

Jesus' Love is His Glory--  
Your Love is, Too"



**May 18, 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.





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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:** The best love of all spreads from Jesus' heart to the hearts of his people. 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.*

**11:00 Service:** *The Small Choir will sing: "Loving Shepherd of the Sheep"*

## OPENING HYMN: 157, Jesus Christ is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day,  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured,  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove,



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,  
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured,  
Praise e - ter - nal as his love,



Who did once up - on the cross,  
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now a - bove the sky he's King,  
Praise him, all you heav'n - ly host,



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss,  
Sin - ners to re - deem and save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where the an - gels ev - er sing,  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

Text: Latin hymn, 14th century, st. 1-3; Charles Wesley, 1707-88, st. 4; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708, st. 1-3, alt.  
Tune: EASTER HYMN (77 77 with Alleluias) *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708, alt.

*Stand*

## INVOCATION

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

Congregation: **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him 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.**

## LORD OF MERCY

### *KYRIE*

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.

# O LORD, OUR LORD

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;

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The time signature is 7/8. The lyrics are aligned with the notes. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) in the second, third, and fourth staves. The score ends with a double bar line and a key signature change to one flat (F).

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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. O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, 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 11:1-18

*In love, Christ accepts all who believe without regard for nationality, circumcision, or diet.*

The apostles and brothers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God. <sup>2</sup>When Peter went up to Jerusalem, those who insisted on circumcision criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, "You went to visit men who were uncircumcised and ate with them!"

<sup>4</sup>So Peter began to explain everything to them, point by point. He said, <sup>5</sup>"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision in which an object like a large sheet was let down from heaven by its four corners. It came right to me. <sup>6</sup>When I inspected it very carefully, I saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice telling me, 'Get up, Peter! Kill and eat!'

<sup>8</sup>"But I replied, 'Certainly not, Lord, for nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'

<sup>9</sup>"A voice spoke from heaven a second time: 'What God has made clean, you must not continue to call unclean.' <sup>10</sup>This happened three times, and then everything was pulled up into heaven again.

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<sup>11</sup>“At that very moment, three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them without any hesitation. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he saw an angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and call for Simon, the one called Peter. <sup>14</sup>He will speak words to you by which you and all your household will be saved.’

<sup>15</sup>“As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came down on them, just as he came down on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>Then I remembered how the Lord had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>17</sup>So if God gave them the same gift as he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to try to stand in God’s way?”

<sup>18</sup>When they heard these things, they had no further objections, and they praised God, saying, “So then, God has granted repentance that results in life also to the Gentiles!”

## **PSALM OF THE DAY: 145**

*READ RESPONSIVELY*

M: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;

**C: his greatness no one can fathom.**

M: One generation will commend your works to another;

**C: they will tell of your mighty acts.**

M: The LORD upholds all those who fall

**C: and lifts up all who are bowed down.**

M: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.

**C: You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.**

M: The LORD is near to all who call on him,

**C: to all who call on him in truth.**

M: He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;

**C: he hears their cry and saves them.**

## SECOND LESSON

### 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

*These verses, often heard at weddings, are actually about Christian love in general, not just love between a husband and wife.*

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and know all the mysteries and have all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away everything I own, and if I give up my body that I may be burned but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient. Love is kind. Love does not envy. It does not brag. It is not arrogant. <sup>5</sup> It does not behave indecently. It is not selfish. It is not irritable. It does not keep a record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> It does not rejoice over unrighteousness but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup> Love never comes to an end. But if there are prophetic gifts, they will be done away with; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be done away with. <sup>9</sup> For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, <sup>10</sup> but when that which is complete has come, that which is partial will be done away with. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put away childish things. <sup>12</sup> Now we see indirectly using a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, just as I was fully known.

<sup>13</sup> So now these three remain: faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.

### VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! "I am the way, the truth, and the life."  
Alleluia! (*John 14:6*)

*Stand*

### GOSPEL AND SERMON TEXT

#### John 13:31-35

M: The Gospel of St John, chapter 13.

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

After Judas left, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify the Son in himself and will glorify him at once.

