



April 17, 2025

An Explanation of Our Communion Practice

Tonight 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.





- **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 tonight!
- 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: Paul Jenkins

Tonight's Focus: In profound love for all of his disciples, Jesus gives his body and blood to forgive their sins, strengthen their faith, and build their will to live in God-pleasing ways.

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: 104, Go to Dark Gethsemane



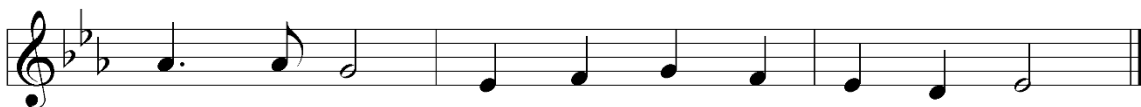
1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; View the Lord of
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid his



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see.
life ar - raigned. Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!
at his feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,
breath - less clay; All is sol - i - tude and gloom.



Watch with him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from his
Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,
God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"
Who has tak - en him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



griefs a - way; Learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.
pain, or loss; Learn of him to bear the cross.
hear him cry; Learn of Je - sus Christ to die.
meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.
Tune: GETHSEMANE (77 77 77) Richard Redhead, 1820–1901.

Stand

INVOCATION

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

Congregation: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O Lord, you give us your Supper so that we will remember in faith your suffering and death. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of your body and blood that the fruits of your redemption may always show in us; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Be Seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

EXODUS 24:1-11

The Lord establishes the Old Covenant with Moses and the Israelites. Because it depends on the obedience of fallen humans, the Old Covenant cannot save. But it set Israel apart and kept Israel in line until Christ came to establish the New Covenant of God's grace. The Old Covenant is also filled with symbols and sacrifices that point ahead to the Savior.

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, along with Nadab and Abihu and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship me from a distance. ² Only Moses is allowed to come near the LORD, but the others are not to come near, and the people are not to go up with him."

³ Moses came and reported to the people all the words of the LORD and all the ordinances. Then all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words which the LORD has spoken we will do." ⁴ Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD.

He got up early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain. He set up twelve memorial stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵ He sent young Israelite men, who offered whole burnt offerings and sacrificed fellowship offerings of cattle to the LORD. ⁶ Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and he splashed half of the blood on the altar. ⁷ He took the Book of the Covenant and read it out loud to the people and they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do. We will obey."

⁸ Moses took the blood and splashed it on the people. He said, "Look, here is the blood of the covenant, which the LORD made with you by means of all these words."

⁹ Then Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up. ¹⁰ They saw the God of Israel. Under his feet they saw what looked like a pavement of sapphire as clear as the sky. ¹¹ The LORD did not lay his hand on the dignitaries of the people of Israel. They gazed at God, and they ate and drank.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 116

Spoken Responsively

M: I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;

C: he heard my cry for mercy.

M: Because he turned his ear to me,

C: I will call on him as long as I live.

M: The LORD is gracious and righteous;

C: when I was in great need, he saved me.

M: For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death,

C: my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

M: How can I repay the LORD

C: for all his goodness to me?

M: I will lift up the cup of salvation

C: and call on the name of the LORD.

SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-28

In his Supper, Jesus gives his true body and blood with the bread and wine and seals the New Covenant (Testament) of salvation by grace.

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way, after the meal, he also took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new testament in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Stand

GOSPEL

John 13:1-15, 34

Jesus models perfect humility for his disciples. This perfect humility is credited through faith to his disciples, then and now, who so often struggle with pride and self-promotion.

M: The Holy Gospel of St. John, chapter 13.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord!

Before the Passover Festival, Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved those who were his own in the world, he loved them to the end.

² By the time the supper took place, the Devil had already put the idea into the heart of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.

³ Jesus knew that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God. ⁴ He got up from the supper and laid aside his outer garment. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who asked him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷ Jesus answered him, "You do not understand what I am doing now, but later you will understand."

⁸ Peter told him, "You will never, ever, wash my feet!"

Jesus replied, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with me."

⁹ "Lord, not just my feet," Simon Peter replied, "but also my hands and my head!"

¹⁰ Jesus told him, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet, but his body is completely clean. And you are clean, but not all of you." ¹¹ Indeed, he knew who was going to betray him. That is why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹² After Jesus had washed their feet and put on his outer garment, he reclined at the table again. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. ¹³ "You call me Teacher and Lord. You are right, because I am. ¹⁴ Now if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ Yes, I have given you an example so that you also would do just as I have done for you."

³⁴ "A new commandment I give you: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, so also you are to love one another."

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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**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

HYMN: 313, Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior



1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, Turned a - way
 2 As his pledge of love un - dy - ing, He, this pre -
 3 Je - sus here him - self is shar - ing; Take heed how
 4 Use - less would be Je - sus' pas - sion If sal - va -
 5 Christ says, "Come, all you that la - bor, And re - ceive



God's wrath for - ev - er; By his bit - ter grief and
 cious food sup - ply - ing, Gives his bod - y with the
 you are pre - par - ing, For if you do not be -
 tion you could fash - ion. Do not come if you sup -
 my grace and fa - vor; Those who feel no pain or



woe He saved us from the e - vil foe.
 bread And with the wine the blood he shed.
 lieve, Judg - ment in - stead you shall re - ceive.
 pose You need not him who died and rose.
 ill Need no phy - si - cian's help or skill."

