



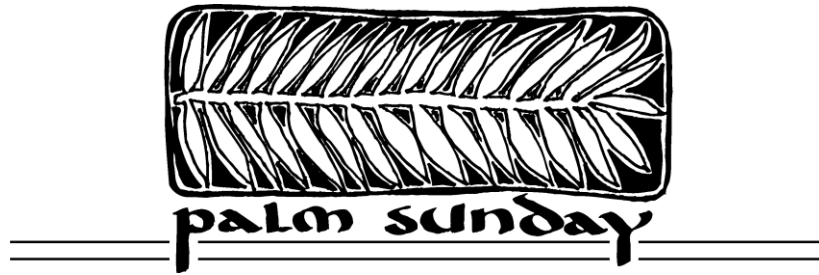
**March 29, 2026**

## **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 Kieth Kuschel**

# 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.*

## PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:

Lord, following You on Palm Sunday is fun. Make it fun for me all the time even in the midst of sorrow.

## OPENING HYMN 130, Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

*(Sunday school will sign 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Verses, Congregations signs 2<sup>nd</sup> Verse)*

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The  
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid  
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That

lit - tle chil - dren sang; Through pil - lared  
an - ex - ul - tant crowd, The vic - tor  
an - cient song we sing, For Christ is

court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them  
palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and  
our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n, our

rang. To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close  
loud. The Lord of saints and an - gels Rode  
King. Oh, may we ev - er praise him With

fold - ed to his breast, The chil - dren sang their  
on in low - ly state Nor scorned that lit - tle  
heart and life and voice And in his roy - al

prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.  
chil - dren Should on his bid - ding wait.  
pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

Text: Jeanette Threlfall, 1821-80, alt.

Tune: ELLACOMBE (76 76 D) *Gesang-Buch . . . der Herzogl . . . Hofkapelle, Württemberg, 1784, alt.*

## 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#). It consists of nine staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) in the second, third, and fourth staves. The piece concludes 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

**We praise You, O God,/ for the great acts of love/ by which You have redeemed us through Your Son, Jesus Christ. As He was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments & branches in His path,/ so may we always hail Him as our King/ & follow Him with perfect confidence;/ who lives & reigns with You & the Holy Spirit,/ one God now & forever. Amen.**

## HYMN: 131, All Glory, Laud, and Honor (Verses 1-2)

1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,  
2 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,  
To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho -  
To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho -  
san - nas ring. You are the King of Is - rael  
san - nas ring. The com - pa - ny of an - gels  
And Da - vid's roy - al Son, Now in the  
Is prais - ing you on high, And we with  
Lord's name com - ing, Our King and bless - ed one.  
all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.

## The Word

### FIRST LESSON

#### Zechariah 9:9-10

*The prophet foretells the coming of Zion's King in humility & lowliness. He enters "righteous & having salvation." He brings peace between God & humans.*

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!

Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you,  
righteous and victorious,  
lowly and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup> I will take away the chariots from Ephraim  
and the warhorses from Jerusalem,  
and the battle bow will be broken.

He will proclaim peace to the nations.

His rule will extend from sea to sea  
and from the River to the ends of the earth..

## HYMN 131 All Glory, Laud, and Honor (Verse 3)



3 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re - deem - er, King,  
To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho -  
san - nas ring. The peo - ple of the He - brews  
With palms be - fore you went; Our praise and  
prayer and an - thems Be - fore you we pre - sent.

## SECOND LESSON

### Philippians 2:5-11

*We are to imitate the attitude of Jesus who humbled Himself to death on the cross. But Jesus is also right called "LORD" because He is fully God and to Him all creation will bow.*

<sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

<sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

<sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man,

he humbled himself

by becoming obedient to death—

even death on a cross!

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place

and gave him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

## Hymn: 133, Ride On, Ride on in Majesty



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the  
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel  
4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Your last and  
5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -  
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs  
ar - mies of the sky Look down with sad and  
fiec - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on his  
pomp ride on to die. Bow your meek head to



sue your road, With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
won - d'ring eyes To see th' ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
sap - phire throne A - waits his own a - noint - ed Son.  
mor - tal pain, Then take, O Christ, your power and reign.

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791–1868, alt.

Tune: WINCHESTER NEW (LM) *Musicalisch Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien*, Hamburg, 1690, alt.

