

May 5, 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:

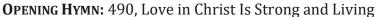
Pastor: Rev. Paul Jenkins

**Today's Focus:** Christians reflect the big and selfless love of God in Christ. 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

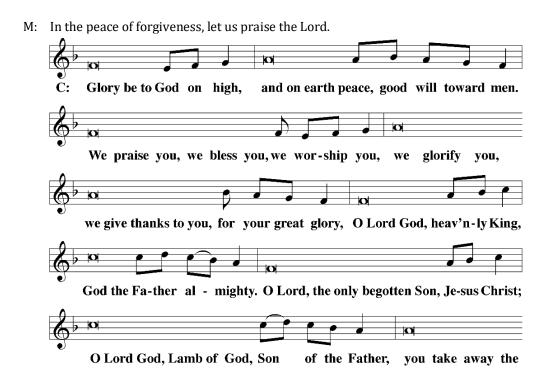
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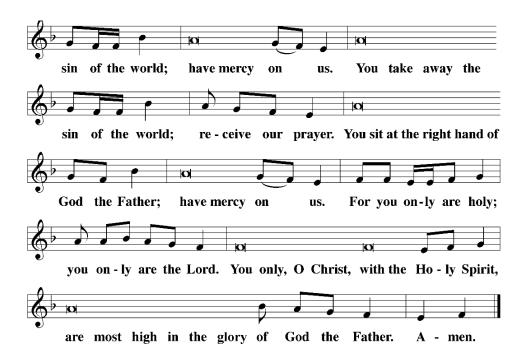
Congregation: Amen.

### **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.





### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

# C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray. Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through 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

#### Acts 9:36-42

The Lord's love shows both through and to Tabitha. (Both "Tabitha" and "Dorcas" mean "qazelle.")

In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was always doing good deeds and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup> At that time she became sick and died. After they had washed her, they laid her in an upstairs room. <sup>38</sup> Since Lydda is near Joppa, when the disciples heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, who urged him, "Come to us without delay!"

<sup>39</sup> Peter got up and went with them. When he arrived, they led him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing him the robes and clothing that Dorcas made while she was still with them.

<sup>40</sup> After Peter sent them all outside, he got down on his knees and prayed. Then he turned toward the body and said, "Tabitha, get up!" She opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He gave her his hand and helped her stand up. After he called the saints and the widows, he presented her to them alive.

<sup>42</sup> This became known all over Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

### PSALM OF THE DAY: 98

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

<sup>2</sup> The LORD has made his salvation known.

He has revealed his righteousness to the eyes of the nations.

<sup>3</sup> He has remembered his mercy and his faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

<sup>4</sup>Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Break out in joyful song! Make music!

<sup>5</sup> Make music to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of music.

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<sup>6</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the ram's horn shout for joy before the King, the LORD.
<sup>7</sup> Let the sea roar, and everything that fills it, the world, and all who live in it.
<sup>8</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands.
Let the mountains sing for joy together before the LORD,
<sup>9</sup> for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with fairness.

### SECOND LESSON

### 1 John 4:7-11

We love each other because God loved us by sending his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>The one who does not love has not known God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>This is how God's love for us was revealed: God has sent his only-begotten Son into the world so that we may live through him. <sup>10</sup>This is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Dear friends, if God loved us so much, we also should love one another.

### VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." Alleluia! (John 14:23)

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### GOSPEL AND SERMON TEXT

### John 15:9:17

M: The Gospel of St. John, chapter 15.

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

"As the Father has loved me, so also I have loved you. Remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you hold on to my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have held on to my Father's commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you these things so that my joy would continue to be in you and that your joy would be complete.

<sup>12</sup> "This is my command: Love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> No one has greater love than this: that someone lays down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you continue to do the things I instruct you. <sup>15</sup> I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, because everything that I heard from my Father, I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will endure, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. <sup>17</sup> These things I am instructing you, so that you love one another."

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.

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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.