<sup>33</sup> "Dear children, I am going to be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

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34 "A new commandment I give you: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, so also you are to love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

**CHILDREN'S SERMON: It All Begins with Jesus' Love**

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



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior,  
 2 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us,  
 3 Bind us all as one to - geth - er  
 4 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers,



Source of life and truth and grace, Word made  
 King of love and Prince of Peace; Hush the  
 In your Church's sa - cred fold, Weak and  
 So may we for oth - ers live. Free - ly



flesh, whose birth a - mong us, Hon - ors  
 storm of strife and pas - sion; Bid its  
 health - y, poor and wealth - y, Sad and  
 have your gifts been grant - ed; Free - ly



all our hu - man race, You our head,  
 cru - el dis - cords cease. By your pa -  
 joy - ful, young and old. Is there want  
 may your ser - vants give. Yours the gold

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who, throned in glo - ry, For your own will  
 tient years of toil - ing, By your si - lent  
 or pain or sor - row? Make us all the  
 and yours the sil - ver, Yours the wealth of



ev - er plead: Fill us with your love and  
 hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered thirst for  
 bur - den share. Are there spir - its crushed and  
 land and sea; We but stew - ards of your



pit - y; Heal our wrongs and help our need.  
 plea - sure; Stem our self - ish greed for gain.  
 bro - ken? Teach us, Lord, to soothe their care.  
 boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.

Text: Somerset T. C. Lowry, 1855–1932, abr., alt.  
 Tune: LORD, REVIVE US (87 87 D) *The Revivalist*, Troy, NY, 1868.

**SERMON**

**Text:** John 13:31-35  
**Theme:** Jesus' Glory is His Love – and Your Love is, Too

*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.**

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**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:** Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you for reconciling us to yourself through the sufferings and death of your dear Son. Through him we have confidence to enter your presence and bring you our prayers and petitions.

Out of the infinite bounty of your goodness, grant us a rich measure of your Spirit. Let the love of Christ fill your Church, so that it may flourish in all good works. Help us show love and compassion for all who are in need. Bestow on the nations of the earth the knowledge of your mercy, that they may turn to you, the only God, and find salvation in you.

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Strengthen our faith so that we unflinchingly come to you in prayer for all our bodily needs. Give a special measure of your power to those who are sorrowful or mourning, to those who are in pain or sickness, to those who may be in temptation or peril, that they may receive your blessed aid.

And help us patiently endure any affliction you may permit to come into our lives, knowing that you are using them in love to prepare us for that joyful communion with you, which is ours for all eternity.

*Special prayers*

M: Accept our prayers and intercessions, and provide for all our needs not because we are worthy but for the sake of Jesus our Savior. 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 right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church. 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.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody consists of six lines of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## 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 key signature of one flat (B-flat). 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.

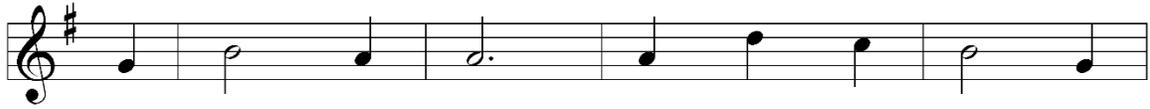
*Be Seated*

**DISTRIBUTION**

Hymn: 340 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My great  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As - sist  
3 The name of Je - sus calms our fears And bids  
4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He sets  
5 See all your sins on Je - sus laid; The Lamb



Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my  
me to pro - claim, To spread through all the  
our sor - rows cease. 'Tis mu - sic in the  
the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the  
of God was slain. His life was once an



God and King, The tri - umphs of his grace!  
earth a - broad, The hon - ors of your name.  
sin - ner's ears; 'Tis life and health and peace.  
foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.  
off - 'ring made That you might live a - gain.

6 Glory to God and praise and love  
Be ever, ever giv'n  
By saints below and saints above,  
The Church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, abr., alt.  
Tune: BEATITUDO (CM) John B. Dykes, 1823–76.

*Stand*

## THANK THE LORD



**C:** Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joyce and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

