



CIRCLE OF LIGHT: PROMISE

1st Sunday of Advent

**Contemporary Worship
9:00 and 10:45 am
December 3, 2017**



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Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church! Please sign the red Worship Witness booklet to record your attendance with us this day, and indicate how many are communing. Then pass the booklet to the worshipers beside you in your row. If you are a guest, name tags are available for you to wear--we would be delighted to greet you by name. Hearing assistance devices are available at the Gathering Space desk.

about today's service

Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

P: Pastor

L: Lector

C: Congregation

† Gathering †

We gather together to praise God and receive His love.

Song: "How Great is Our God"

Verse 1

The splendor of the King clothed in majesty,
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide.
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

Chorus

How great is our God, Sing with me.
How great is our God, and all will see how great.
How great is our God!

Verse 2

And age to age He stands and time is in His hands.
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead three in one, Father Spirit Son.
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

Chorus

Bridge (2X)

Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing, How great is our God!

Chorus (3X)

Tag:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
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Words and music by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves and Ed Cash © 2004 worshiptogether.com songs.

Song: "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"

Verse 1

Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.

Verse 2

Light two candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gently lead them homeward.

Verse 3

Light three candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
Lift your heads and lift high the gateway for the King of glory.

Verse 4

Light four candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
He is coming, tell the glad tidings. Let your lights be shining!

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Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Song: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

Prayer

P: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, we do not lack any spiritual gift as we wait for your coming. Keep us awake and help us use our gifts to serve those who look for the dawn of your justice and mercy.

C: Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

(Stand)

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let us prepare to receive Christ by turning from sin and seeking God's mercy.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: God of all time,

C: we confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.

P: Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. In † Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven, and all things are made new. Rejoice in this good news!

C: Amen

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Sit)

✝ Word ✝

We listen to the story of God's mighty acts for the sake of His people.

First Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

As the Christians in Corinth await the advent of Jesus, Paul reminds them how the Lord has already enriched them through spiritual gifts and will continue to strengthen them until the coming day of the Lord.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Story

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation: "Advent Acclamation"

The musical score is written for piano in 4/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

System 1:
Chords: A, E, F#m, A, E
Lyrics: Let us see, O Lord, Your mer - cy. Let us hear Your Word of tru -

System 2:
Chords: F#m, D, E, F#m, D, E
Lyrics: th. Em-man u el, God - with-u - s, A - men A -



Nancy Easton and Debra Wilson

Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

In today's reading, Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.

[Jesus said:] ²⁴"In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Sit)

Sermon: "Circle of Light: Promise"

Pastor John H. Brock

(Stand)

Nicene Creed

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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.

Prayers of the Church

Following each petition are the words: "Lord, in your mercy,"

*Please respond with: "**hear our prayer.**"*

✠ Meal ✠

When we celebrate communion we remember that Jesus died for us and we experience His love and forgiveness. As we eat the bread and wine Christ is present with us.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

(Sit)

Offering:

Optional methods of giving: text an amount to 717-963-2281 (be sure to use a "\$"); use the Giving Station in the Gathering Space to donate by credit card.

(9:00) Special Music: "Glorious Day" (Living He Loved Me)

Verse 1

One day when heaven was filled with His praises,
One day when sin was as black as could be,
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin,
Dwelt among men my example is He.
The Word became flesh and the light shined among us,
His glory revealed.

Chorus 1

Living, He loved me, dying, He saved me.
Buried, He carried my sins far away.
Rising, He justified freely forever.
One day He's coming, O glorious day, o glorious day.

Verse 2

One day they led Him up Calv'ry's mountain.
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree.
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected,
Bearing our sins my Redeemer is He.
The hand that healed nations stretched out on a tree
And took the nails for me.

Chorus 1

Verse 3

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer,
One day the stone rolled away from the door.
Then He arose over death He had conquered.
Now is ascended my Lord evermore.
Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him from rising again.

Chorus 2

Living, He loved me, dying, He saved me.
Buried, He carried my sins far away.
Rising, He justified freely forever.
One day He's coming, O glorious day, o glorious day, glorious day.

Bridge

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming,
One day the skies with His glories will shine.
Wonderful day my beloved ones bringing.
My Savior Jesus is mine.

Chorus 2

Tag: O glorious day.

