

1st Sunday of Advent

Traditional Worship 8:30 and 11:00 am December 3, 2017





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 and large print bulletins are available from an usher.

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: Presiding Minister A: Assisting Minister L: Lector C: Congregation

+ Gathering +

Prelude: "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

Anna Laura Page

Adult Bells

Welcome and announcements

[Stand]

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who comes to wake us from sleep, who leads us into the light of grace.

C: Amen.

P: Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

Silence is kept 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.

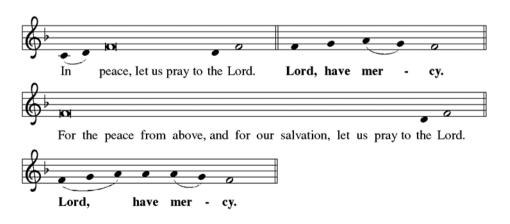
(11:00) Please turn to face the processional cross as it enters our midst.

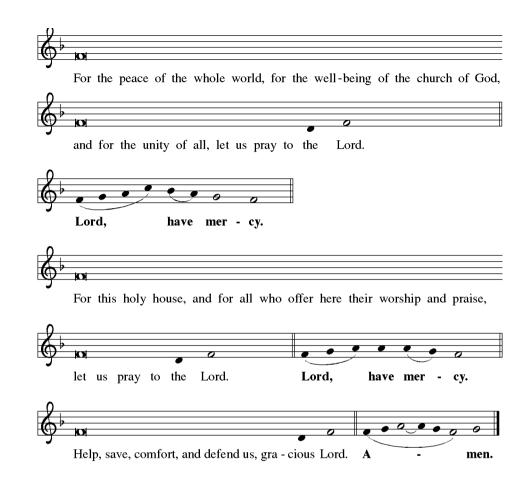
Gathering Hymn No. 254: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus sung to HYFRYDOL

Greeting

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

Kyrie





Lighting of the Advent Wreath

- P: 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.

Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in Ionely exile here Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel. Prayer of the Day

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- 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]

\pm Word \pm

First Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

This lament comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah 40–55, have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine. This lament calls God to account—to be the God who has brought deliverance in the past.

¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence-2as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil-to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains auaked at your presence. ⁴From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. ⁵You meet those who aladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were anary, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. 8Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

- L: The word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

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.

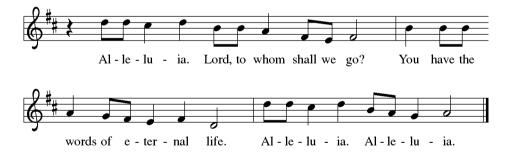
C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Pastor Jennifer A. Crist

[Stand]

Alleluia



Gospel Acclamation

P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

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.

Mark 13:24-37

[Jesus said:]²⁴"In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and 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. 28 From 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: Praise to you, O Christ.

[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.

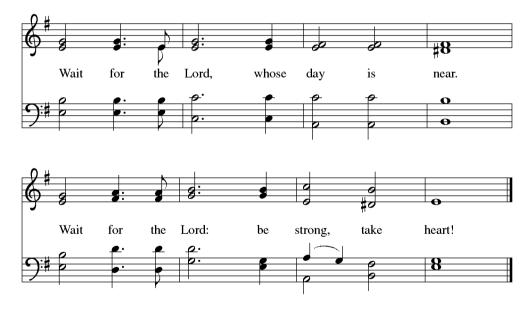
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the + resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Each petition ends:

- A: Lord, in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.

Prayer Response (sung by all)



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\pm Meal \pm

Peace

- P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C: And also with you.

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Offering

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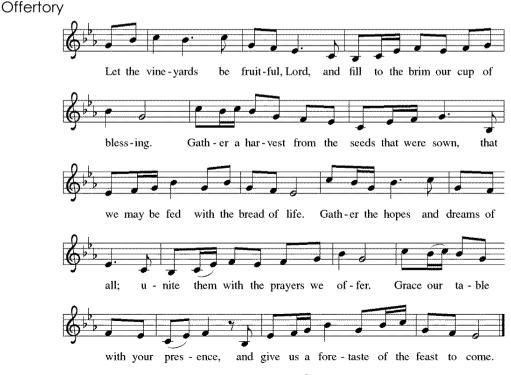
Worship Witness: (Please sign booklet and return to center aisle.)

"Lost in the Night"

Nordic hymn/arr. Moklebust

...Light o'er the land of the needy is beaming; rivers of life through its deserts are streaming, Bringing all people a Savior redeeming. Come and save us soon! (full text found in ELW #243) Adult Bells; Kierra Heinly, violin

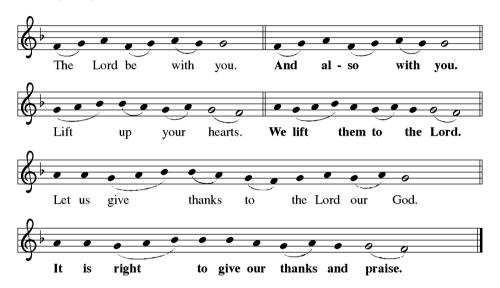
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Offering Prayer

- A: 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.

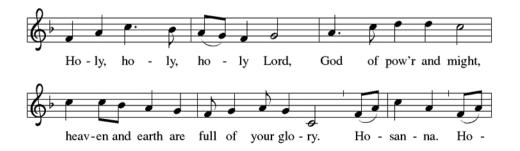
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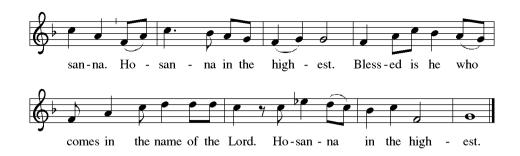


Proper Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy





P: Holy One, the beginning and the end ...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

- P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.
- C: Come, Holy Spirit.
- P: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

- P: Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you. Share in the feast.
- C: Thanks be to God.

[Sit]

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way of the world; sin the have Lamb of God, you take a-way of the on us. the sin mer-cy world; have mer - cy Lamb of God, you take a - way on us. the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution of Holy Communion

We invite all baptized Christians to the Lord's Table to celebrate the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament. Take a chalice from the acolytes and come to the rail where you will receive a wafer and wine. Children and adults who aren't communing may come forward to receive 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 at the time of communion.

"Lost in the Night" (By Day and By Night)

(11:00) "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear; The evening is advancing, and darker night is near. The bridegroom is arising and soon is drawing nigh. Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry.

The watchers on the mountain proclaim the bridegroom near; Go forth as He approaches with alleluias clear. The marriage feast is waiting; The gates wide open stand. Arise, O heirs of glory; the bridegroom is at hand.

Dave Mackie

K. Lee Scott

The saints, who here in patience their cross and sufferings bore, Shall live and reign forever when sorrow is no more. Around the throne of glory the Lamb they shall behold; In triumph cast before Him their diadems of gold.

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear; Arise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere. With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see The day of earth's redemption that sets Your people free! Chancel Choir

(11:00) Hymn No. 253: He Came Down

[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.
- A: 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 +

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.

Sending Hymn No. 243: Lost in the Night

LOST IN THE NIGHT

Dismissal

- P: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"

Johann Pachelbel

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worship notes

Attendance at our worship 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 (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.

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