



April 6, 2025

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.





The Fifth Sunday In Lent

April 6, 2025

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

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

Serving the Lord and Serving Us:

Pastor: Rev. Paul Jenkins

Today's Focus: God supplies salvation in his Son, and diligently works to renew sinful hearts in the Savior's love. Our worship follows *The Common Service*.

WE COME INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

MUSICAL INTRODUCTION

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

OPENING HYMN: 110, My Song is Love Unknown, verses 1-4

1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from his blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some - times they strew his way And his sweet prais - es
4 Why? What has my Lord done? What makes this rage and
me, Love to the love - less shown That they might
stow, But such dis - dain! So few The longed - for
sing, Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas
spite? He made the lame to run; He gave the
sake My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
deed, Who at my need His life did spend!
breath, And for his death They thirst and cry.
these Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst him rise.

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 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.

(Continued on Next Page)

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.

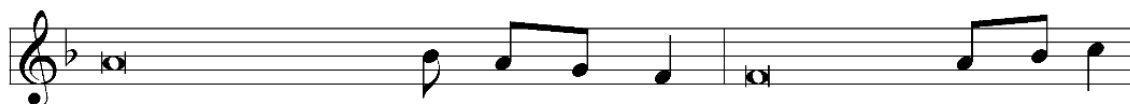
M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



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

(Continued on Next Page)

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 DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray. Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; 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 43:16-21

The powerful Lord, who delivered his people from the slavery of Egypt and the slavery of sin, continues to offer a new life of blessings to his faithful people.

This is what the LORD says,

who makes a road through the sea

and a path through mighty waters,

17 who brings out the chariot and the horses,
the army and the strong warrior.

They will all lie down together.

They will not get up.

They are extinguished.

Like a wick they go out.

18 Do not remember the former things.

Do not keep thinking about ancient things.

19 Watch, I am about to do a new thing.

Now it will spring up. Don't you know about it?

Indeed I will make a road in the wilderness.

In the wasteland I will make rivers.

20 The wild animals, the jackals and ostriches, will honor me,
because I am providing water in the wilderness,
rivers in a parched wasteland,
water for my chosen people to drink.

21 This people that I formed for myself will declare my praise.

PSALM OF THE DAY: 73

Read responsively

M: I am always with you, O LORD;

C: you hold me by my right hand.

M: You guide me with your counsel,

C: and afterward you will take me into glory.

M: Whom have I in heaven but you?

C: And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

M: My flesh and my heart may fail,

C: but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 3:4b-14

Christ strengthens and renews his people to believe in him and to live for the Lord through all trouble and hardship, all the way to the glory of heaven.

If anyone else thinks that he has grounds for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ in regard to zeal, persecuting the church; in regard to the righteousness that is in the law, blameless.

⁷ But, whatever things were a profit for me, these things I have come to consider a loss because of Christ. ⁸ But even more than that, I consider everything to be a loss because of what is worth far more: knowing Christ Jesus, my Lord. For his sake, I have lost all things and consider them rubbish, so that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, which comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness that comes from God by faith. ¹⁰ I do this so that I may know him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death, ¹¹ in the hope that in some way I may arrive at the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus also took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it yet, but there is one thing I do: Forgetting the things that are behind and straining toward the things that are ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Alleluia! (*Mark 10:45*)

Stand

GOSPEL AND SERMON TEXT

Luke 20:9-19

M: The Gospel of St. Luke, chapter 20.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord!

He began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard, leased it to some tenant farmers, and went away on a journey for a long time. ¹⁰ When it was the right time, he sent a servant to the tenants to collect his share of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenant farmers beat the servant and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹ The man went ahead and sent yet another servant, but they also beat him, treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹² He then sent yet a third. They also wounded him and threw him out. ¹³ The owner of the vineyard said, 'What should I do? I will send my son, whom I love. Perhaps they will respect him.'

(Continued on Next Page)

¹⁴ “But when the tenant farmers saw him, they talked it over with one another. They said, ‘This is the heir. Let’s kill him, so that the inheritance will be ours.’ ¹⁵ They threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. So what will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶ He will come and destroy those tenant farmers and give the vineyard to others.”

When they heard this, they said, “May it never be!”

¹⁷ But he looked at them and said, “Then what about this that is written:

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone?