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## GOSPEL

### Matthew 21:1-11

*The Palm Sunday entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.*

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

<sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

<sup>5</sup> “Say to Daughter Zion,  
‘See, your king comes to you,  
gentle and riding on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

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<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>10</sup>When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

<sup>11</sup>The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

*Be seated*

**HYMN: 134: O Bride of Christ, Rejoice**

**SERMON TEXT**

### **John 12:1-11**

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>Here a dinner was given in Jesus’ honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Then Mary took about a pint<sup>[a]</sup> of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus’ feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

<sup>4</sup>But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, <sup>5</sup>“Why wasn’t this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year’s wages. <sup>6</sup>He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

<sup>7</sup>“Leave her alone,” Jesus replied. “It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You will always have the poor among you,<sup>[c]</sup> but you will not always have me.”

<sup>9</sup>Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>10</sup>So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, <sup>11</sup>for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and believing in him.

**Theme: On Palm Sunday, we get ready**

- 1. For a meal with Jesus**
- 2. For the death of Jesus**
- 3. To see a risen dead man**

## HYMN 131: All Glory, Laud, and Honor (Verse 4-5)

4 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,  
5 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,  
To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho -  
To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho -  
san - nas ring. To you be - fore your pas - sion  
san - nas ring. As you re - ceived their prais - es,  
They sang their hymns of praise; To you, now  
Ac - cept the prayers we bring, O Source of  
high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.  
ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 762–821; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.  
Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN (76 76 D) Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635, alt.

## 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.**

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**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.**

## **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.*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

M: Lord Jesus, you are the King of heaven and earth. We join the first Palm Sunday worshipers in praising and glorifying you for coming to this earth to be our Savior. Though you are one with God the Father and Lord of all, you humbled yourself and became one with us. Thanks be to you for living a life of perfect conformity to God's holy law in our place. Praise be to you for being obedient to death, even death on a cross, to redeem us from sin.

Cause our voices to blend with those who sang your praises as you rode in Jerusalem. Move us to confess you before others as our Lord. Help us proclaim the message of peace and forgiveness to people of all nations. Use us to assure all people that your blood cleansed them from sin and set them free from slavery to sin, death, and the devil. Move us to dedicate all that we are and have to your glory.

*Special prayers*

M: Dear Savior, as we walk with you this week toward Calvary, keep us focused on your purpose for coming into this world, and our calling to spread this wonderful message of salvation. Hear us for your mercy's 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.**

*(11:00 Continues after Rite of Confirmation with The Sacrament)*

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*(8:30 Rite of Confirmation)*

*Those being confirmed stand before the altar. The congregation remains seated.*

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, our Lord Jesus said to his disciples: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

In obedience to the Lord's command, you have been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You have been taught the precious truths of the Christian faith as confessed by the Wels Evangelical Lutheran Synod. You know what God has given you by his grace and what he expects of you as his dear child. You now have the privilege of receiving the Lord's body and blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

You are here to make a public profession of your Christian faith. The apostle Paul, writing to the Romans, said: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Therefore, lift up your hearts to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions.

M: Do you this day, in the presence of God and of this congregation, acknowledge that in baptism, God gave you forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation?

**Confirmands: I do.**

M: Do you reject the Devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

**C: I do.**

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M: Do you believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

M: Do you believe all the books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God?

**C: I do.**

M: Do you believe that the teaching of the Wels Evangelical Lutheran Synod, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, is faithful and true to the Word of God?

**C: I do.**

M: Do you intend to continue steadfast in this teaching and to endure things, even death, rather than fall away from it?

**C: I do, and I ask God to help me.**

M: Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the teachings of God's Word, to be faithful in use of the Word and Sacrament, and in faith and action remain true to God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – as long as you live?

**C: I do, and I ask God to help me.**

M: Since it is God alone who enables us both to will and to do his good pleasure, it is right for us, dear friends in Christ, to call on him for these confirmands, that he would graciously complete the good work which he has begun in them. Let us, therefore, pray:

M: Gracious Father, you have adopted these sisters and these brothers in baptism and anointed them with your Holy Spirit. Renew and strengthen them by that same Spirit so that they may continue to grow in faith and boldly confess you before others. Lord, in your mercy,

**Congregation: Hear our prayer.**

M: Move them faithfully to hear your Holy Word and joyfully receive your Sacrament that they may again and again be assured of your gracious love and forgiveness. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

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M: Give them the sincere desire to die each day to sin and put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

M: Clothe them with the kindness, humility, and patience of Christ so that they may live at peace with all the members of Christ's body. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

M: Keep them faithful and holy so that they may inherit eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

M: Brothers & Sisters in Christ, what we as a congregation have asked our heavenly Father to confer on all of you, we now ask him to give you individually.

