

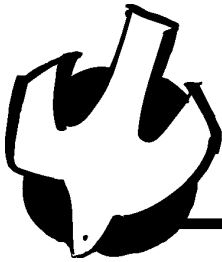
October 1, 2023

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.





Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 2023

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: In humility we go to God with nothing to give, to receive his gift of salvation. Then we devote all we are and all we have to his service, especially works that are humble in the eyes of the world but great in the eyes of God. Our worship follows *The Common Service*.

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: 234 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty", Verses 1 & 5



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
5 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for
reign - ing And, as on wings of an
made you, Health has be - stowed and when
fend you; Sure - ly his good - ness and
dore him! All that has life and breath,



he is your health and sal - va - tion!
ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
heed - less - ly fall - ing, has stayed you.
mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear Now to his tem - ple draw
Have you not seen All that is need - ful has
What need or grief Ev - er has failed of re -
Pon - der a - new What the Al - might - y can
Let the A - men Sound from his peo - ple a -



near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
been Sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
lief? Wings of his mer - cy did shade you.
do As with his love he be - friends you.
gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–80; tr. composite.

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN (14 14 478) *Ander Theil Des Erneuerten Gesang-Buchs*, Stralsund, 1665, 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 sinned against 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.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY BE TO GOD



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



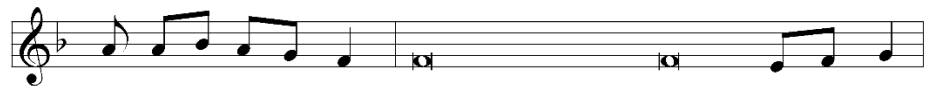
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; 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 AND SERMON TEXT

Micah 6:6-8

With what am I to appear before the LORD?
How should I bow down to God on high?
Should I appear before him with burnt offerings,
with one-year-old calves?
⁷ Will the LORD be delighted with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of streams of oil?
Should I give my firstborn for my rebellion,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
⁸ He has told you, mankind, what is good.
What does the LORD require from you,
except to carry out justice and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God?

PSALM OF THE DAY: 143

Read Responsively

M: O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;

C: in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.

M: Do not bring your servant into judgment,

C: for no one living is righteous before you.

M: My spirit grows faint within me;

C: my heart within me is dismayed.

M: Answer me quickly, O LORD;

C: do not hide your face from me.

M: Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,

C: for I have put my trust in you.

M: Teach me to do your will, for you are my God;

C: may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 4:1-6

St. Paul commands simple, humble good works from those who have received God's goodness.

As a prisoner in the Lord, therefore, I urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called.² Live with all humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love.

³ Make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in the one hope of your calling. ⁵ There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in us all.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Alleluia!
(2 Corinthians 12:9a)

STAND

GOSPEL

Luke 14:1-11

M: The Gospel of St. Luke, chapter 14.

C: **Glory be to you, O Lord!**

One Sabbath day, when Jesus went into the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat bread, they were watching him closely.

² Right in front of him was a man who was suffering from swelling of his body. ³ Jesus addressed the legal experts and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?"

⁴ But they were silent. So he took hold of the man, healed him, and let him go. ⁵ He said to them, "Which of you, if your son or an ox would fall into a well on a Sabbath day, would not immediately pull him out?"

⁶ And they could not reply to these things.

⁷ When he noticed how they were selecting the places of honor, he told the invited guests a parable. ⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline in the place of honor, or perhaps someone more distinguished than you may have been invited by him. ⁹ The one who invited both of you may come and tell you, 'Give this man your place.' Then you will begin, with shame, to take the lowest place.

¹⁰ "But when you are invited, go and recline in the lowest place, so that when the one who invited you comes, he will tell you, 'Friend, move up to a higher place.' Then you will have honor in the presence of all who are reclining at the table with you.

¹¹ "Yes, everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON: "God Loves the Little Things"

HYMN OF THE DAY: 392 "Not unto Us"



1 Not un - to us, not un - to us be glo - ry,
2 A - maz - ing grace— that chose us ere the worlds were
3 O faith - ful love— that shep - herd - ed through faith - less
4 Not un - to us but to your name be glo - ry,



Lord; Not un - to us but to your name be praise;
made; A - maz - ing grace— that sent your Son to save;
years; For - giv - ing love— that led us to your truth;
Lord, For grace so rich, so wide, so high, so free.



Not un - to us but to your name all hon - or be
A - maz - ing grace— that robed us in your right - eous -
Un - yield - ing love— that would not let us turn from
A - bide with us till trav - 'ling days are o - ver and



giv'n For match - less mer - cy, for - give - ness, and grace.
ness And taught our lips to sing glo - ry and praise.
you But sent us forth to speak par - don and peace.
done, And pil - grim feet lead us home, Lord, to you.

