

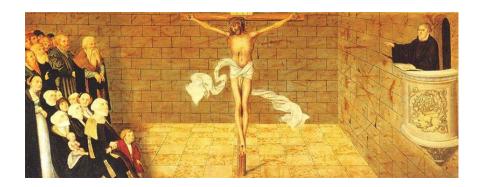
Reformation Sunday
November 5, 2023

An Explanation of Our Communion Practice

Today we are celebrating the Lord's Supper, which is a wonderful gift from our gracious God. In his Word, God teaches that Christians need a proper understanding of the Lord's Supper before receiving it (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). He also tells us that Christians should be completely united before communing together (1 Corinthians 10:17). Therefore, we ask that only members of our fellowship (The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and, worldwide, The Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference) commune at Trinity.

We do want everyone to commune with us. So that everything may be done decently and in good order (1 Corinthians 14:40), we ask for the opportunity to verify that we are united in our beliefs based on God's Word, and then to celebrate that unity publicly in the Sacrament. If you would like to learn more, please speak to Pastor. Thank you for your understanding of our belief and practice.





November 5, 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: God preserves his pure Word; it rings through eternity with the gospel of salvation by grace alone, through faith alone. Our worship follows *The Common Service*.

We Come into the Presence of God

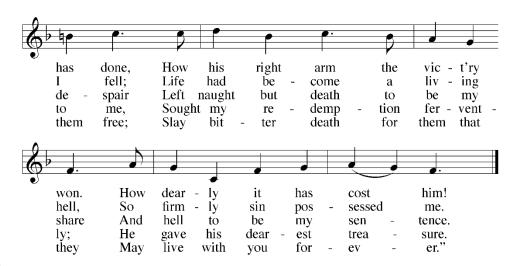
MUSICAL INTRODUCTION

This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.

OPENING HYMN: 377 "Dear Christians, one and All, Rejoice" *Verses 1 - 5*



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STAND

INVOCATION

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- 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 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.

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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- M: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- M: Let us pray. Almighty God, through your servants the reformers you caused the light of the gospel to shine forth more brightly. Grant that we may faithfully defend it against all enemies and joyfully proclaim it to the salvation of people everywhere and to the glory of your holy name; 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

Isaiah 43:1-7

The Lord's redeeming work assures us of his presence and calms our souls.

But now this is what the LORD says, the LORD who created you, O Jacob, the LORD who formed you, O Israel.

Do not be afraid, because I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine.

- When you cross through the waters, I will be with you. When you cross the rivers, they will not sweep you away. When you walk through fire, you will not be burned, and the flame will not set you on fire.
- Because I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior, I gave Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
- Because you are precious and honored in my eyes, and I myself love you,
 I will give people in exchange for you, and peoples in exchange for your life.

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- 5 Do not be afraid, because I am with you. From the east I will bring your offspring, and from the west I will gather you.
- 6 I will say to the north, "Give them back!" and to the south, "Do not hold them." Bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—
- everyone who is called by my name, everyone I created for my glory, everyone I formed, yes, everyone I have made.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 3:19-28

The righteousness of God comes as his gift to all who believe in Jesus. We are justified (declared righteous) by grace through faith in the Savior.

Now we know that whatever the law says is addressed to those who are under the law, so that every mouth will be silenced and the whole world will be subject to God's judgment. ²⁰ For this reason, no one will be declared righteous in his sight by works of the law, for through the law we become aware of sin.

²¹ But now, completely apart from the law, a righteousness from God has been made known. The Law and the Prophets testify to it. ²² This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all and over all who believe.

In fact, there is no difference, ²³ because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God ²⁴ and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God publicly displayed as the atonement seat through faith in his blood. God did this to demonstrate his justice, since, in his divine restraint, he had left the sins that were committed earlier unpunished. ²⁶ He did this to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so that he would be both just and the one who justifies the person who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷ What happens to boasting then? It has been eliminated. By what principle—by the principle of works? No, but by the principle of faith. ²⁸ For we conclude that a person is justified by faith without the works of the law.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! "So if the Son sets you free, you really will be free." Alleluia! (John 8:36)

GOSPEL

John 17:6-19

M: The Gospel of St. John, chapter 17.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord!

"I revealed your name to the men you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me, and they have held on to your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me, and they received them. They learned the truth that I came from you. They believed that you sent me.

⁹"I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All that is mine is yours, and what is yours is mine. And I am glorified in them. ¹¹ I am no longer going to be in the world, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by your name, which you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I kept those you gave me safe in your name. I protected them and not one of them was destroyed, except the son of destruction, so that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

¹³ "But now I am coming to you, and I am saying these things in the world, so that they may be filled with my joy. ¹⁴ I have given them your word. The world hated them, because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world, but that you protect them from the Evil One. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ "Sanctify them by the truth. Your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I also sent them into the world. ¹⁹ I sanctify myself for them, so they also may be sanctified by the truth."

