

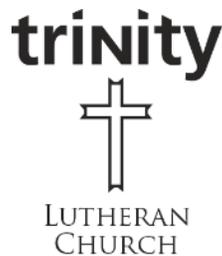
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July 6, 2025

## **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.





# Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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July 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:** Pastor Paul Mueller

# 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: 250, From All that Dwell below the Skies

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's  
2 E - ter - nal are your mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal is your  
praise a - rise. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
glo - rious Word. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through  
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore Till  
ev - 'ry land, by ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia!  
suns shall rise and set no more. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN (888 888 with Alleluias) *Ausserlesene, Catholische, Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, Köln, 1623, alt.

*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.**

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: O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through 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

#### 2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-15

<sup>26</sup>The wife of Uriah the Hittite heard that her husband was dead, so she mourned for her husband. <sup>27</sup>When her mourning was completed, David sent for her and brought her to his house, and she became his wife. She gave birth to a son for him. But what David had done was evil in the eyes of the Lord.

**12** So the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came and told him this:

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There were two men in a city. One was rich and one poor. <sup>2</sup> The rich man had a large number of flocks and herds. <sup>3</sup> The poor man did not own anything except one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He raised it so that it grew up together with him and his children. It ate from his food and drank from his cup. It slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him. <sup>4</sup> When a traveler came to the rich man, the rich man was unwilling to take an animal from his flock or from his herd to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. So he took the lamb from the poor man and prepared it for the man who had come to him.

<sup>5</sup> David's anger flared up against that man. He said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this is as good as dead. <sup>6</sup> In place of that lamb, he will restore four lambs, because he did this and had no pity."

<sup>7</sup> Nathan told David, "You are the man. This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says."

I anointed you king over Israel. I rescued you from the hand of Saul. <sup>8</sup> I gave the house of your master to you, and I gave the wives of your master into your embrace. I gave you the house of Israel and the house of Judah. If this was too little, I would have added even more. <sup>9</sup> Why have you despised the word of the Lord by doing evil in his eyes? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword. You have taken his wife as your own wife. You have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. <sup>10</sup> So now the sword will not depart from your house forever, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.....

<sup>13</sup> David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."

Nathan said to David, "The Lord himself has put away your sin. You will not die. <sup>14</sup> Nevertheless, because by this deed you have treated the Lord with utter contempt,<sup>[a]</sup> the child that is born to you shall surely die." <sup>15</sup> Then Nathan went to his house.

The Lord struck the child that Uriah's wife had borne for David, and the child became sick.

## **PSALM OF THE DAY: 32**

*READ RESPONSIVELY*

M: Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven,

**C: whose sins are covered.**

M: When I kept silent, your hand was heavy upon me;

**C: my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.**

M: Then I acknowledged my sin to you

**C: and did not cover up my iniquity.**

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M: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,

**C: and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

M: You are my hiding place;

**C: you will protect me from trouble.**

M: Many are the woes of the wicked,

**C: but the LORD'S unfailing love surrounds those who trust in him.**

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

**Acts 26: 1, 6-11, 22-23, 28-29**

Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You have permission to speak for yourself."

Then Paul stretched out his hand and began his defense....

<sup>6</sup> "And now I stand on trial because of my hope in the promise made by God to our fathers, <sup>7</sup> the promise that our twelve tribes hope to attain as they earnestly serve God night and day. I am being accused by the Jews concerning this hope, O King. <sup>8</sup> Why does it seem unbelievable to any of you that God raises the dead?

<sup>9</sup> "I too was convinced that it was necessary to do many things hostile to the name of Jesus the Nazarene. <sup>10</sup> And that is what I did in Jerusalem. After receiving authority from the chief priests, I put many of the saints in prison, and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them. <sup>11</sup> I often tried to make them blaspheme by punishing them throughout all the synagogues. Because I was so insanely angry with them, I even pursued them to foreign cities. ....

<sup>22</sup> "But I have had help from God right up to this day, and so I stand testifying to both small and great. I am saying nothing other than what the prophets and Moses said would happen, <sup>23</sup> that the Christ would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light to our people and to the Gentiles." .....

