

**February 4, 2024** 

# **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.





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**Welcome!** Thank you for joining us for worship! In our service, we receive God's grace through his Word and sacraments. As he works to strengthen our faith in Jesus, we respond to his goodness with our prayers, praise, and offerings. We are glad to be here and glad that you have joined us today!

- Restrooms are located in the main hallway, narthex, and back classrooms.
- If you wish to step out of the service to calm your child, please feel welcome to use the Fellowship Hall or the Toddler Sunday School Room (located in the back-corner classroom of the building, connected to the Fellowship Hall). Both of these rooms have televisions showing the worship service. Also, please do not hesitate to ask an usher or any member if you need help locating anything. We want to make you feel welcome.

## Serving the Lord and Serving Us:

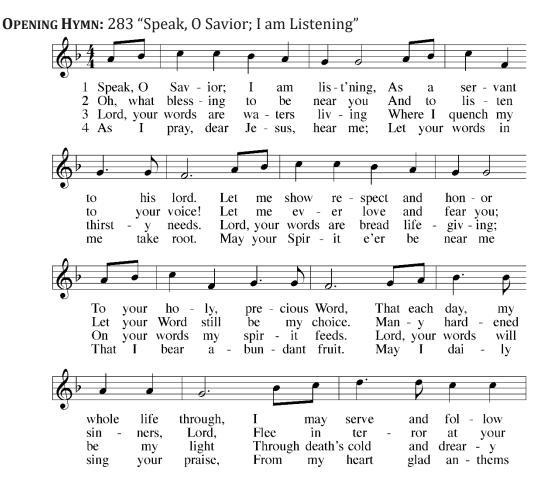
Pastor: Rev. Paul Jenkins

**Today's Focus:** Jesus is Christ is the Son of God, who serves perfectly over all God's house. Our worship follows *The Common Service*.

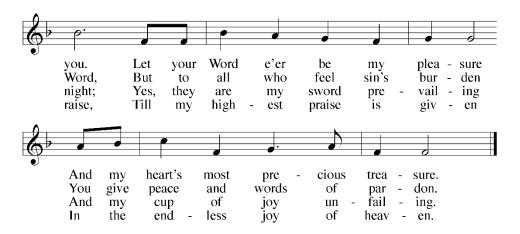
# We Come into the Presence of God

## **MUSICAL INTRODUCTION**

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



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#### 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. Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptation; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

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# THE WORD

## FIRST LESSON

#### Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses calls the Israelites to look ahead to a great prophet who will speak the words of God and will deserve total attention and obedience.

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brother Israelites. Listen to him.

<sup>16</sup> That is exactly what you asked from the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly. You said, "Do not let me hear the voice of the LORD my God anymore, and do not let me see this great fire again, or I will die."

<sup>17</sup> Then the LORD said to me, "They have done well by saying what they said. <sup>18</sup> I will raise up a prophet for them from among their brothers, like you, and I will put my words in his mouth, and he will speak to them everything that I command him. <sup>19</sup> Anyone who will not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account. <sup>20</sup> Any prophet who presumes to speak something in my name that I have not commanded him to speak or who speaks something in the name of other gods—that prophet shall die."

#### PSALM OF THE DAY: 1

READ RESPONSIVELY

- M: Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked
- C: or stand in the way of sinners.
- M: But his delight is in the law of the LORD;
- C: and on his law he meditates day and night.
- M: He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season
- C: and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.
- M: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
- C: nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
- M: For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
- C: but the way of the wicked will perish.

#### SECOND LESSON AND SERMON TEXT

#### **Hebrews 3:1-6**

Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, focus your attention on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess. <sup>2</sup> He was faithful to the one who appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in God's whole house. <sup>3</sup> In fact, Jesus is worthy of greater glory than Moses, in the same way that the builder of a house has more honor than the house. <sup>4</sup> For every house is built by someone, and God is the one who built everything.

<sup>5</sup> Moses was faithful as a servant within God's whole house by testifying to the things that would be spoken. <sup>6</sup> But Christ is faithful as a Son over God's house. We are his house, if we hold on firmly to our confidence and the hope about which we boast until the end.

#### VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! "The Spirit of the Lord is on me; he has anointed me to preach good news." Alleluia! (Luke 4:18a)

#### GOSPEL

#### Mark 1:21-28

M: The Gospel of St. Mark, chapter 1.