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: "This is a Lot More Important than Halloween"

HYMN OF THE DAY: 200 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"



Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. composite.

Tune: EIN FESTE BURG (87 87 55 56 7) Martin Luther, 1483–1546.

SERMON

TEXT: Psalm 46 **THEME:** "Still Be Still"

God is our refuge and strength, a helper who can always be found in times of trouble. ² That is why we will not fear when the earth dissolves and when the mountains tumble into the heart of the sea. ³ Its waters roar and foam.

The mountains quake when it rises. Interlude

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⁴ There is a river—its streams bring joy to the city of God, to the holy dwelling of the Most High.

⁵ God is in her. She will not fall.
God will help her at daybreak.

⁶ Nations are in turmoil. Kingdoms fall.
God raises his voice. The earth melts.

⁷ The LORD of Armies is with us.
The God of Jacob is a fortress for us. *Interlude*

⁸ Come, look at the works of the LORD.
What a wasteland he has made of the earth!

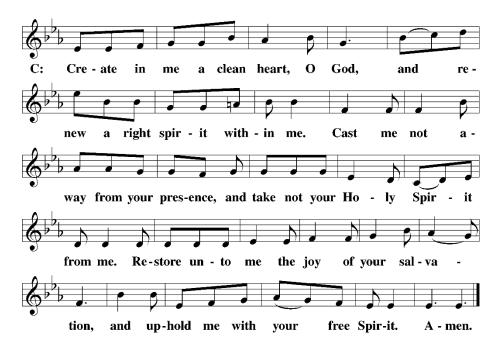
⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth.
He shatters the bow. He cuts up the spear.
He burns the carts with fire.

¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations.
I will be exalted on the earth."

¹¹ The LORD of Armies is with us.
The God of Jacob is a fortress for us. *Interlude*

STAND

CREATE IN ME



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 REFORMATION REMEMBRANCE

- M: With grateful hearts, O Lord, we remember this day the reformers and confessors who faced opposition from church and empire but stood firm in your truth because they were moved by grace, empowered by faith, and guided by Scripture.
- C: Use the same grace, faith, and truth to make us as brave as they were.
- M: With grateful hearts, O Lord, we remember this day your faithful followers of every age, among them our own mothers and fathers, pastors and teachers, called, gathered, enlightened and sanctified by the Holy Spirit to be your Church and by whose faithful witness the gospel of your grace has reached at last to us.
- C: May we, your Church, proclaim your gospel faithfully to the generations to come.
- M: With grateful hearts, O Lord, we remember this day the early and present leaders of our synod and of this congregation, the missionaries who once went to lands unchartered and unmapped, and those who still preach among the millions all over the world.
- C: Move us to pray for them as they spread the good news of your salvation to every nation.
- M: With grateful hearts, O Lord, we remember this day our loved ones who still burn within our hearts, whom you have called in your good time from their labors in life to life which knows no end.
- C: Move us to follow their examples of loving words and actions.
- M: Inspire us to carry on the work to which you call your Church: trusting your Son, holding to your Word, confessing your truth, loving the lost, reaching out with your grace, until you call us, too, by your great grace in Jesus Christ, to join them where all sadness is swallowed up by everlasting joy.

Special prayers

M: Remember us in your mercy, O Lord, as we join to pray:

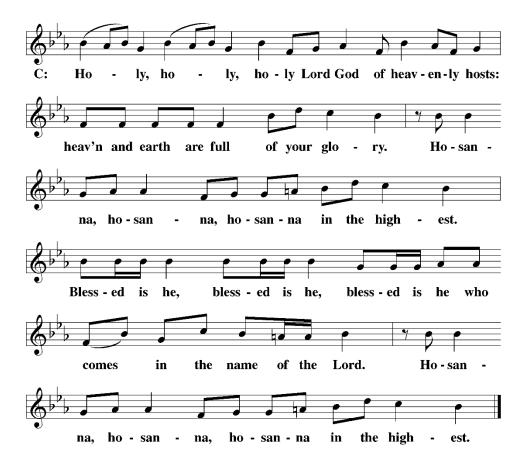
LORD'S PRAYER

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 preserves his Church to the end of time when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to 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



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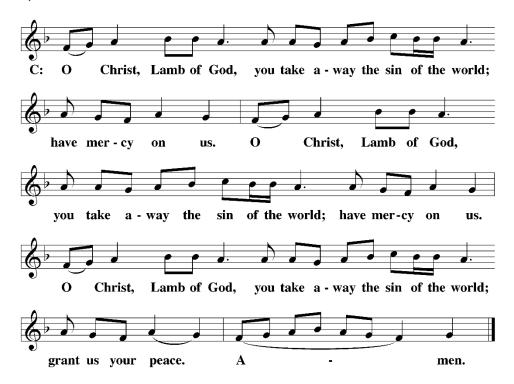
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this (+) is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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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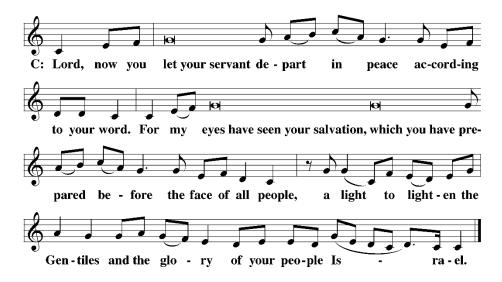
Hymn: 390 "Salvation unto Us Has Come"



6 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by his grace—
All glory to his merit!
O Triune God in heav'n above,
You have revealed your saving love;
Your blessed name be hallowed!

