

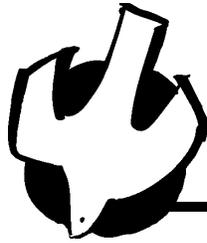
July 27, 2025

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.





Seventh
Sunday after Pentecost

July 27, 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:

Guest Worship Leader: Luke Hendricks

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: 222, Songs of Praise the Angels Sang, Verses 1, 2 & 4

1 Songs of praise the an - gels sang, Heav'n with
2 Songs of praise a - woke the morn When the
4 And shall man a - lone be still? Has he
al - le - lu - ias rang, When cre - a - tion was be -
Prince of Peace was born. Songs of praise a - rose when
nei - ther breath nor skill? No, the Church de - lights to
gun, When God spoke and it was done.
he Cap - tive led cap - tiv - i - ty.
raise Psalms and hymns and songs of praise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.
Tune: INNOCENTS (77 77) French melody, 13th century.

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.**

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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

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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: God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; 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 66:10-14

¹⁰ Rejoice with Jerusalem and celebrate with her, all you who love her.

Share her joy with her, all you who have been mourning over her,

¹¹ so that you may nurse and be satisfied from her comforting breast,

so that you may suck and find delight from her milk-filled breasts.^[a]

¹² Yes, this is what the Lord says.

I am ready to extend peace to her like a river,

and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream.

You will be nursed. You will be carried on her side,

and you will be bounced on her knees.

¹³ Just like a man^[b] whom his mother comforts,

in the same way I myself will comfort you,

and you will be comforted concerning Jerusalem.

¹⁴ Then you will see, and your heart will be glad.

Like grass you will receive new strength, right down to your bones.

Then the Lord's hand will be known to his servants,

but his fury to his enemies.

PSALM OF THE DAY: 66

READ RESPONSIVELY

M: Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

C: Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious.

M: Praise our God, all peoples,

C: let the sound of his praise be heard;

M: he has preserved our lives

C: and kept our feet from slipping.

M: Come and hear, all you who fear God;

C: let me tell you what he has done for me.

M: If I had cherished sin in my heart,

C: the Lord would not have listened;

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M: but God has surely listened

C: and has heard my prayer.

M: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

C: and to the Holy Spirit,

M: as it was in the beginning,

C: is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SECOND LESSON AND SERMON TEXT

Luke 13:1-9

At that time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ² He answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered these things? ³ I tell you, no. But unless you repent, you will all perish too. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse sinners than all the people living in Jerusalem? ⁵ I tell you, no. But unless you repent, you will all perish too."

⁶ He told them this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard. He came looking for fruit on it, but he did not find any. ⁷ So he said to the gardener, 'Look, for three years now I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and I have found none. Cut it down. Why even let it use up the soil?' ⁸ But the gardener replied to him, 'Sir, leave it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put fertilizer on it. ⁹ If it produces fruit next year, fine. But if not, then cut it down.'"

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. Alleluia. (*Luke 8:15 cf. RSV*)

Stand

GOSPEL

Luke 10:1-12, 16-20

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

C: Glory be to you, O Lord!

After this, the Lord appointed seventy-two^[a] others and sent them out two by two ahead of him^[b] to every town and place where he was about to go.

² He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. So ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field. ³ Go your way. Look, I am sending you out as lambs among wolves. ⁴ Do not carry a money bag or traveler’s bag or sandals. Do not greet anyone along the way. ⁵ Whenever you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace be to this house.’ ⁶ And if a peaceful person is there, your peace will rest on him, but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in that same house, eating and drinking what they give you, because the worker is worthy of his pay. Do not keep moving from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and they welcome you, eat what is set before you. ⁹ Heal the sick who are in the town and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near you.’

¹⁰ “But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ ‘Even the dust from your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this: The kingdom of God has come near.’ ¹² I tell you, it will be more bearable for Sodom on that day than for that town.....

.... ¹⁶ Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me. And whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name!”

¹⁸ He told them, “I was watching Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ Look, I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy. And nothing will ever harm you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names have been written in heaven.”

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

HYMN OF THE DAY: 570, O Christians Haste Your Mission High Fulfilling



1 O Chris - tians, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
2 Be - hold how man - y thou - sands still are ly - ing
3 Pro - claim to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
4 Send her - alds forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious;



To tell to all the world that God is light,
Bound in the drear - y pris - on - house of sin
That God, in whom they live and move, is love;
Give of your wealth to speed them on their way;



That he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
With none to tell them of the Sav - ior's dy - ing
Tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion
Pour out your soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious;



One soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.
Or of the life he died for them to win.
And died on earth that they might live a - bove.
O Chris - tians, haste to bring the bright - er day!

Refrain



Pub - lish glad ti - dings, Ti - dings of peace,



Ti - dings of Je - sus, Re - demp - tion and re - lease.

Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834–1923, abr., alt.

Tune: REDEMPTION (11 10 11 10 with Refrain) Bruce R. Backer, b. 1929. © 1993 Bruce R. Backer. All rights reserved.
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SERMON

Text: Luke 13:1-9

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 five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The lyrics are: "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 score ends with a double bar line.