<sup>28</sup> Then Agrippa said to Paul, "In such a short time are you going to persuade me to become<sup>[a]</sup> a Christian?"

<sup>29</sup> Paul replied, "I pray God, that whether in a short time or a long time, not only you, but also all those who are listening to me today would become what I am, except for these chains."

## VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. May your priests be clothed with righteousness; may your saints sing for joy. Alleluia.  
(Psalm 132:9)

*Stand*

## GOSPEL

### Luke 7:36-50

M: The Gospel of St. Luke, chapter 7.

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

<sup>36</sup> A certain one of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him. Jesus entered the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. <sup>37</sup> Just then a sinful woman from that town learned that he was reclining in the Pharisee's house. She brought an alabaster jar of perfume, <sup>38</sup> stood behind him near his feet weeping, and began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she began to wipe them with her hair while also kissing his feet and anointing them with the perfume. <sup>39</sup> When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would realize who is touching him and what kind of woman she is, because she is a sinner."

<sup>40</sup> Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

He said, "Teacher, say it."

<sup>41</sup> "A certain moneylender had two debtors. The one owed five hundred denarii,<sup>[a]</sup> and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup> When they could not pay, he forgave them both. So, which of them will love him more?"

<sup>43</sup> Simon answered, "I suppose the one who had the larger debt forgiven."

Then he told him, "You have judged correctly." <sup>44</sup> Turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house, but you did not give me water for my feet. Yet she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. <sup>45</sup> You did not give me a kiss, but she, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. <sup>46</sup> You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with perfume. <sup>47</sup> Therefore I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; that is why she loved so much. But the one who is forgiven little loves little." <sup>48</sup> Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins have been forgiven."

<sup>49</sup> Those reclining at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

<sup>50</sup> He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

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: 57, Go, Tell it on the Mountain

*Refrain*

Go, tell it on the moun-tain, O-ver the hills, and ev - 'ry - where;

Go, tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born.

1 While shep - herds kept their watch - ing O'er si - lent

2 The shep - herds feared and trem - bled When lo, a -

3 Down in a low - ly man - ger The hum - ble

flocks by night, Be - hold, through - out the

bove the earth Rang out the an - gel

Christ was born; And God sent us sal -

*Refrain*

heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.

cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.

va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Text: African-American spiritual, c. 19th century, refrain; John W. Work, 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.  
Tune: GO, TELL IT (78 76 76 76) African-American spiritual, c. 19th century, alt.

## SERMON

Text: Acts 26: 1, 6-11, 22-23, 28-29  
Theme: Almost

*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 image shows a musical score for the hymn 'CREATE IN ME'. It consists of five staves of music in a single system. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

*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 FOR THE NATION

M: Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.

**C: We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.**

M: You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.

**C: For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.**

M: Look with favor upon our nation, and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

**C: Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.**

M: Keep our financial institutions secure and our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident, and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.

**C: Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.**

M: Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.

### *Special prayers*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

### *Silent prayer.*

M: To you, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.

**C: Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. 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 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 on this day kept his promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world. 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.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature (C). 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 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 time signature is common time (C). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes or bar lines.

*Be Seated*

## DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: 304, Jesus Sinners Does Receive



1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; Oh, may all this  
 2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet his words, rich  
 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray Are not by the  
 4 Come, O sin - ners, one and all, Come, ac - cept his  
 5 I, a sin - ner, come to you With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live  
 grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;  
 Lord for - sak - en; Wea - ry souls who lost their way  
 in - vi - ta - tion. Come, o - bey his gra - cious call;  
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, show me mer - cy, too;



And from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope  
 Here their ills have per - fect heal - ing Who with hum -  
 Are by Christ, the shep - herd, tak - en In his arms  
 Come and take his free sal - va - tion! Firm - ly in  
 Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words



for all who grieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
 ble hearts be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
 that they may live— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
 these words be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
 my soul re - ceive— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

6 Oh, how blest it is to know,  
 Were as scarlet my transgression,  
 It shall be as white as snow  
 By your blood and bitter passion,  
 For these words I do believe—  
 Jesus sinners does receive.

7 Jesus sinners does receive.  
 Even I have been forgiven.  
 And when I this earth must leave,  
 I shall find an open heaven.  
 Dying, still to him I cleave—  
 Jesus sinners does receive.