Text: Paul Speratus, 1484–1551, abr.; tr. composite.
Tune: ES IST DAS HEIL (87 87 887) Etlich Cristlich lider, Wittenberg, 1524, alt.

SONG OF SIMEON



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: 377 "Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice", *Verses 6-10*

- 6 The Son obeyed his Father's will, Was born of virgin mother, And, God's good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother. No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore; A servant's form like mine he bore To lead the devil captive.
- 7 To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me— I am your rock and castle. Your ransom I myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle. For I am yours, your friend divine, And evermore you shall be mine; The foe shall not divide us.
- 8 "The foe shall shed my precious blood, Me of my life bereaving.
 All this I suffer for your good;
 Be steadfast and believing.
 Life shall from death the vict'ry win;
 My innocence shall bear your sin,
 And you are blest forever.
- 9 "Now to my Father I depart,
 The Holy Spirit sending
 And, heav'nly wisdom to impart,
 My help to you extending.
 He will a source of comfort be,
 Teach you to know and follow me,
 And in all truth will guide you.
- 10 "What I on earth have lived and taught
 Be all your life and teaching;
 So shall my kingdom's work be wrought
 And honored in your preaching.
 Take care that no one's man-made laws
 Should e'er destroy the gospel's cause.
 This final word I leave you."

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800-87, alt.

Tune: NUN FREUT EUCH, LIEBEN CHRISTEN (87 87 887) Etlich Cristlich lider, Wittenberg, 1524.

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Sermon Notes Puzzle & Coloring Pages Available for Kids!

Puzzle and 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.

Voters' Meeting November 12

Trinity will hold a voters' meeting on Zoom at 1:30pm next Sunday, November 12. The main agenda item will be the spending plan for 2024. A link to the meeting, agenda, and read-ahead documents will be coming to your email inbox from President Steve Proksch.

Wine and Word Bible Study – Thursday, November 16

The Wine and Word Bible Study meets at the home of Bruce and Dawn Knox. Their home is located just 5 minutes from the church in Old Bridge Estates. We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 7-8:30 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.

Thanksgiving Worship - November 22

Thanksgiving worship will be on Wednesday, November 22 at 7pm.

Catechism and Bible Class Schedules

There will be no catechesis on Sundays November 26, December 17 and 24, or January 1. Bible class will meet between services on every Sunday except December 24 and January 1.

Advent by Candlelight – Save the Date – December 2

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

Advent Fellowship Meals

Trinity will host midweek Advent fellowship meals on Wednesdays December 6 and 13. Potluck suppers will start at 6, with a brief devotion following at 6:30. Please bring a dish to pass if you're able; beverages and tableware will be provided.

Christmas for Kids – December 9

The next outreach event will be Christmas for Kids, on Saturday, December 9 from 9:30-11:30. There will be gifts, games, snacks, music, a craft, and devotion for up to 30 kids from our neighborhood. Pastor is going to get everything ready to go, and we only need a couple more adult (or teen) volunteers to help him keep things under control that morning. Thank you to those who have already stepped forward to assist; If you think you might be able to help, please let Pastor know.

Children's Christmas Worship Service - December 17

The Children's Christmas Worship Service, led by our Sunday School students, will be the 11:00 service on December 17. The 8:30 service that Sunday will be our usual liturgical setting, including a sermon and Communion.

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Worship Schedule

Because Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, worship will be held at 5 and 7pm on December 24, with no morning services. Christmas Day worship will be at 10am and will include the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Ammo Can for Lutheran Military Support Group

On Sundays November 12 and 19 the ammo can will be out on the table in the narthex for donations to the Lutheran Military Support Group, which provides spiritual and physical assistance to Lutheran military members in all branches of service.

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.

It is the mission of



to glorify God

by growing in His Word and by going with His Word

to Woodbridge and to the world.



Trinity Lutheran Church is part of a group of nearly 1,300 churches called the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod or WELS. The WELS is a world-wide church with congregations serving in all fifty of the United States, as well as in Mexico and Canada. The WELS also serves over 26 foreign countries through world mission work. We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the WELS as well as the members of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference, consisting of 21 confessional Lutheran church bodies throughout the world.