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

On the next Sabbath day, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. <sup>22</sup> They were amazed at his teaching, because he was teaching them as one who has authority and not as the experts in the law. <sup>23</sup> Just then there was a man with an unclean spirit in their synagogue. It cried out, <sup>24</sup> "What do we have to do with you, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

<sup>25</sup> Jesus rebuked the spirit, saying, "Be quiet! Come out of him!"

<sup>26</sup> The unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions, and after crying out with a loud voice, it came out of him. <sup>27</sup> Everyone was so amazed that they began to discuss this with each other. They said, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He even commands the unclean spirits, and they obey him!" <sup>28</sup> News about him spread quickly through all the region of Galilee.

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.

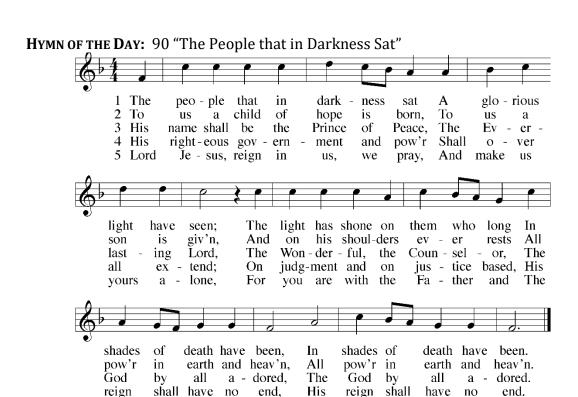
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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CHILDREN'S SERMON: "What Jesus Did (and Does) in Church"



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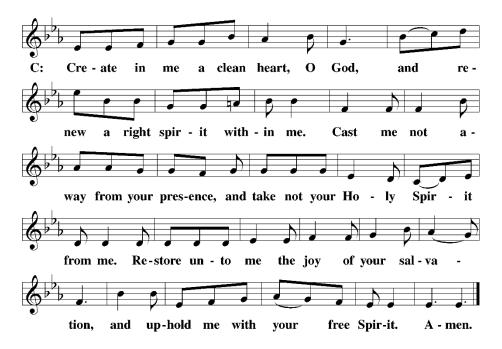
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**THEME:** "The Son is Faithful over God's House"

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## CREATE IN ME



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#### **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, you call all who are weary and burdened to come to you for rest. Rejoicing in your grace, we now come to this heavenly feast in which you give your children on earth your true body and blood to eat and to drink. Remove from us the soiled garments of self-righteousness and sin, and clothe us with the righteousness purchased with your blood. Strengthen our faith, increase our love, especially for those with whom we share this blessed communion, and after this life grant us a place at your heavenly table. We ask this in Jesus' name. 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 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 lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. 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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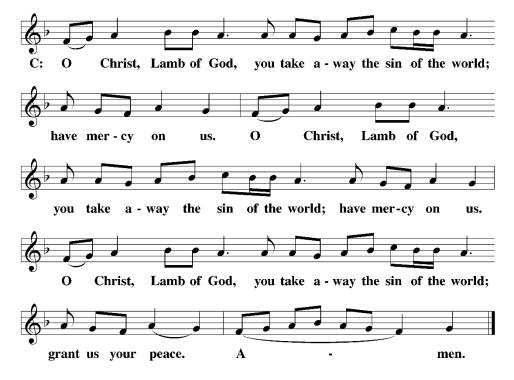
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this (+) is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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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#### **DISTRIBUTION**

HYMN: 390 "Salvation unto Us Has Come"

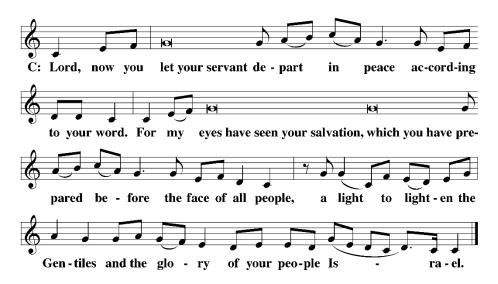


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Your blessed name be hallowed!