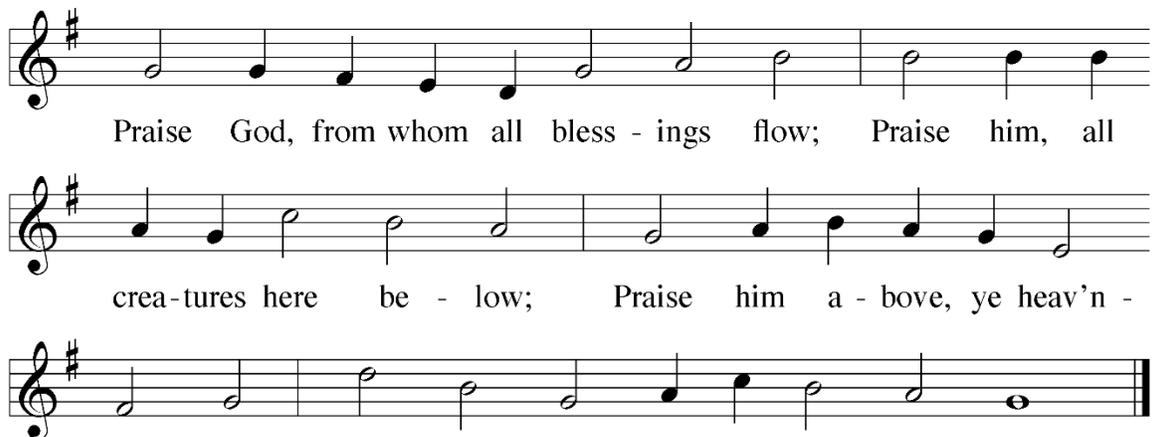
## BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
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: 334, Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all  
crea-tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n -  
ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, abr.

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

*After the Closing Hymn:*

8:30 Service – The Small Choir will sing: “Loving Shepherd of the Sheep”

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### Pastor's Farewell and Appreciation Hour – TODAY

Please join us for a special Farewell and Appreciation Hour as we come together to honor and celebrate Pastor for his faithful service and lasting impact on our community during Sunday School Hour.

We'll have food and beverages provided, so just bring your warm wishes and kind words!

A basket is available at the event to collect cards and notes of appreciation.

### Vacation Bible School Registration OPEN. Volunteers Needed!

Registration is now open for this year's VBS, which will be held July 14-18 from 9:00-11:30 am. Come join us for True North VBS where kids will be pointed to Jesus, our Savior and faithful Friend whom we can always trust. 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 4 to those entering 6th grade. Kids entering 7th grade and older may volunteer as helpers. Adult volunteers are needed as well! Please contact Erika Ohlendorf ([erika.ohlendorf@gmail.com](mailto:erika.ohlendorf@gmail.com)) with questions. Register your child here: <https://vbspro.events/p/trinity2025> (QR Code below)



### Wine and Word Bible Study – June 5th

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. 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](mailto:dawn.f.knox@gmail.com) to RSVP.

### 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](mailto:worship@trinityofwoodbridge.org). You can also scan this code to sign up:



**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.

### **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](mailto:revpauljenkins@yahoo.com) with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work.



## The Greatest Church Service Ever

<https://wels.net/family-devotion/fd20250507/>

### Read: Revelation 5:11-14

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”

### Revelation 5:12

What’s your favorite church service? Is it Christmas, when you hear about baby Jesus, the shepherds, and the angels? Maybe Easter, when you sing “Alleluia” and celebrate that Jesus came back to life? Or is it Pentecost, when the church is filled with red decorations, and you imagine a little flame sitting on your head?

Every church service is a special time to come into God’s house and worship him. Some services feel extra exciting with special music, decorations, and favorite Bible stories. But no matter how long or short the service is, it can’t compare to the church service we hear about in the book of Revelation.

The apostle John tells us about a church service like no other—one that’s happening in heaven! What makes this service so special is who everyone is worshiping. When we go to church, we hear God’s Word, but we can’t see Jesus with our eyes. In this heavenly service, John saw Jesus! He saw a Lamb who looked like it had been hurt—but this Lamb was alive. It was Jesus, the Lamb of God, who died for our sins and came back to life!

This heavenly church service is full of amazing people, too. There are so many angels that no one could count them. There are 24 elders—many think they stand for the people of God from the Old Testament and the New Testament. But that’s not all.

John also saw “every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea” joining in the worship. That means everyone—every person who’s ever lived or ever will live. That means people from every city, every country, every place in the whole world. And guess what? That means you, too!

One day, you will be there. You’ll see the angels, the elders, and most of all—you’ll see Jesus, the Lamb who died and rose for you. One day, you’ll be part of the most amazing church service ever, worshiping your Savior face to face. What a day that will be!

**Questions to Consider:**

What's your favorite song to sing at church? Why do you like it?

Who is someone you could invite to come to church with you? How could you tell them about Jesus?

What's your favorite church service or holiday? What makes it so special for you?

In the worship service that John saw in heaven, who was there? Can you name some of the people or creatures that were worshiping?

What are you most excited about when you think about worshiping Jesus in heaven? What do you imagine that will be like?

Even though we can't see God with our eyes when we come to church, in what ways is he still with us?

How does he show up in our worship?

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