

September 17, 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.





Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- **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

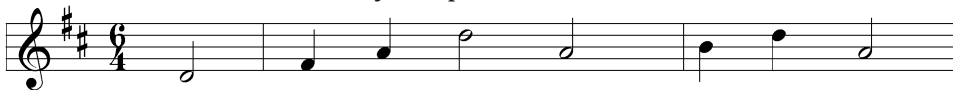
Today's Focus: God's goodness erases our worry and rests our hearts in his kingdom as we live in service to him. Our worship follows *Service of Word and Sacrament*.

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.

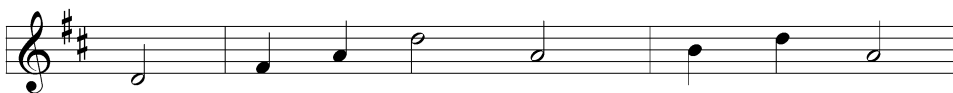
OPENING HYMN: 766, "The Lord's My Shepherd"



1 The Lord's my Shep - herd; I'll not want.
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed
5 Good - ness and mer - cy, all my life,



He makes me down to lie
And me to walk doth make
Yet will I fear no ill;
In pre - sence of my foes;
Shall sure - ly fol - low me,



In pas - tures green; he lead - eth me
With - in the paths of right - eous - ness,
For thou art with me, and thy rod
My head thou dost with oil a - noint,
And in God's house for - ev - er - more



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E'en for his own name's sake.
And staff me com - fort still.
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The well-known themes of Psalm 23 are set to the popular tune BROTHER JAMES' AIR.

Text: *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1650

Tune: BROTHER JAMES' AIR (86 86 86) J. L. Macbeth Bain, c. 1840–1925, adapt.

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.

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

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of ten staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) in the second, third, and fourth staves. The piece concludes with a double bar line and a key signature change to one flat (F).

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;
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. Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through 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

1 Kings 17:8-16

The Lord provides for the family of a believing widow and for his prophet Elijah.

Then the word of the LORD came to him: ⁹“Get up! Go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there. I have commanded a woman there, a widow, to provide for you.”

¹⁰ So he got up and went to Zarephath. He came to the city gate, and there he saw a widow gathering sticks. He called to her and said, “Please give me a little water in a jar, so that I can have something to drink.”

¹¹ When she went to get it, he called to her, “Please bring me a piece of bread.”

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¹² She said, “As surely as the LORD your God lives, I have no food except a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a pitcher. See, I am gathering a couple of sticks so that I can go and prepare it for myself and my son, so that we can eat it and then die.”

¹³ Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid. Go and do just as you said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from the flour and bring it out to me. Then go and make another for you and your son. ¹⁴ For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says. The jar of flour will not run out and the pitcher of oil will not become empty until the day the LORD sends rain to water the surface of the ground.”

¹⁵ So she went and did exactly as Elijah said. He and she, as well as her household, were able to eat for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of flour did not run out, and the pitcher of oil did not become empty, just as the LORD had said through Elijah

PSALM OF THE DAY: 62

Read responsively

M: My soul finds rest in God alone;

C: my salvation comes from him.

M: He alone is my rock and my salvation;

C: he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

M: Find rest, O my soul, in God alone;

C: my hope comes from him.

M: Though your riches increase,

C: do not set your heart on them.

M: My salvation and my honor depend on God;

C: he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

M: Trust in him at all times, O people;

C: pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

SECOND LESSON

Galatians 5:25-6:10

The Christian's faith shows itself in harmony, gentle correction, humility, personal responsibility, generosity, and self-control.

If we live by the spirit, let us also walk in step with it. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, provoking one another and envying one another.

6 Brothers, if a person is caught in some trespass, you who are spiritual should restore such a person in a spirit of humility, carefully watching yourself so that you are not also tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and in this way fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if someone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴Let each person test his own work, and then he will take pride in regard to himself and not his neighbor. ⁵For each man will bear his own burden.

⁶Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with his teacher.

⁷Do not be deceived. God is not mocked. To be sure, whatever a man sows, he will also reap. ⁸Indeed, the one who sows for his own sinful flesh will reap destruction from the sinful flesh. But the one who sows for the spirit will reap eternal life from the spirit. ⁹Let us not become weary of doing good, because at the appointed time we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who belong to the household of faith.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Alleluia! (*Romans 15:4*)

Stand

GOSPEL AND SERMON TEXT

Matthew 6:24-34

“No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and *mammon*.

