



CIRCLE OF LIGHT: COMFORT

2nd Sunday of Advent

**Traditional Worship
8:30 and 11:00 am
December 10, 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 and large print bulletins are available from an usher.

about today's service

John called people to repent, to clear the decks, to completely reorder their lives so that nothing would get in the way of the Lord's coming. The reading from Isaiah gives the context for this radical call: the assurance of forgiveness that encourages us to repent; the promise that the coming one will be gentle with the little ones. Isaiah calls us all to be heralds with John, to lift up our voices fearlessly and say, "See, your God is coming!" We say it to one another in worship, in order to say it with our lives in a world in need of justice and peace.

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

✝ Gathering ✝

Prelude: "Adagio" (Sonata No. 3)

George Frederick Handel

James Nelson, alto sax

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. 242: Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn

AWAKE, AWAKE

Greeting

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

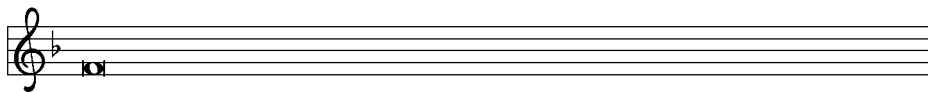
C: And also with you.

Kyrie

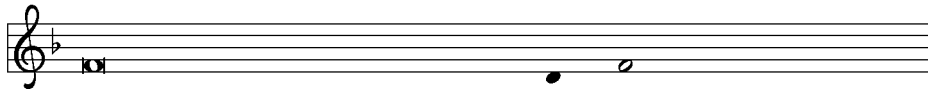
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.



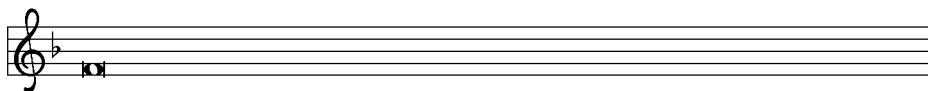
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



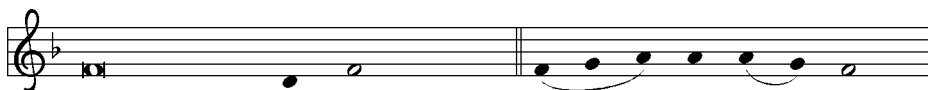
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

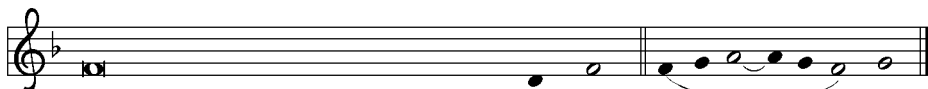


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Prayer

P: God our shepherd, gather us as lambs in your arms. Forgive our sins so that we may rejoice in your coming.

C: Amen.

Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

**O come, O Wisdom from on high,
Embracing all things far and nigh:
In strength and beauty come and stay;
Teach us your will and guide our way.
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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

[Sit]

† Word †

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

In grand, flowing, poetic lines, the prophet announces that the exile of God's people in Babylon is over. The Lord will deliver Israel and will care for her as a shepherd cares for his sheep. This word can be trusted, because the only enduring reality in life is the word of the Lord.

¹Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. ³A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." ⁶A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. ⁷The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. ⁸The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. ⁹Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" ¹⁰See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The assisting minister will sing the refrain, then the congregation will sing it.

Righteousness shall prepare a path-way for God.

A: You have been gracious to your | land, O Lord; * you have restored the good for- | tune of Jacob.

C: You have forgiven the iniquity | of your people * and blotted out | all their sins.

A: I will listen to what the Lord | God is saying; * for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their | hearts to you.

C: Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you, * that your glory may dwell | in our land.

Refrain:

A: Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together; * righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

C: Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth, * and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.

A: The Lord will indeed | grant prosperity, * and our land will | yield its increase.

C: Righteousness shall go be- | fore the Lord * and shall prepare for | God a pathway.

Refrain:

Second Reading

2 Peter 3:8-15a

This short letter deals with pressing concerns regarding the final advent of Jesus, especially concerns that could arise over its apparent delay. The author of the letter calls on Christians to anticipate the promised coming of the Lord through conduct dedicated to God.

⁸Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. ¹¹Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. ¹⁴Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ^{15a}and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

[Stand]

Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Acclamation

P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:1-8

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a story of Jesus' birth but with the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord.

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; ³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,' " ⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

[Sit]

Sermon: "Circle of Light: Comfort"

Pastor Jack M. Horner

[Stand]

Hymn of the Day No. 256: Comfort, Comfort Now My People

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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)

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The treble staff contains a melody starting on G4, moving to A4, B4, and then a half note G4. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff melody moves from G4 to A4, B4, and then a half note G4. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

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Music: WAIT FOR THE LORD, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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✝ Meal ✝

Peace

P: The peace of Christ 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.