6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken
 That this food is to be taken
 By the souls who are distressed,
 By hearts that long for peace and rest.

7 Praise the Father, who from heaven
 Unto us such food has given
 And, to mend what we have done,
 Gave into death his only Son.

8 If your heart this truth professes
 And your mouth your sin confesses,
 Surely you will be his guest
 And at his banquet ever blest.

Text: John Hus, 1369–1415; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: JESUS CHRISTUS, UNSER HEILAND, DER VON UNS (88 78) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder auff's new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1535, alt.

SERMON

TEXT: John 13:1-15, 34

THEME: Do You Understand What He Has Done for You?

OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Register in the pew.

The members of Trinity make joyful offerings to support this church's ministry. A portion of our offerings is also used for the training of future pastors and teachers, and the worldwide mission work carried out by our fellowship, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Our guests are under no obligation to give, but any gifts freely given are welcome and will be put to work in service to God's kingdom.

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4)

M: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

M: We pray for the Church, both clergy and laity, that the Holy Spirit will move us all to greater devotion in our thoughts, words, and actions. Let us pray to the Lord:

C: Sovereign Lord, hear our prayer.

M: For all nations, that God in heaven would raise up leaders endowed with compassion and the sense of true justice, that peace and harmony may prevail within and beyond our borders, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Sovereign Lord, hear our prayer.

M: For all who do not know the love of God in Christ, who still languish in their sins and have no hope, that God would use us to spread the news of his grace through the sacrifice of Christ our King, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Sovereign Lord, hear our prayer.

M: For all who struggle with illness of body or mind, addictions, poverty, or broken relationships, that our heavenly Father would visit them in his mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Sovereign Lord, hear our prayer.

M: Into your hands, eternal God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: 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.

CHRISTIAN QUESTIONS

Prepared by Dr. Martin Luther for those who intend to go to the Lord's Supper.

1. M: Do you believe that you are a sinner?
C: Yes, I believe that I am a sinner.
2. M: How do you know this?
C: I know this from the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.
3. M: Are you sorry for your sins?
C: Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.
4. M: What have you deserved from God because of your sins?
C: I deserve his wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation.
5. M: Are you convinced that you are saved?
C: Yes, such is my confidence.
6. M: In whom, then, do you trust?
C: I trust in my dear Lord Jesus.
7. M: Who is Jesus Christ?
C: Jesus Christ is the Son of God, true God and true man.
8. M: How many Gods are there?
C: There is only one God, but there are three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
9. M: What has Christ done for you that you trust in him?
C: He died for me and shed his blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.
10. M: Did the Father also die for you?
C: He did not; for the Father is God only, the Holy Spirit likewise. But the Son is true God and true man. He died for me and shed his blood for me.
11. M: How do you know this?
C: I know this from the holy gospel and from the words of the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

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12.M: Which are these words?

C: 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 the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

13.M: Do you believe then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?

C: Yes, I believe it.

14.M: What moves you to believe this?

C: I am moved to believe it by the words of Christ, "Take and eat; this is my body...Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant."

15.M: What does Christ want you to do when eat his body and drink his blood in the Lord's Supper?

C: Christ wants me to remember and proclaim his death and the pouring out of his blood as he taught me: "Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

16.M: Why does Christ want you to remember and proclaim his death?

C: He wants me to do this so that I learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for my sins, but only Christ, who is true God and man, could and did do that; I learn to look with terror upon my sins and regard them as great indeed; I find joy and comfort in Christ alone and believe that I have salvation through faith in him.

17.M: What moved him to die and make a complete payment for your sins?

C: He was moved to do this by his great love for his Father and for me and other sinners, as the Scriptures teach.

18.M: Finally, why do you desire to receive Holy Communion?

C: I desire to do this so that I learn to believe that Christ out of great love died for my sins and that I also learn from him to love God and my neighbor.

19.M: What admonishes and moves you to receive the Lord's Supper frequently?

C: The command and the promise of Christ my Lord admonish and move me. Also, the burden of my sin that lies heavy upon me causes me to feel a hunger and thirst for Holy Communion.

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20. M: But what can a person do if he or she is not aware of the burden of sin and does not feel hunger and thirst for Holy Communion?

C: To such a person no better advice can be given than that, in the first place, he put his hand on his chest and feel if he still has flesh and blood, and that he by all means believe what Scriptures say about this.

Secondly, that he look around to see whether he is still in the world and keep in mind that there is no lack of sin and trouble, as the Scriptures say.

Thirdly, that person will certainly have the devil about him. With his lying and murdering, day and night, the devil will let him have no peace. So the Scriptures picture the devil.