²⁵ “For this reason I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?

²⁷ “Which of you can add a single moment to his lifespan by worrying? ²⁸ Why do you worry about clothing? Consider how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin, ²⁹ but I tell you that not even Solomon in all his glory was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will he not clothe you even more, you of little faith?

³¹ “So do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³² For the unbelievers chase after all these things. Certainly your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: “Look at the Birds”

HYMN OF THE DAY: 757, "Where Your Treasure Is"



Where your treas - ure is, there your



heart shall be. All that you pos - sess will nev - er set you



free. Seek the things that last; come and



learn from me. Where your



treas - ure is, your heart shall be. be.



- Verses*
- 1 What do you gain from all your wor - ry,
 - 2 Look at the ra - vens high a - bove you.
 - 3 Be - hold the lil - ies in their splen - dor.
 - 4 O lit - tle flock, do not be fright - ened;



What you should eat or what to wear?
 They do not work their whole life through,
 In grace and beau - ty they are dressed,
 Yours is the king - dom of the Lord.

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There is no peace in stress or hur - ry. Do you not
And yet God feeds them and pro - tects them. So how much
And yet so soon their bloom is fa - ded. So how much
Give your pos - ses - sions to the need - y; Ob - tain a



know that you are held with - in God's care?
more will God pro - tect and care for you?
more will those who look to God be blessed?
treasure in God's heav - en safe - ly stored.

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SERMON

TEXT: Matthew 6:24-34

Theme: God Gives the Best Life

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 our lives, by sending your Son to live and die as our perfect substitute, you provided forgiveness and salvation for a world of sinners. We praise you for your generous saving love. We thank you for reaching out to each of us personally with your Word in the water of Baptism. You have set us apart as people who belong to you, people whose purpose in life is to receive your love and live to your glory.

Gracious Father, remind us that you have called us to live for you and not for ourselves or according to the standards of the world. Help us devote our time, our talents, our energy, and whatever you have placed into our hands to those things that will be of value for eternity. Help us to love you and others and to use things as you desire, instead of loving things and using others for our own selfish desires. May our hearts belong to you completely so that our lives can be devoted to things that really matter.

Bless all who are suffering or in need. Be with the lonely and the grief-stricken. Move us to use the unique gifts you have given each of us to bring comfort and help to those who need it. Bless the government and the Church, and make us blessings to both.

Special prayers

M: Crush the selfishness that comes to us naturally, and fill us with joyful generosity. Grant that the gifts we bring to you may show that we are just as diligent and just as interested in carrying out your business as we are in carrying out our own. We dare to ask all this, Father, not because we deserve to ask it but because your Son has earned for us the right to approach you as dear children. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

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

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.
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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M. Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this (+) is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this (+) is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



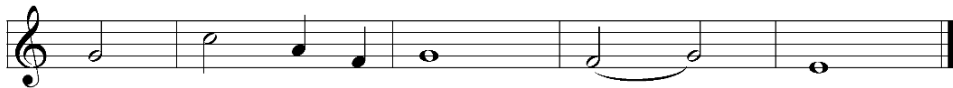
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take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - - men.

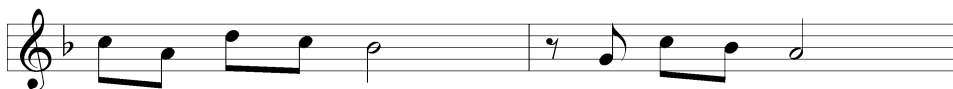
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DISTRIBUTION

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	rod?
Word	and	prom -	ise	clear.	In	mouth	and	soul
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, 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: 318 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

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

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Tune: THE ASH GROVE (66 11 66 11 D) Welsh folk tune.

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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.

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.

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.

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!

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. 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 – 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.

Special Voters' Meeting TODAY

There will be a special voters' meeting on Sunday, September 17, at 1:30 p.m. on Zoom to act on a recommendation from Trinity's Excess Funds Team on how to use our congregation's extra offerings from 2022. A link to the meeting and a copy of the recommendation will be coming well in advance from President Steve Proksch.

Fourth Annual Trunk or Treat

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.

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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by growing in His Word and by going with His Word

to Woodbridge and to the world.



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