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

(8:30) Solo: "Come, Thou Dear Redeemer" C.Wesley/C. Franck


*Come, Thou dear Redeemer; come, Lord Jesus, to set us free;
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Hope of all the earth Thou art, joy of every longing heart.
Come, Thou dear Redeemer; born a Child, yet Thou art a King;
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
Rule in all our hearts alone; raise us to Thy glorious throne. Amen.*
Karen Appel, soloist

(11:00) Anthem: "Sing For Joy, Ye People of Zion" Joseph Martin

*Sing for joy, ye people of Zion! Sing for joy! I am coming to you.
Sing for joy, all ye people of Zion, I'm coming to you.
Sing hosanna! Sing for joy, hosanna to God and King.
And in that time the nations all shall come and kneel before the one true God.
And God shall come again unto His own and fill the earth with all his love and power.*
Family Choir

[Stand]

Offertory



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble



with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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.

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

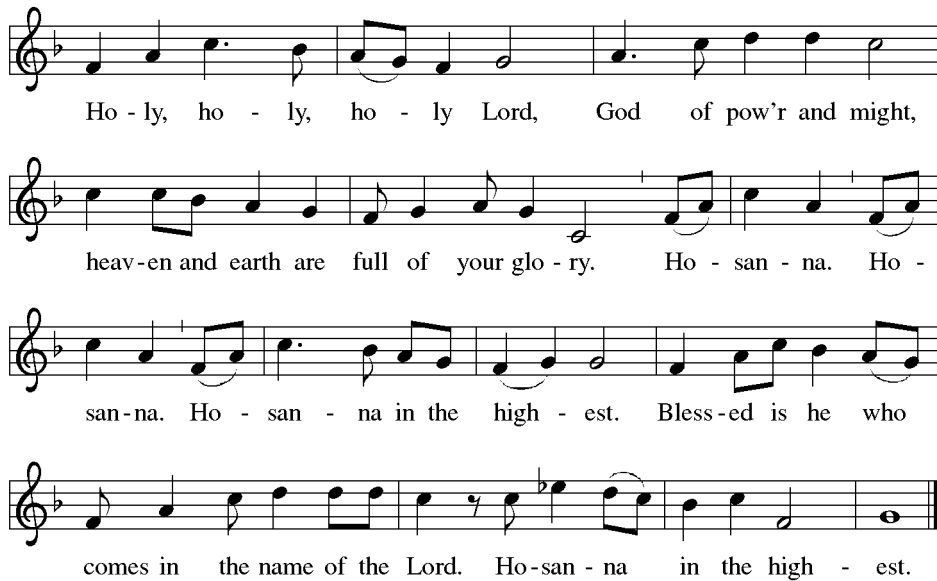


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

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

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en 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 who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the". The notes are simple, using quarter and eighth notes, with a few rests.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way 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. Communion is by intinction. You will receive a wafer. Dip it in the chalice of wine before consuming. You may then return to your seat or come to the altar rail for prayer. 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.

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 From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
 Hope of all the earth Thou art, joy of every longing heart.
 Come, Thou dear Redeemer; born a Child, yet Thou art a King;
 Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
 Rule in all our hearts alone; raise us to Thy glorious throne. Amen.*
 Karen Appel, soloist

(11:00) Hymn No. 438: My Lord, What a Morning

[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. 239: Hark, the Glad Sound

CHESTERFIELD

Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

Luther/Friedrich Zachau

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worship leaders

Presiding Minister: The Rev. John H. Brock

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Jack M. Horner

Assisting Minister: (8:30) Jeff Weaver; (11:00) Meredith Askey

Lector: (8:30) Myrl Busler; (11:00) Bernadine Armstrong

Communion Assistants: (8:30) Margaret Parker, Myrl Busler, Dave Harrington; (11:00) Virginia Hine Ely, Ann McFadden, Shirley Pierson, Greg Woods

Acolyte: (8:30) Olivia Falck

Crucifer:(11:00) Xander Bishop

Book Bearer: (11:00) Ali Koch

Soundboard: (8:30) Jay Killian; (11:00) Rob Hoyt

Greeters: (8:30) Rob Bertram (head greeter), Lana Glaser and Betsy Updegraff, Brad Hollinger; (11:00) Steve Kauffman (head greeter), Parker and Barbara Martin, Fay Pepperman

Ushers: John Lingenfelter and Bruce Bigelow (head ushers), Frank Bertovich, Dorine Bollinger, John Brady, Joseph Dixon, Zach Dixon, David and Derrick Edmiston, Jesse

and Jacqueline Fosselman, Jason and Karen Gavenda, Brad Hollinger, Bill Miller, Mike Schmehl, Brett Warren

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Carillonneur: Bernadine Armstrong

Flower Delivery: Betsy DeStefano

Garden of Eatin': (GOE I) John West, Vicki Wilken; (GOE II) Carole Peiffer, Christine and Chris Catherman

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worship notes

Attendance at our worship services last week was 759. 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 Ray Seaman, husband, and Vally Durr, mother, by Barbara Seaman.

United and empowered to worship, connect, serve.