¹⁸ “Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush the one on whom it falls.”

¹⁹ That very hour the chief priests and the experts in the law began looking for a way to lay hands on him, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S SERMON: The Most Patient Father

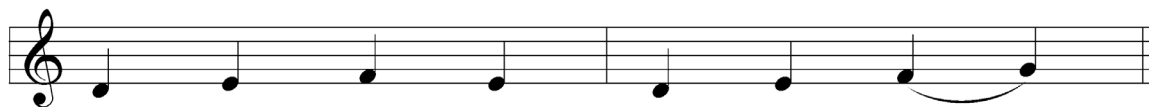
HYMN OF THE DAY: 714, The Lamb



1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the
 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their
 4 He sighs, he dies, He takes my sin and
 5 He rose, he rose, My heart with thanks now

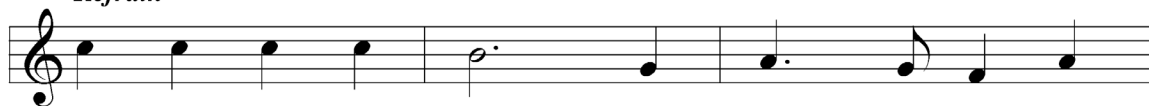


sac - ri - fice? Faith sees, be - lieves God
 of - fer - ing. The Lamb, the Lamb, Let
 shep - herd kill So still, his will, On
 wretch - ed - ness. He lives, for - gives, He
 o - ver - flows. His song pro - long 'Til



will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
 earth join heav'n his praise to sing.
 our be - half the law to fill.
 gives me his own right - eous - ness.
 ev - 'ry heart to him be - long.

Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me his



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on his throne.

As the Lord provided for Abraham a sacrifice in place of his son Isaac, so also he lovingly provides for us his own Son, Jesus, the perfect Lamb of God sacrificed for the sins of the world.

Tune: WINTER (48 48 and Refrain)

Text, Tune: Gerald P. Coleman, b. 1953 © 1987 Birnamwood Publications (ASCAP),
 a division of MorningStar Music Publishers, Inc. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

SERMON

Text: Luke 20:9-19

Theme: The Living Word: A Pure Renewal

Stand

CREATE IN ME

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are aligned with the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span multiple notes.

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: O Lord God, we thank you for the wondrous gift of your Son Jesus Christ, and for the promised graces we have received through him. We thank you that through his perfect life and his obedience to death on the cross, we have been granted cleansing and pardon for all our sins. We thank you that in his resurrection we have the promise of life everlasting, and that in his ascension to the right hand of your majesty, we have the assurance that he continually intercedes for us.

(Continued on Next Page)

Help us believe and trust in him, love and serve him, so that in all our thoughts, words, and actions, we shine his light. Rebuke our selfishness and subdue our self-indulgence. Deepen our sympathies, strengthen our hope, and confirm us in our faith.

Dwell in our homes and let the trust of our families be centered on you alone, so that no trial or adversity may rob us of the conviction that you are our helper in every time of need. Relieve the afflictions of the weary and ill, and dry the tears of the troubled and sorrowful. Lead them to look to you as the unfailing spring of healing and hope.

All these things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior and Lord. 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 unto 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 willingly died under the curse of this world's sin so that we may live forever in the light of God's blessing. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

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 is written on five staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are aligned with the notes: 'C:' is at the start of the first staff, 'O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;' spans the first and second staves, 'have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,' spans the second and third staves, 'you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.' spans the third and fourth staves, 'O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;' spans the fourth and fifth staves, and 'grant us your peace. A - men.' spans the fifth staff. The word 'A' is positioned below a long horizontal line that extends across the end of the fifth staff, indicating a long note or a breath mark.

Be Seated

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: 106, Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun-tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
 2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean-ness, Come de - filed, with -
 3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound-ed, par - a -
 4 He that drinks shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
 out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean-ness,
 lyzed, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
 new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows to you, to me, to all, In a full, per -
 From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
 Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
 Break his cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
 make them white; You shall walk with God in light.
 will re - store; He that drinks shall thirst no more.
 deem - er died, Sealed when he was glo - ri - fied.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.
 Tune: NAAR MIT ÖIE (87 87 77) Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–87.

Stand

SONG OF SIMEON



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

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.