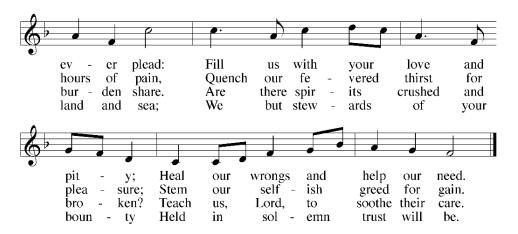
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CHILDREN'S SERMON: "Watch and Learn Love"

# HYMN OF THE DAY: 492 Son of God, Eternal Savior



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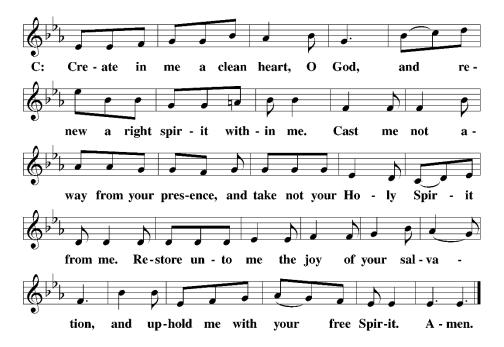
### **SERMON**

TEXT: John 15:9-17

THEME: "As Christ Has Loved You"

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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: Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.
- C: Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.
- M: Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.
- C: Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.
- M: Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.
- C: Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.
- M: Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.
- C: Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.
- M: Give us zeal to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.
- C: Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.
- M: Extend your healing power to those who are ill and suffering in body or mind. Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.
- C: Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.

Special prayers

- M: Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.
- C: In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

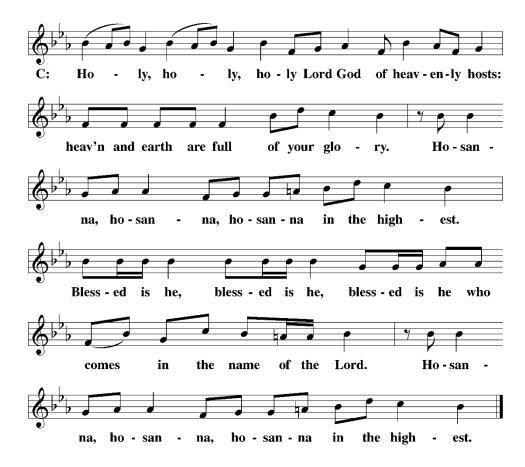
### LORD'S PRAYER

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 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, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

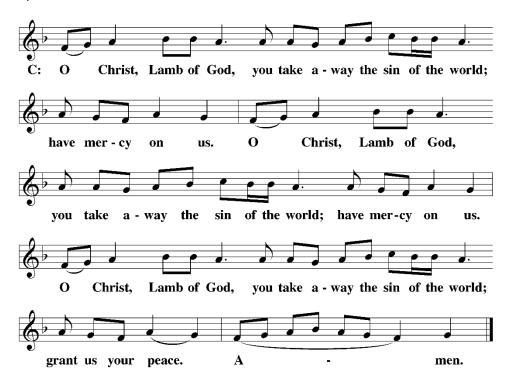
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this (+) is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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



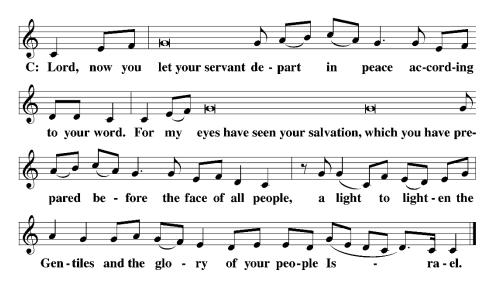
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## **DISTRIBUTION**

**Hymn:** 377 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice, verses 1-5



#### SONG OF SIMEON



M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

# C: And his mercy endures forever.

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through 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:** 499 O God of Mercy, God of Might. verses 1 and 6



6 And may your Holy Spirit move All those who live to live in love Till you receive in heav'n above All those who lived for you.

