



Forgo Your Rights to Forward the Gospel

October 20, 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.





Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 20, 2024

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' followers use the freedom he provides for the spiritual good of others. 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: 227, Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs



1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs With
2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "To
3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive Hon -
4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one To



an - gels round the throne. Ten thou - sand thou - sand
be ex - alt - ed thus." "Wor - thy the Lamb," our
or and pow'r di - vine; And bless - ings more than
bless the sa - cred name Of him who sits up -



are their tongues, But all their joys are one.
lips re - ply, "For he was slain for us."
we can give Be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
on the throne And to a - dore the Lamb.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.
Tune: NUN DANKET ALL (CM) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

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 grant us forgiveness.

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 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.**

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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.



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.



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;

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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, keep your household, the Church, in continual godliness and set us free from all adversities, that under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be Seated

The Word

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 53:10-12

The Messiah, who is the Suffering Servant, suffers all things to serve and save.

Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him
and to allow him to suffer.

Because you made his life a guilt offering, he will see offspring.

He will prolong his days,

and the LORD's gracious plan will succeed in his hand.

¹¹ After his soul experiences anguish, he will see the light of life.

He will provide satisfaction.

Through their knowledge of him, my just servant will justify the many,
for he himself carried their guilt.

¹² Therefore I will give him an allotment among the great,

and with the strong he will share plunder,

because he poured out his life to death,

and he let himself be counted with rebellious sinners.

He himself carried the sin of many,

and he intercedes for the rebels.

PSALM OF THE DAY: 22

Read Responsively

M: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

C: Why are you so far from saving me?

M: I am a worm and not a man,

C: scorned by men and despised by the people.

M: All who see me mock me;

C: they hurl insults, shaking their heads:

M: "He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him.

C: Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."

M: My strength is dried up, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;

C: you lay me in the dust of death.

M: A band of evil men has encircled me,

C: they have pierced my hands and feet.

M: They divide my garments among them

C: and cast lots for my clothing.

M: But you, O LORD, be not far off;

C: O my Strength, come quickly to help me.

SECOND LESSON AND SERMON TEXT

1 CORINTHIANS 9:7-12, 19-23

What soldier ever serves at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat some of its fruit? Or who takes care of a flock and does not drink milk from the flock? ⁸ Am I saying this just from a human point of view? Doesn't the law also say this? ⁹ Yes, it is written in the Law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it is treading out grain." Is God really concerned about oxen, ¹⁰ or does he say this entirely for our sake? Yes, it was written for our sake, because the plowman ought to plow in hope, and the thresher ought to thresh in hope of getting a share. ¹¹ If we sowed spiritual seed for your good, is it too much if we reap material benefits from you? ¹² If others have some right to make this claim on you, don't we even more? But we did not use this right. Instead, we endure everything so as not to cause any hindrance for the gospel of Christ.

In fact, although I am free from all, I enslaved myself to all so that I might gain many more. ²⁰ To the Jews, I became like a Jew so that I might gain Jews. To those who are under the law, I became like a person under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might gain those who are under the law. ²¹ To those who are without the law, I became like a person without the law (though I am not without God's law but am within the law of Christ) so that I might gain those who are without the law. ²² To the weak, I became weak so that I might gain the weak. I have become all things to all people so that I may save at least some. ²³ And I do everything for the sake of the gospel so that I may share in it along with others.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works. Alleluia!
(*Ephesians 2:10a*)

Stand

GOSPEL

MARK 10:32-45

Jesus gives everything for the sake of the gospel of salvation, and he calls his followers to live in the same sacrificial spirit.

M: The Gospel of St. Mark, chapter 10.

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

They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was leading them. The disciples were amazed, and the others who followed were afraid. He took the Twelve aside again and began to tell them what was going to happen to him. ³³ "Look, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the experts in the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴ They will mock him, spit on him, flog him, and kill him. On the third day he will rise again."

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³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached him and said, “Teacher, we wish that you would do for us whatever we ask.”

³⁶ He said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?”

³⁷ They said to him, “Promise that we may sit, one at your right and one at your left, in your glory.”

³⁸ But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am going to be baptized with?”

³⁹ “We can,” they replied.

Jesus told them, “You will drink the cup that I am going to drink and be baptized with the baptism that I am going to be baptized with. ⁴⁰ But to sit at my right or at my left is not for me to give; rather, these places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.”

⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they were angry with James and John.