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OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign the friendship register found in your pew.

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

Stand

Prayer of the Church

M: Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our synod.

C: Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.

M: Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

C: Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.

M: Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

C: Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

Silent prayer.

M: Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

C: Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.

Special prayers.

M: Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

C: Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. 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.

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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: 249, God of Mercy, God of Grace

1 God of mer - cy, God of grace, Show the bright - ness
 2 Let the peo - ple praise you, Lord! Be by all that
 3 Let the peo - ple praise you, Lord, Then en - joy your

of your face. Shine up - on us, Sav - ior, shine;
 live a - dored. Let the na - tions shout and sing
 rich re - ward! God to us his bless - ing give,

Fill your Church with light di - vine, And your sav - ing
 Glo - ry to their Sav - ior King, At your feet their
 We to God de - vot - ed live, All be - low and

health ex - tend To the earth's re - mot - est end.
 trib - ute pay, And your ho - ly will o - bey.
 all a - bove One in joy and light and love.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847, alt.
 Tune: RATISBON (77 77 77) attr. Johann G. Werner, 1777–1822.

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Teen Youth Group Pool Event- Saturday, August 9, 2025 from 1-5 p.m. Hilda Naranjo will be hosting at her home. Teens are invited to come swim and enjoy the company of their peers. This will also provide an opportunity for the teens of the congregation to discuss future youth group events. Snacks will be provided, but please RSVP to Hilda by August 6 (arqhilda@yahoo.com). Location- 12971 Torchlight Dr. Woodbridge, VA 22193. *Must know how to swim or bring life jacket.

Midweek Bible Class: "Foundations of Faith" Bible Class will begin Wed. July 30th at either 5:30 or 7:00. The first class discusses how God gave us the Bible. See Pastor if you're interested.

Church Council Highlights: Our next call meeting is **tentatively scheduled for Aug. 3...** We will be having a movie nite **on Wednesday Aug. 13th**. Title will be determined... At the end of the fiscal year, we are \$8600 ahead of our expenses... **Youth Group is starting up in August**, with monthly meetings... We will go back to **having two services after Labor Day...** Gift baskets and several follow-up mailings are being used to reach out to newcomers in our neighborhood.

Sunday Morning Bible Study meets at 9:15 and is on "Important Chapters from the Bible". Today is John 2 (Wedding at Cana). After that come Joshua 6 (Walls of Jericho), and 1 Kings 3 (Solomon's Wisdom). Advance copies are available if you want one. Join us Advance copies are available if you want one.

SERMON SERIES: As you know, we're going thru a series on 'How a Christian ACTS out his Faith'. In case you want to look ahead at them, the next ones (with the theme behind it) are: Acts 4:12-23 (Only One Way), [July 27 will be Luke 13:6-9 with a guest preacher], Aug. 3, Acts 8:9-21 (God or Greed), 8:25-38 (Why were you Baptized?), 16:25-34 (What must I DO to be Saved?), and 4:8-13 (Rejected).

Wine and Word Bible Study – August 7th

The Wine and Word Bible Study is **studying the book of EXODUS** and 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 (or other drink of choice) 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.

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 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:



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 925-337-3635 or pmjrmueller@gmail.com with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work.



Live By the Spirit

<https://wels.net/family-devotion/fd20250716/>

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:22-25

Have you ever seen a cartoon with a little angel and a little devil sitting on someone's shoulders? The angel whispers good advice—like “Do the right thing!”—while the devil tries to get them to do something wrong—like lie or be mean.

They're not real, of course. But that picture helps us understand what the Bible talks about in Galatians 5. There's a battle going on in our hearts. One side is the Holy Spirit, helping us do what is good and right. The other side is our sinful nature, which tries to pull us into doing wrong.

When we listen to the Holy Spirit, we are kind, loving, patient, and full of peace. But when we listen to our sinful nature, we can become jealous, angry, selfish, or even mean to others.

That's not the way God wants us to live. God wants us to “Live by the Spirit.” Why? Because God is loving and kind to us, and when we live by the Spirit, we show that same love and kindness to others.

God's Word gives some great encouragement: “Live by the Spirit.” It means this: You're not alone in the fight! God gave you the Holy Spirit to help you make good choices and to live the way Jesus did for us—full of love, patience, and peace. So even when you mess up, God forgives you—and helps you try again.

Fill in the blanks: Christians can either live by the _____(Spirit) or live according to their sinful _____(nature).

True or false: God wants us to live by the Spirit. (True!)

What are some ways kids might live by their sinful nature? (Being selfish, fighting with friends, complaining)

What are some ways kids can live by the Spirit? (Sharing, helping, being kind and patient)

Look at Galatians 5:19-21. Which of those bad choices do you think are hardest for kids your age to avoid? Why do you think that is?

Look at Galatians 5:22-23. Which of those good “fruit of the Spirit” would really help you shine at home or at school? How could that make a difference?

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.