Be Seated

CLOSING HYMN: 110, My Song is Love Unknown, verses 5-7



5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made a -
way. A mur - der - er they save; The Prince of
life they slay. Yet cheer-ful he To suff'r-ing
goes That he his foes From death might free.

6 In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav'n was his home
But mine the tomb
Wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing;
No story so divine,
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!

Text: Samuel Crossman, c. 1624-83, alt.

Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN (66 66 4444) John N. Ireland, 1879-1962. © John Ireland Trust.
All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Trinity Lutheran Church

12345 Cotton Mill Drive, Woodbridge, VA

Pastor Paul Jenkins: revpauljenkins@yahoo.com, (309) 433-5807

Dawn Knox Administrative Assistant: Admin@TrinityofWoodbridge.org, (703) 615-9320

Find us online at www.TrinityofWoodbridge.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/trinityofwoodbridge

Wine and Word Bible Study – April 17th

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.

Last Lenten Supper this Wednesday

The final potluck supper for the season of Lent will start in the Fellowship Hall at 6 on Wednesday, followed by a short devotion around 6:30. Everyone is welcome!

Voters' Meeting TODAY

There is a voters' meeting at 1:30 today on Zoom. Please contact pastor or Dawn Knox if you have not received the link in your email.

Fifth Annual Easter Egg Hunt – This Saturday

Trinity's next outreach event will be our Fifth Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12 at 2pm. Eggs filled with candy will be ordered again this year, but you're welcome to add your own to the stash, if you'd like. Our goal is to show kindness and also invite our unchurched neighbors to join us for Holy Week worship. Thanks to those who have volunteered to help!

Confirmation Sunday

Our two young friends Carice Hendricks and Mary McKnight will be confirmed during the Rite of Confirmation in the 11:00 service next Sunday, April 13, with cake and celebration time following in the Fellowship Hall.

April Communion Dates

Please note that the remaining dates for Holy Communion this month will be the 13th and 27th. This is so that there will 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.

Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt

There will be no Bible class or Sunday School between services on Easter Sunday (April 20th). Instead, there will be an egg hunt for kids and a potluck breakfast for everyone. Beverages and tableware will be provided; please bring a dish to share if you're able.

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.



A Cross-Shaped Life

<https://wels.net/family-devotion/fd20250321/>

Read: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

Philippians 4:1

Paul made a bold statement: “Join with others in following my example.” They say that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, so you copy those you admire most. Paul invites the people in Philippi (as well as us reading this devotion) to follow his example, but should he really be saying that? Don’t you think Paul remembered that he had blood on his hands? Before he believed in Jesus, he was a proud persecutor of the Church. He had hauled off who knows how many people to prison or even death simply for trusting in Christ as Lord. Then one day, the Lord Jesus knocked Paul off his donkey, changed his heart, and brought him to faith. That’s when the trouble really started. Now a tireless missionary spreading the gospel, Paul endured a shipwreck, beatings, persecution, and a constant thorn in his flesh—all so he could tell people about Jesus’ love.

We can learn a lot from Paul’s example because his story is our story, too. I’ve never been shipwrecked or beaten up for my faith. But Paul wasn’t the only one who needed Jesus to change him. Once, we were separated from God, stubborn and thinking we didn’t need him, until the Lord Jesus stepped in to save us. Jesus carried his cross (and all of your sin!) to Calvary where he followed God’s plan of salvation all the way to death. He didn’t try to escape the suffering, but with you on his heart, Jesus looked his eyes on a middle cross. While we were still his enemies, he forgave our sins, gave us faith in him, and then turned us loose into the world to share his love with others.

And just like it was for Paul, so it will be for us. There will be obstacles as we follow Jesus. There will be enemies of the gospel that try to stop us. Our lives will take on the shape of the cross. But don’t give up, because when we keep our eyes on Jesus, we can trust that even hard things will draw us closer to him. Even when life is difficult because we’re Christians, follow Paul’s example and remember—just like Jesus, we know there’s always resurrection on the other side of the cross.

Questions for Considerations

What did Paul want the Philippians (and us) to do?

Who carried the cross to Calvary to take away our sins?

What hard things did Paul go through because he was telling people about Jesus?

When Paul was tired or hurting, what helped him keep going? What helps us when we feel the same way?

How can tough times actually be good for us?

How can we live like Paul and show Jesus’ love to others?

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.