⁴² Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³ But that is not the way it is to be among you. Instead, whoever wants to be great among you will be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first among you will be a slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

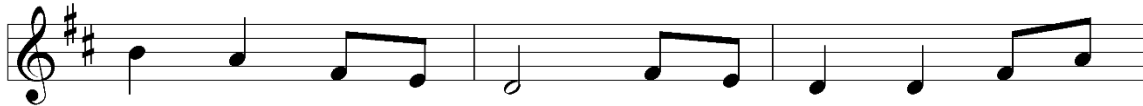
C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN’S SERMON: All Things to All People

HYMN OF THE DAY: 484, Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly



1 Broth - ers, sis - ters, let us glad - ly Give to
 2 By his mer - cy, by his boun - ty, By the
 3 Gra - cious Lord, ac - cept our ser - vice For the



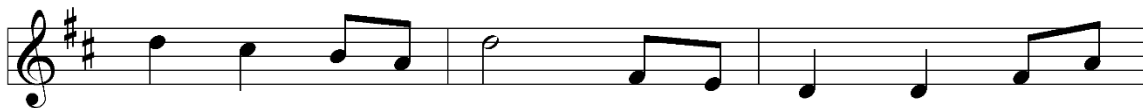
God our all, our best— Ser - vice heart - y, thor - ough,
 gift of Christ, his Son, What great good - ness he has
 sake of Christ, your Son; Lo, our hope a - bides now



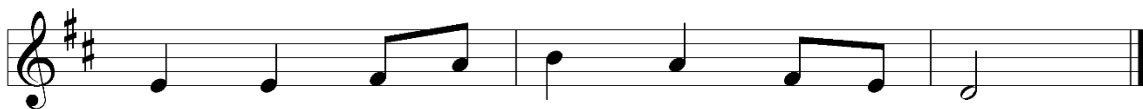
hon - est, With a liv - ing love im - pressed.
 shown us, What high mar - vels he has done!
 on - ly In the right - eous - ness he won.



All our du - ty, all our striv - ing, All our
 Let us to him prompt - ly, free - ly, Yield our
 Bless and save us; help and guide us; Watch to



time to him be - long; Praise him, then, with true de -
 bod - ies and our souls, Thank - ful that his love pro -
 com - fort and re - store Till in heav'n we rest re -



vo - tion; Come be - fore him with a song.
 tects us, That his wis - dom all con - trols.
 joic - ing, Prais - ing you for - ev - er - more.

Text: Henry Bateman, 1802–72, alt.

Tune: NETTLETON (87 87 D) *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, Harrisburg, 1813, alt.

SERMON

Text: 1 Corinthians 9:7-12, 19-23

Theme: Forgo Your Rights to Forward the Gospel

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 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 God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. 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: 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 Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

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

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

C: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

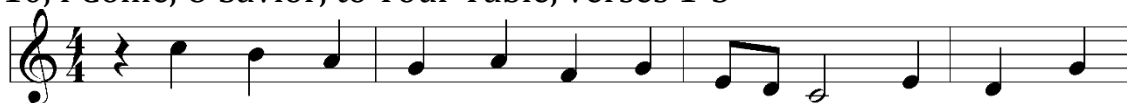
C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - - men.

The musical score consists of five staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in a simple, diatonic style. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

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DISTRIBUTION

Hymn: 310, I Come, O Savior, to Your Table, verses 1-5



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to your ta - ble, For weak and
 2 Oh, grant that I in man - ner wor - thy May now trust
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
 4 Oh, let me loathe all sin for - ev - er As death and
 5 Your heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners



wea - ry is my soul; O Je - sus, you a - lone are
 sole - ly in your Word, And, con - scious of the sins be -
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet you your lamb will ban - ish
 poi - son to my soul, That I through will - ful sin - ning
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to you in faith are

Refrain



a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole.
 fore me, Look on - ly un - to you, O Lord.
 nev - er, Nor will your faith - ful - ness de - part. Lord, may your
 nev - er May see your judg - ment take its toll!
 turn - ing; So let me, too, come trust - ing - ly.



bod - y and your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

Stand

Closing Hymn: 333, Abide, O Dearest Jesus, verses 1 and 6

1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us
with your grace That Sa - tan may not
harm us Nor we to sin give place.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the first verse. The second staff contains the melody for the second line. The third staff contains the melody for the third line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first line of the first verse is '1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us'. The second line is 'with your grace That Sa - tan may not'. The third line is 'harm us Nor we to sin give place.' The notes are: Staff 1: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. Staff 2: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. Staff 3: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,
Among us with your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us
To reach our home above.

Text: Josua Stegmann, 1588–1632; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.

Tune: CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN (76 76) Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570–1615, alt.

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Trinity Book Club's next meeting: We will now meet at 4pm on Saturday, October 26, at Cuppi Coffee in Dumfries. We'll be discussing *A Song Unheard* by Roseanna M. White. All are welcome to join us! If you have questions, ask Rachel Kovaciny.