## 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.

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#### **CLOSING HYMN:** 318 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" 1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, Our faith true con -2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing, To God ev er -God from his fess - ing, The peo - ple of dwell - ing take liv - ing, The tasks of ev - 'ry - day our 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 The fruits this all tend - ed of ser - vice in who be car - ing, Em - brac - ing his chil - dren each tribe and of of lieve. The seed his teach - ing, Re cep With your feast feed us; With your race. you reach - ing, tive souls Shall blos - som in ac - tion for light now lead us; U nite this us as one in God and for all. His grace did in vite His Then may With life that share. all the liv - ing we

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# Valentine's Breakfast - This Saturday!

Trinity will be hosting a Valentine's breakfast with free food, beverages, games and prizes this Saturday, February 10 from 9:00 to 10:30. Members of Trinity are encouraged to invite their friends and neighbors. Please speak to pastor if you have any questions.

## VBS Planning Meeting – Saturday, February 24 at 9:30 am

It's time to begin planning for this summer's Vacation Bible School! At this meeting we will set the VBS dates and choose our curriculum. If you cannot attend the meeting, but would like to learn more, please reach out to Pastor or Erika Ohlendorf at erika.ohlendorf@gmail.com, 617-821-3126.

# Sunday School Spring Service Project - Today through February 28

Through Sunday, February 28, Trinity's Sunday School kids are collecting baby items to donate to Birthright of Woodbridge. These will help new moms facing difficult pregnancies or with little support from their families and friends. Items needed include baby clothing (newborn to 12 mo), toiletries (baby shampoo, lotion, etc), diapers (unopened), baby towels, bibs, and burp cloths. See the bulletin board in the narthex for a more complete list. Please place all donations in the bin provided in the narthex by February 28. Thank you for helping us support moms who choose life for their babies!

# Wine and Word Bible Study - On Break Until March 7th

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 7-8:30 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.

# Women's Bible Study on Esther

The remaining dates for the Women's Bible Study on Esther are:

March 9 at 9:00 am (Chapter 5)

April 13 at 9:00 am (Chapter 6)

May 11 at 9:00 am (Chapter 7)

The Women's Bible Study meets at Trinity. We are discussing the book "Esther: Providential Persian Queen" by Lou Ann Mokwa. Please join us anytime!

#### **Small Choir**

Trinity's small choir sings about 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 <a href="mailto:admin@trinityofwoodbridge.org">admin@trinityofwoodbridge.org</a>

## **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 <a href="mailto:revpauljenkins@yahoo.com">revpauljenkins@yahoo.com</a> with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work

## **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.



## What Good Is Going to Church?

Taken from Wels.net FAMILY DEVOTION - AUGUST 21, 2023

There are lots of people who don't go to church. Are you one of them? If you do go, do you get up to go to church with the same joy that King David had? In one of his psalms he wrote, "I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord'" (Psalm 122:1). Can you hear the joy in his voice? How many times has someone in your house heard you say, "I can't wait to go to church!!"

#### What good is going to church?

It might help to travel back in time to the LORD's temple of long ago, during the time of Isaiah. The people of Israel were allowed into the temple courtyards. They would go there for festivals that the LORD told them were important. Often, they went out of obligation or tradition. They brought sacrifices. But many did it because they felt they had to.

They missed the point of going to the temple. They missed the beauty of the LORD and his invitation and his Word and his wonder and his promises. Compare that to the attitude of a foreigner in the temple. Foreigners were people who had grown up knowing only the cold emptiness of idol worship and had not come into contact with the true and living God. They weren't members of God's people. They understood they didn't even deserve to be there. They understood how meaningless—and sinful—their life was apart from the true God. They loved the fact that God would share with foreigners his righteousness and salvation—all of it promised through the coming Savior.

Foreigners knew this: they were in church because of God's grace. They didn't come because they *had to*. God's love inspired them. They *loved to* come to the LORD's house!

#### What a different attitude!

May it be so with us too. Sometimes you may not feel like going to church. But it's in church you discover the remarkable things God does for you. You also will discover what remarkable things God can do with your feelings when you're there. May God give you joy that expresses itself as you say, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

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## **Questions to Consider:**

- Name three things you do when you go to church.
- Why does God want you to go to church?
- Describe the *foreigner* today's devotion talked about.
- Why were foreigners (or Gentiles) so happy to go to God's house (the temple)?
- Pretend you are a parent. Your child doesn't want to go to church and then says, "It isn't as if you have to go every week." How would you respond?
- Discuss with your family how to encourage one another to make worship a priority and maintain an attitude of thanks and joy.

## 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.