21. M: What can you do if you are sick and are unable to come to Holy Communion?

C: Then I can send for my pastor to pray with me and to give me Holy Communion privately.

22. M: When is the proper time to do this?

C: The time to do this is not only when death is at hand, but earlier before all physical or mental power is gone.

23. M: Why would you want to do this?

C: I would want to do this to receive the assurance through Holy Communion that my sins are forgiven and that salvation is mine.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you. (*1 Timothy 4:22*)

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts. (*Colossians 3:1*)

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (*Psalms 136*)

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

M: As Jesus taught his disciples the true meaning of this Supper and the real presence of his body and blood before they received it, we hear the words he spoke, and set apart the bread and wine for his Holy Supper:

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

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.

Be seated

DISTRIBUTION

Stand

M: Let us pray. We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with the body and blood of your Son, given and shed for the remission of our sins. We ask that it strengthen our faith so that it may remain constant throughout time until we join saints and angels to praise him; we pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

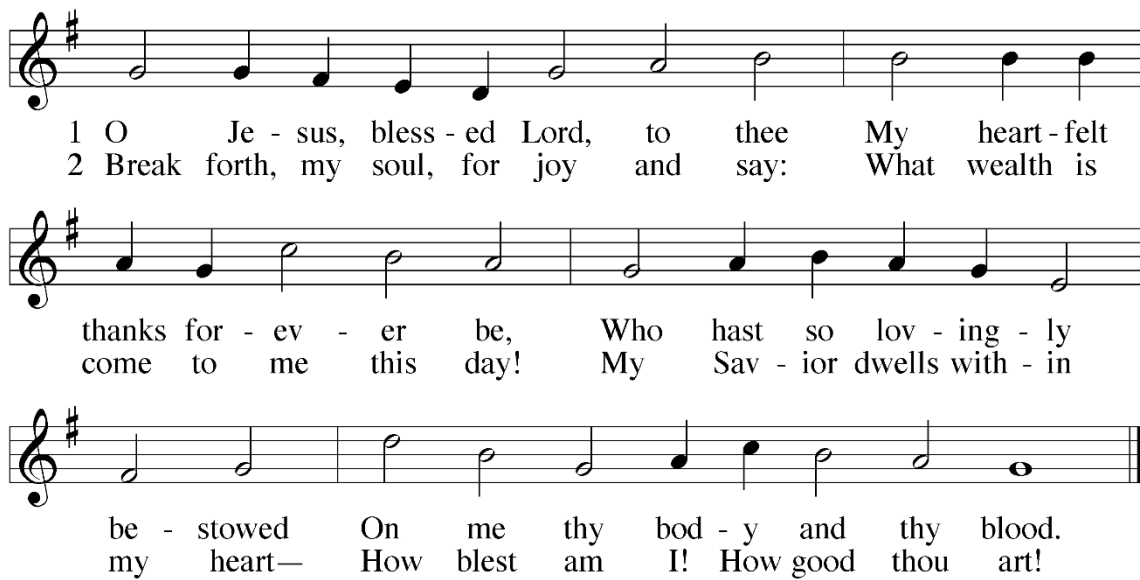
BLESSING

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

Be seated

CLOSING HYMN: 316, O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee



The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using half and quarter notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with two verses indicated by the numbers 1 and 2.

1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to thee My heart - felt
2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is

thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing - ly
come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with - in

be - stowed On me thy bod - y and thy blood.
my heart— How blest am I! How good thou art!

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Arthur J. Mason, 1851–1928.

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH (LM) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551.

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Worship Notes

Good Friday worship is tomorrow night at 7. On Easter Sunday, worship will be at the usual times of 8:30 and 11:00. Between services there will be a potluck breakfast and Easter egg hunt for kids; there will be no Bible class or Sunday School on Easter.

Wine and Word Bible Study – May 1st

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. 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.

April Communion Dates

Please note that the remaining date for Holy Communion this month will be the 27th. This is so that there would be Communion on Confirmation Sunday, but not on Easter Sunday when many guests from outside our fellowship often worship with us.

Get ready for our church-wide yard sale! Ready to make some space in your home? Start gathering up things you no longer want or need! After Sunday school (11am) on Sunday, April 27, drop off your donations in the big classroom beside Pastor's office. You can bring us all of your unwanted clothing, shoes, toys, small housewares, books, games, etc. (Please, NO large items such as furniture or appliances.) If you have questions, contact Rachel Kovaciny or Erika Ohlendorf. All proceeds from this yard sale will go straight into the Sunday School's mission offering!

Join our Trinity Book Club on Saturday, April 26 at 9:30am at Cuppi Coffee in Dumfries! We will discuss *Before the King* by Heather Kaufman and decide what to read next.

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 Hall beside the door to the hallway.

Small Choir

Trinity's 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 Andy Lutz. If you have any questions or are not getting the emails for Sign-Up Genius, please email worship@trinityofwoodbridge.org. You can also scan this code to sign up:



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.