Baby Shower! – Saturday, November 2

Our friends Sophia and Sam Olson are expecting a baby girl soon, and we're holding a baby shower for the family on Saturday, November 2, in the Fellowship Hall starting at 2pm. There is gift register at Babylist.com (search "Sophia and Sam Olson"). If you can't make it to the shower but would still like to make a gift, a box is in the narthex through the date of the shower.

Outreach Efforts: Thanks and a Look Ahead

Thank you to everyone who helped out in every way with yesterday's Trunk or Treat! We were once again able to welcome many families onto our property, gathering contact information for future events and to follow up with families interested in Trinity. We also extended dozens of invitations to worship and Sunday School.

Trinity's next outreach event will be our Third Annual Christmas for Kids on Saturday, December 7, from 9:30-11:30. We are aiming to welcome 30-40 kids to learn God's love in action in the Christmas story. Pastor will be preparing the songs, Bible stories, games, gifts, and crafts. A few adult or teen volunteers will be needed simply to supervise and help out kids who might need a hand. If you could be one of those helpers, please let pastor know.

Voters' Meeting – Sunday, October 27

The next voters' meeting will be on Sunday, October 27, on Zoom at 1:30pm. A link for the meeting and some read-ahead documents will be coming soon to your email inbox from our President, Steve Proksch. The main item for action will be the 2025 Spend Plan.

Wine and Word Bible Study – Thursday, November 7

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 Apocrypha with Larry Kovaciny as our guide. The study of follows the study guide for *The Apocrypha: The Lutheran Edition with Notes* (available from Northwestern or Concordia Publishing Houses and other booksellers). You can also follow the readings at apocrypha.org. Those who wish can bring a bottle of wine and a small bite appetizer. Come and join us whether you drink wine or not! Contact Dawn at 703-615-9320 or dawn.f.knox@gmail.com to RSVP.

Trinity's Little Free Library is one of our church's most effective tools for reaching out to our neighborhood. Many families in the area around Trinity regularly visit our LFL for books and shelf-stable food items, especially those who are experiencing food scarcity. Particularly useful are canned or boxed foods that do 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.

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 revpauljenkins@yahoo.com with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work



Role Play

<https://wels.net/family-devotion/fd20241009/>

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her. Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

Ephesians 5:21-23; 6:1-3

Have you ever heard of a symphony? It’s an elaborate work of music with a lot of musical instruments. There aren’t many symphonies that let a large, loud brass instrument called a trombone take the lead. That usually belongs to the violins, the flutes, or the trumpets. The trombones play the musical notes underneath. Now imagine this: you attend the symphony, and the entire time, the trombones play as loud as they can. Oh boy, you better cover your ears! That wouldn’t be beautiful music. For a symphony to sound delightful, each instrument needs to know its role.

“Know your role” might be a theme for today’s devotion. In Ephesians chapter 6, the apostle Paul addresses life as a family. “Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ,” he begins. Families seek to live in service to each other. As each member of the family—mom, dad, kids—carries out their roles, they do so humbly and with the well-being of everyone else in mind.

From there, Paul speaks to each member of the family. Wives are to submit to their husbands. Many hear those words and cringe because they think this is a put-down, like a master/slave relationship. It isn’t. Think instead of the head/helper image God uses. Think of our relationship to Christ. Why wouldn’t we want to submit to Christ when, as our head, he gave himself up for us? So, when a husband lives with self-sacrificing love like Christ, it shouldn’t be difficult for a helper to submit to a head like that, right? What a beautiful role!

Husbands are to love their wives as Christ loved the Church. In love, Jesus took the lead and was responsible for the sins of the world on the cross. He sacrificed himself in our place. Using Jesus as their role model, husbands are asked to do the same and mirror Jesus’ love. They are to be responsible leaders for their families. Whether that means moments of pride or bearing sorrow, husbands sacrifice themselves and their self-interests for the good of the family. God lays the spiritual nurture of the family at the feet of husbands.

Even children fall underneath Paul’s probing eye. Family is the training ground for later adulthood, and as long as children are the learners, God calls for their obedience to their parents.

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Each member of the family has a role to play as it goes and grows. Since God forms families, it is good to listen to what he says about our roles. His advice is simple, “know your role.”

Questions to Consider:

Who are the people in your family?

Which role do you play in your family: mom, dad, or kid? What is your role?

In what way are wives to be like the Church?

How are husbands to be like Christ?

Read carefully, who all is asked to “submit,” why, and to whom?

How is Christ both a motivation and an example for husbands to fulfill their role in the family?

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to glorify God

by growing in His Word and by going with His Word

to Woodbridge and to the world.



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