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# **Trinity's Little Free Library - Food Donations Needed**

Donations of shelf-stable foods are particularly needed currently for Trinity's Little Free Library. As food prices climb, many families in the surrounding neighborhoods are experiencing food scarcity. For the past few months, the food shelf of our Little Free Library has been emptying out every single week. Items that are especially needed include canned or boxed food that does not require additional ingredients besides water to prepare. Books are always welcome, too, of course! If the shelves happen to be full, there is a donation bin for overflow items in the fellowship room beside the door to the hallway.

# **Vacation Bible School Registration OPEN!**

Registration is now open for this year's VBS, which will be held July 15-19 from 9:00-11:30 am. Come join us for Scuba VBS where we will dive into an amazing undersea adventure and experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. We look forward to sharing God's Word, singing songs, making crafts, playing games, and of course, having some awesome snacks together! VBS is for kids ages 3 (and potty trained) to those entering 6th grade in the fall. Kids entering 7th grade and older may volunteer as helpers. Please register here: https://vbspro.events/p/events/trinity24 or scan this QR Code!



## Wine and Word Bible Study - May 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 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.

# **Summer Schedule Starts May 26**

On Sunday, May 26 we will switch to our summer worship and study schedule: Bible class (on Luther's Large Catechism) will meet from 9:15-9:45, with Sunday School adjourned. A lone worship service will begin at 10:00.

## **Voters' Meeting May 19**

Trinity's next voters' meeting will be Sunday, May 19 at 1:30pm on Zoom. A link and agenda will be coming soon from our President Steve Proksch.

## Women's Bible Study on Esther

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

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 admin@trinityofwoodbridge.org

# **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



#### What Love Looks Like

### https://wels.net/family-devotion/fd20220518/

Sarah was six years old. Her brother Kyle was two years older. Any amount of time spent together turned into some kind of argument. For example, it would be Sarah's turn for the video game, but Kyle would refuse to give her the remote until she screamed, "Mom!" Or Kyle would spend hours putting LEGOs together only for Sarah to "accidentally" trip and knock over his creation. When Mom announced, "Guys, time to clean up!" Kyle and Sarah too often would get angry. "But we want to play longer, Mom! Why do we always have to clean up?" they complained.

Remember the last time you got angry? Do you remember why? Did someone hurt your feelings? Or did you go out of your way to hurt someone else? Was it payback for something done to you? Why is it so hard to always show love to others, especially to brothers, sisters, and others who live in our house? Our problem is that we keep breaking God's number one command: Love God above all else.

What does that look like? It looks and sounds like this: "Love is patient, love is kind." It wants the best for others. It puts others first. It behaves. It doesn't get angry quickly. "It keeps no record of wrongs." Love does not want to talk badly about others but only speak what's true in love.

Love never fails. But we do.

If you want to know what love really looks like, look at Jesus. He loved us even at our worst. Then he showed how much he loved and gave his life to rescue us when we get impatient with each other and angry so easily. He loves Kyle and Sarah and every person in their family. He loves every person in your family too! That's why he needs us to show less anger to each other and more of Jesus' love and patience. We do that by showing love to one another.

The next time you feel yourself getting angry or you have a rude comment, take a deep breath! Remember that God still loves you when you are at your worst. Every time you show someone in your family kindness and patience, you are showing God's love in you and your love for God. May God help you carry out his call to love!

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### **Questions to Consider**

- Kyle and Sarah got into fights/arguments for all kinds of reasons. What causes a fight in your house?
- Instead of fighting over a toy, think of an idea how to share it that shows love.
- Why is it so hard to always show love to others who live your house (like a brother or sister)?
- Why is it so important to remember Jesus' command to love before you answer because you're angry?
- First, describe what a perfect day filled with love would look like in your home. Then ask: What part do you play in making it happen?
- Take a moment to think of someone that has been an awesome model of love in your life. Name a couple reasons why that person(s) means so much to you.

#### 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.