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SERMON

TEXT: Micah 6:6-8
THEME: "Give Less"

STAND

CREATE IN ME

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'CREATE IN ME'. It consists of five staves of music in a single system. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The final note of the piece is a double bar line.

BE SEATED

OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign the friendship register found in your 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 Christ, we lift up our hearts with thanksgiving and praise. Through the blood of your covenant, you have made us worthy to receive your Holy Supper. You join us with believers throughout the world and throughout the ages by your body given to us. In this sacrament time and eternity meet as we celebrate a foretaste of the feast now enjoyed by all who are in heavenly glory. As we receive your body and blood, we rejoice in our salvation through you, who with the Father and Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever.

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 good and right so to do.

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 promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written in G minor (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts: heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est." The score ends with a double bar line.

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.

The musical score consists of five staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, accessible style with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: 391 "God Loved the World So that He Gave"



1 God loved the world so that he gave His on - ly
 2 Christ is the sol - id rock of faith, Who was made
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die— His Son with
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives the
 5 When you are sick, when death draws near, This truth your



Son the lost to save That all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death. All who con - fide in
 sav - ing grace is nigh. His Spir - it in the
 sins that you have done. You're jus - ti - fied by
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus saves my



him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 Word does teach How we the bless - ed goal may reach.
 Je - sus' blood; Bap - tized, you are a child of God.
 soul from death— This is the an - chor of my faith!

6 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.

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

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 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: 236 "All Praise to God Who Reigns Above", Verses 1 & 3



1 All praise to God who reigns a - bove, The
 2 I cried to him in time of need: Lord
 3 The Lord will not for - sake his flock, His
 4 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, To
 5 Then come be - fore his pres - ence now And



God of all cre - a - tion, The God of
 God, oh, hear my call - ing! For death he
 cho - sen gen - er - a - tion; He is their
 God give praise and glo - ry! All who the
 ban - ish fear and sad - ness; To your Re -




won - ders, pow'r, and love, The God of
 gave me life in - deed And kept my
 ref - uge and their rock, Their peace and
 Fa - ther's pow'r pro - claim, To God give
 deem - er pay your vow And sing with



our sal - va - tion! With heal - ing balm my
 feet from fall - ing. For this my thanks shall
 their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's
 praise and glo - ry! All i - dols un - der
 joy and glad - ness. Though great dis - tress my



soul he fills, The God who ev - 'ry sor - row
 end - less be; Oh, thank him, thank our God with
 ten - der hand He leads his own, his cho - sen
 foot be trod; The Lord is God! The Lord is
 soul be - fell, The Lord my God did all things



stills— To God all praise and glo - ry!
 me— To God all praise and glo - ry!
 band— To God all praise and glo - ry!
 God! To God all praise and glo - ry!
 well— To God all praise and glo - ry!

Text: Johann J. Schütz, 1640–90, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: LOBT GOTT DEN HERREN, IHR HEIDEN ALL (87 87 887) Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570–1615.

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Sermon Notes Puzzle & Coloring Pages Available for Kids!

Puzzle & coloring pages are available for all kids on the table in the Narthex along with pencils and crayons. Word puzzles, games & space for drawings are all included in these sheets.

Women's Bible Study – Saturday, October 14 at 9:00 am

The Trinity Women's Bible Study will meet on Saturday, October 14 at 9:00 am at Trinity. We will be reading chapter two of "Esther: Providential Persian Queen" by Lou Ann Mokwa. Copies of the book can be found in the narthex. The Bible Study meets the second Saturday of each month. For questions, please contact Erika Ohlendorf at erika.ohlendorf@gmail.com or 617-821-3126.

Wine and Word Bible Study – On Break Until Thursday, October 19

The Wine and Word Bible Study is on break until October 19. The 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 7-8:30 pm. We are studying the book of Revelation with Larry Kovaciny as our guide. Those who wish can bring a bottle of wine and a 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.

Trinity Book Club Meets – Important change for the Trinity Book Club! October 21

Join the Trinity Book Club! We will meet at 9:30 am on **Saturday, October 21** at Cuppi Coffee in Dumfries. We will discuss the Christian fiction book *Lizzy and Jane* by Katherine Reay. Any questions? Talk to Rachel Kovaciny.

Fourth Annual Trunk or Treat – Oct 21

Trunk or Treat will be on Saturday, October 21, from 3-4 in Trinity's parking lot. Please let pastor know if you'd be willing and able to host a trunk, or if you have any questions about this neighborhood outreach event.

Advent by Candlelight – Save the Date

Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Manassas is hosting an Advent by Candlelight service on December 2 at 6:30 pm. All women of Trinity are invited to join the event. More information, including how to register will be coming soon. Questions: Contact Lynnette Hupman at lhupman57@gmail.com

Bible Class and Sunday School

Bible class and Sunday School are from 9:45-10:45. The first two Bible class topics of the fall are 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.

Catechism Instruction

Catechism class starts at noon, 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. 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.

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 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 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.