M: **Abigail Jane Kovaciny**, (2 Peter 3:18) But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

Personal Verse: (Prov 3:5) Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding

M: **Emmet Wilson McKeown**, (1 Th 5:23) May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Personal Verse: (Matthew 28:19) Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

M: **Claire Irene Ohlendorf**, (Phil 1:6) God, who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Personal Verse: (Isaiah 43:1b) "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

M: **Michael Lee Popelier**, (Rom 15:5) May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity as you follow Christ Jesus. <sup>6</sup>so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Personal Verse: (Psalm 62:5-6) Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him. <sup>6</sup> Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

M: Your church now invites you to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard your communing at the Lord's Table as a precious privilege given you by God through his Church; receive the Sacrament faithfully and often. The almighty and most merciful God – Father, (+) Son, and Holy Spirit, bless and keep you.

## THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

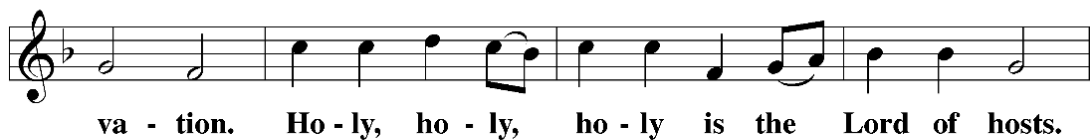
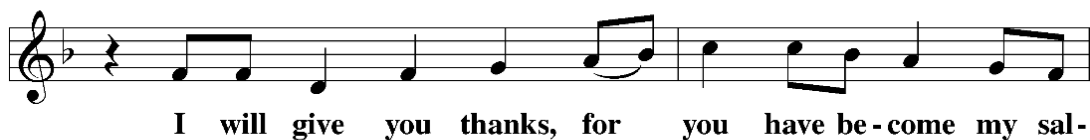
C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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 sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. 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



## 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.

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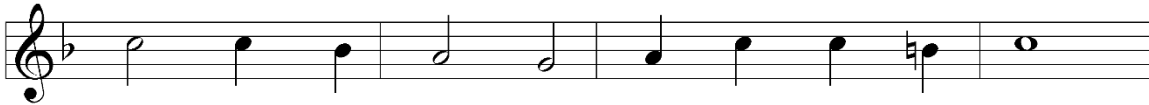
## Hymn: 309, Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,  
2 He that his saints in this world rules and shields  
3 Come for - ward, then, with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured.  
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields,  
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was he for great - est and for least,  
With heav'n - ly bread makes them that hun - ger whole,  
Be - fore your al - tar, Lord, your ser - vants bow;



Him - self the vic - tim and him - self the priest.  
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirs - ty soul.  
In this your feast of love be with us now.

Text: Latin hymn, 7th century, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.

Tune: OLD 124TH (10 10 10 10) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551, alt.

## 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 - jice 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, your Son, 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 make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## Closing Hymn: 596, Let Me Be Yours Forever



1 Let me be yours for - ev - er, My faith - ful  
 2 Lord Je - sus, my sal - va - tion, My light, my  
 3 O gra - cious Ho - ly Spir - it, My com - fort -



God and Lord; Let me for - sake you nev - er  
 life di - vine, My on - ly con - so - la - tion,  
 er and guide, Grant that in Je - sus' mer - it



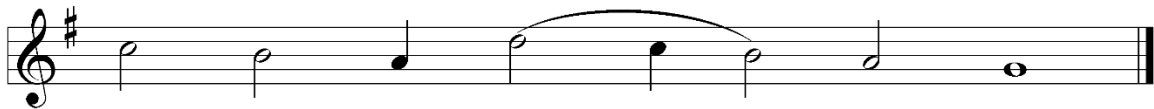
Nor wan - der from your Word. Lord, do not  
 To you I all re - sign, For you have  
 I al - ways may con - fide, Him to the



let me wa - ver But give me stead -  
 dear - ly bought me With blood and bit -  
 end con - fess - ing Whom I have known



fast - ness, And for such grace and fa - vor  
 ter pain. Let me, since you have sought me,  
 by faith. Give me your con - stant bless - ing



Your ho - ly name I'll bless.  
 E - ter - nal life ob - tain.  
 And grant a Chris - tian death.

