glo ry. God. You and I will ex - alt are my you.

# 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."

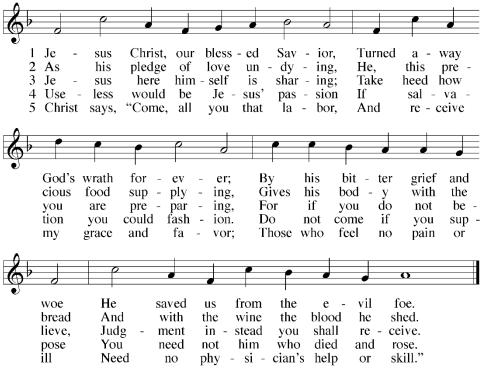
- M. The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: Amen.



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## DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: 313, "Jesus Christ, our Blessed Savior"

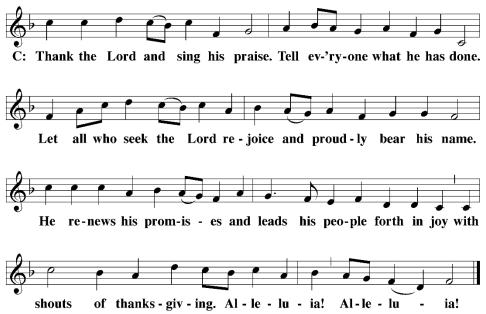


- 6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken That this food is to be taken By the souls who are distressed, By hearts that long for peace and rest.
- 7 Praise the Father, who from heaven Unto us such food has given And, to mend what we have done, Gave into death his only Son.
- 8 If your heart this truth professes And your mouth your sin confesses, Surely you will be his guest And at his banquet ever blest.

Stand

Text: John Hus, 1369-1415; German version, Martin Luther, 1483-1546, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: JESUS CHRISTUS, UNSER HEILAND, DER VON UNS (88 78) Klug, Geistliche Lieder auffs new gebessert, Wittenberg, 1535, alt.



- 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.

Be Seated

CLOSING HYMN: 319, "On My Heart Imprint Your Image"



Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703, abr.; tr. Peer O. Strömme, 1856–1921, alt. Tune: DER AM KREUZ (87 87 77 88) Johann B. König, 1691–1758.

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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 remaining "Chosen" nights are August 23 and 30. Please speak to Pastor if you have any questions.

# It's time to register your kids for Sunday school!

Children age 2 through 8th grade are welcome to attend Trinity's Sunday school every Sunday at 9:45am beginning September 10. Please register your kids at <u>https://trinityofwoodbridge.org/sundayschool/</u> or by scanning the QR code below. This helps us know how much curriculum to order for each class.



# Women's Bible Study - Saturday, September 9

The Trinity Women's Bible Study is starting back up again on Saturday, September 9 at 9:00 am at Trinity. We will be starting a new book, "Esther: Providential Persian Queen" by Lou Ann Mokwa. Copies of the book can be found in the narthex. The Bible Study will meet the second Saturday of each month. For questions, please contact Erika Ohlendorf at <u>erika.ohlendorf@gmail.com</u> or 617-821-3126.Sunday Morning

# Bible Class and Sunday School Start September 10!

The final Sunday for the summer worship schedule is September 3.

On the following Sunday, September 10, we will move back to worship services at 8:30 and 11:00, with Bible class and Sunday School from 9:45-10:45. The first two Bible class topics of the fall will be a five or six week study of the letter of St. James, followed by "My Brother's Keeper" a five week class that offers insights and strategies for reaching out to straying Christian family members and friends.

# Sunday School Collection for Little Free Library

The first service project of the year for Trinity's Sunday School will support our Little Free Library. Offerings of books, non-perishable food, and personal hygiene items will be collected in the narthex throughout the month of September. Trinity's Little Free Library is used daily by our neighbors, many of whom have expressed their appreciation with words and notes. Thank you for helping with this project as you're able!

# Sunday School Staff Meeting – August 27

There will be a brief meeting for the teachers and directors of Sunday School following worship on August 27.

## **Catechism Instruction Resumes September 10**

Catechism class starts back up at noon on Sunday, September 10, with the goal of confirming five young people on Palm Sunday (March 24) of next year, and starting one more on the road to confirmation in 2025. Returning students are asked to bring their Catechisms and Bibles. Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend Catechism class anytime. This year we will be studying The Lord's Prayer, The Keys and Confession, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper. Most sessions last a little over an hour. You may eat lunch during class if you want.

# Wine and Word Bible Study – Thursday, Sept. 7

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 <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.

# **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, 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

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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.