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(10:45) Special Music: "An Advent Carol"

Jody Lindh

*All the earth is waiting for the birth of God's Son,
soon the celebrating will bring honor to the Holy One.
Sing with joy your carols here, soon the Christ Child will appear!*

How do we wait?

*How do we get ready for the coming of God's Son?
How do we get ready for the birth of the Holy One?*

*Be ready, be strong. Keep awake, it won't be long!
Be patient, always pray, do what is good, prepare the way!*

Cherub Choir

(Stand)

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray.

C: Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new and our lives reveal your light. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P: Christ is here.

C: The Spirit is with us.

P: With joy, we lift up our hearts.

C: And give thanks to the Lord of Life.

P: Holy God, ever-faithful, we praise you for your awesome works in ages past; the deliverance of your people from slavery into freedom; the words of the prophets to stir our hearts; and most of all for Jesus Christ, who came to save us from our sin. Through Christ you have given us hope and salvation, love and joy. Now we come to your table to share in the supper of our Lord.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As your Spirit gathers us into one body in Christ through this meal, make us a living sacrifice of praise. All honor and glory belongs to you, Almighty God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Holy Communion

P: Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you. Share in the feast.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Sit)

Sharing our Lord's Supper

All baptized Christians are welcome to celebrate the real presence of Jesus Christ in our Lord's Supper. Please come forward by the middle aisle, receive the bread, dip it into the wine, and return by the side aisles. Communion may be received in bread only, if desired. Non-communing children and adults are invited to come forward for a blessing. As a gesture of hospitality, we use dealcoholized wine (less than .5% alcohol). In addition, we offer gluten-free wafers available upon request-- please ask the pastor at the time of communion.

(Stand)

Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray. God for whom we wait, you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be your people in the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

✠ Sending ✠

We have heard the Word of God, offered our gifts, and been fed at the table. Now we are sent out, strengthened by the Holy Spirit to be God's people in the world.

Blessing

P: May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path. Almighty God Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Song: “Bethlehem Highway”

Chorus (2X)

There is hope on Bethlehem highway for the ones who will journey there.
And the hope is the child in a manger bringing us love beyond compare.

Verse 1

It's a lifeline for the needy. It's sight to those who can't see.
It's a freedom for the faithful in a child of prophecy.

Chorus

Verse 2

Let the angels go before us. Let the darkness become light.
Now the Savior lives among us. Now the truth has come to life.

Chorus (2X)

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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United and empowered to worship, connect, serve.

worship notes

Attendance at our services last week was 794. Copies of last week's sermons are available on the tables in Fellowship Hall, in the narthex, the tract rack in the Gathering Space, and on our website. Our web address is: www.trinitycamphill.org.

The flowers in the Nave and Fellowship Hall, the communion elements for all services, and the sanctuary lamp candle, the symbol of God's abiding presence, are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of loved ones by Jess and Jackie Fosselman; Roger and Roberta Smith by the family; and in honor of the birthdays of Carl and Barbara Winfield by their loving children.

leaders

Presiding Minister: The Rev. Dr. Jack M. Horner

Preacher: The Rev. John H. Brock

Storyteller: Becky Enney

Lector: (9:00) Jon Andrews; (10:45) Maggie Ackerman

Greeters: (9:00) Rob Bertram (head greeter); Steve Kauffman (10:45) (head greeter), Joyce Roy, Cindy, Mark, and Matt Schmidt

Communion Assistants: (9:00) Jon Andrews, Kim Dierwechter, Jean Grandon; (10:45) Maggie Ackerman, Michelle Jones, Linda Horner

Offering Assistants: (10:45) Lily and Lucas McGeorge, Connor and Teaghen Northridge

Ushers: (9:00) Brett and Jessica Warren, Wayne Wilkie, Margie Walson; (10:45) Dan and Angie Clark

Altar Care: (9:00) Kelly Rice; (10:45) Wendy Boyer

Flower Delivery: Doug and Joy Snyder

Sound Technician: (9:00) James Roberts; (10:45) Daryl Ackerman

Video Presentation: (9:00) Barb Henderson; (10:45) Chuck Roy

Slide Show Production: Barb Henderson

Visual Announcements: Jane Killian

FaithX: Kevin Appleby, Kevin Brady, Pam Hess, Shannon Jones, Devin Miller, Tom Reddinger, Mike Schwalm, Tom Stank, Paul Walker, Debbie Wilson, Rick Wilson

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