Text: Erdmann Neumeister, 1671–1756, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: MEINEN JESUM LASS ICH NICHT (78 78 77) Neu-verfertigtes Darmstädtisches Gesang-Buch, Darmstadt, 1699, alt.

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: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

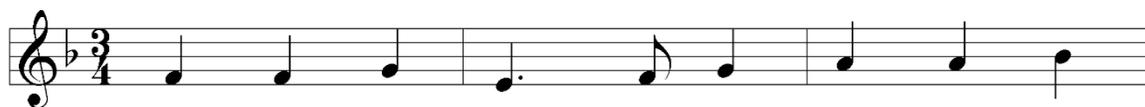
## BLESSING

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: 619, God Bless our Native Land



1 God bless our na - tive land! Firm may she  
2 For her our prayers shall rise To God a -



ev - er stand Through storm and night! When the wild  
bove the skies; On him we wait. Thou who art



tem - pests rave, Ru - ler of wind and wave,  
ev - er nigh, Guard - ing with watch - ful eye,



Do thou our coun - try save By thy great might.  
To thee a - loud we cry, God save the state!

Text: Charles T. Brooks, 1813-83, st. 1, alt.; John S. Dwight, 1813-93, st. 2.  
Tune: AMERICA (664 6664) *Thesaurus Musicus*, London, c. 1740.

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### VBS Donation Board

There is a board in the narthex listing items we need to make this year's VBS a success! Some items are loans and will be returned after VBS, and some items are donations that will be used up and not returned. Please take the sticky note for any item you wish to contribute. All donations and loans must be dropped off in the big classroom by July 6th.

**CALL FOR OUR NEXT PASTOR:** Pastor Josh Schultz from Great Falls, Mt. has been called to serve us. Over the next couple of weeks, with prayer and consultation with people from both churches, he will decide where he can best serve God's Kingdom. If you want to email him, that is certainly appropriate. Tell him why you think he is needed here. His email is [schultzj89@gmail.com](mailto:schultzj89@gmail.com).

**WHAT DO YOU THINK?** Pastor Mueller was thinking about starting a monthly newsletter to edify you and that you could share with others... Would it be beneficial to have an outdoor service/picnic at a nearby park this summer? We'd still have the 10:00 service at church... Since many of our members come from a distance, would it be beneficial to have a potluck dinner after church once a month?... How about beginning a Youth Group? We would need congregation help with it... Please share your thoughts with Pastor Mueller or a member of council.

**NEW BIBLE CLASS: Join us after church for Sunday School** Pastor is leading us in a WELS study called "19-minute Bible Studies on very important Chapters in the Bible."

### 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 – July 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 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 925-337-3635 or [pmjrmueller@gmail.com](mailto:pmjrmueller@gmail.com) with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work.



## **Timothy's Faith Story**

<https://wels.net/family-devotion/fd20250623/>

I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

2 Timothy 1:5-6

Have you ever heard names like Lois or Eunice? They aren't very common today, but a long time ago, these were the names of Timothy's grandma and mom. Timothy was a young pastor who loved Jesus, and he got his faith from these two special women.

The apostle Paul, a big helper for Christians back then, knew Lois and Eunice and wrote letters to Timothy to encourage him. But Timothy didn't start believing in Jesus all by himself—he learned about Jesus from his family first!

Just like Timothy, many children today learn about God from their parents, grandparents, or someone close to them. Maybe someone reads you Bible stories, sings songs about Jesus, or prays with you. That's how faith starts—at home and in people who love us.

Paul reminded Timothy to keep his faith strong, like fanning a small flame to make a big fire. May the Holy Spirit keep doing that saving work in your homes and hearts. Whisper a little prayer of thanks for the people who have brought Jesus into your life!

### **Questions to Consider:**

Can you think of a prayer you say a lot?

Who taught it to you?

Do you remember anything about your baptism? Why not?! Who made sure you were baptized?

Besides your family, who has influenced your faith most and why?

Timothy had his grandma, mom, and Paul to help him. Who can you thank for helping you believe in Jesus?

Do you know how your parents learned about Jesus? Could you ask them to tell you their story sometime?

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