Text: Nikolaus Selnecker, 1532–92, st. 1; *Gesangbuch*, Rudolstadt, 1688, st. 2-3; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.  
 Tune: ICH DANKE DIR, LIEBER HERRE (76 76 D) *Musika Teutsch*, Nürnberg, 1532, alt.

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### Holy Week Worship Notes

On **Maundy Thursday, April 2**, worship with Communion will be at 7. **Good Friday worship** the following evening will also be at 7. On **Easter Sunday**, worship will be at the usual times of 8:30 and 11:00. Between services there will be a potluck breakfast and Easter egg hunt for kids; there will be no Bible class or Sunday School on Easter.

**YOUTH PARENTS:** This year, the WELS Youth Rally will be in **Ohio, July 14-17**, and registrations will open soon. We are partnering with Grace Lutheran Church to see if we can lower costs, but now we need to know how many teens (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) may be interested in this event so we can transmit a group pre-registration. If you would like your child/children to attend, have any comments, questions or concerns, please contact Hilda Naranjo by sending an email to [arghilda@yahoo.com](mailto:arghilda@yahoo.com) **as soon as possible**. Group Leaders must work on the pre-registration that opens March 9. Thank you!

**The Trinity Book Club** invites you to join them on **May 23 at 9:30 am** at Cuppi Coffee in Dumfries to discuss the Biblical fiction novel *On Living Stone* by Heather Kaufman.

**Save the date! Trinity's annual church-wide yard sale** will be held on **Saturday, May 2** this year! More info to come this spring about when and where to bring your donations, what we need volunteers to help with, and so on.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study meets at 9:45am** Are Lutherans just another branch of Protestantism. The next series is: A review as adults what the Catechism students are studying. When was the last time you reviewed parts of Luther's Small Catechism?

### Wine and Word Bible Study – April 16th

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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:dawn.f.knox@gmail.com) to RSVP.

### Volunteers Needed to provide snacks for our Sunday School and Fellowship Hour!

If you're able to bless our community with simple treats, please sign up on the sheet posted on the Sunday School bulletin board located in the large fellowship and adult Sunday School room. Your contributions help make our time together even more welcoming and enjoyable—thank you for supporting our fellowship!

## **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 Steven Douglas. 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 Bev 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 [k1bernard2k@hotmail.com](mailto:k1bernard2k@hotmail.com) with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work.



## Looking Like We Live In the Light

<https://wels.net/family-devotion/fd20260318/>

**For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. This is why it is said: “Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” Ephesians 5:8-14**

Imagine this: A patient had just finished surgery. The nurse gently peeled off the bandages and told him to keep his eyes closed. Then she said, “Okay, slowly open your eyes.” Light poured in. At first, everything was blurry. But then, little by little, shapes became clear . . . colors appeared . . . and finally, he could see for the first time in his life! His world had completely changed.

We haven’t had that kind of surgery, but something similar happened to us spiritually. The Bible says: “For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord” (Ephesians 5:8). That’s a big deal! We weren’t just in darkness—we were darkness itself. We couldn’t see how lost we were, and there was no way we could make ourselves see the light.

But then Jesus, the Light of the world, came into our hearts. He didn’t wait for us to figure things out. He shined his light on us, showing us that we are forgiven and loved. Suddenly, our hearts were no longer in darkness, they were full of light!

Now our lives are different, just like the patient who could see for the first time. The Bible says we should “live as children of the light.” Before, we only cared about ourselves. Now, we want to do what is good and pleases God.

That looks like:

Speaking kindly to others, instead of hurting them with words.

Helping others, even when it’s not easy.

Doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.

Why? Because we have seen the light of Jesus, and we get to live in it every day!

## Questions to Consider

- A night-light helps us walk safely in the dark. How is Jesus like a night-light for our hearts and lives?
- Where can we look to “find out what pleases the Lord” (v.10)? (Hint: think about a special book we read or listened to in church or at home!)
- Agree or disagree: The life of someone living in darkness looks different from the life of someone living in the light. Why do you think that?
- What are some ways kids can make sure they keep living in the light?
- Temptation sometimes tries to pull us back into darkness. When we mess up, what does Jesus want us to do to stay in the light?
- Do you have friends who don’t know Jesus yet? How could you share the light of Jesus with them?

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by growing in His Word and by going with His Word

to Woodbridge and to the world.



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