



# CIRCLE OF LIGHT: REVELATION

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of  
Advent**

**Saturday Worship  
5:30 pm  
December 23, 2017**



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LUTHERAN CHURCH



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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 also available for you to wear—we would be delighted to greet you by name. When the service concludes, first-time guests are invited to go to the front desk in our Gathering Space—we have a welcome gift for you!

### about today's service

God keeps the promise made to David, to give him an everlasting throne. The angel tells Mary that God will give David's throne to her son Jesus. She is perplexed by Gabriel's greeting and by the news of her coming pregnancy, but she is able still to say, "Count me in." We who know that Jesus is called king only as he is executed still find it a mystery hard to fathom, but with Mary today we hear the news of what God is up to and say, "Count us in."

P: Pastor

L: Lector

C: Congregation

### ✝ Gathering ✝

*We gather together to praise God and receive His love.*

Welcome

(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.**

Hymn No. 240: Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

The Baptism of Philip Stephen Finley Gift  
Son of Philip and Lisa Gift

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*The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.*

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the † resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

P: Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

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.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, 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.*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Prayer

P: God our Savior, nothing is impossible for you. Prepare our hearts to rejoice in your glorious advent.

**C: Amen.**

First Reading

Romans 16:25-27

*Paul closes his letter to the Romans by praising God because in the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ God has revealed the promised, divine plan of salvation for all humanity. Paul proclaims this gospel of Christ in order to bring about the obedience of faith among all nations.*

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages <sup>26</sup>but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—<sup>27</sup>to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever!  
Amen.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*In this annunciation, Luke makes clear that God comes with good news for ordinary people (Mary) from little known places (Nazareth). This king will not be born to royalty in a palace, but to common folk in a stall. Here Luke highlights the role of the Spirit, a special emphasis in his gospel.*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: "Circle of Light: Revelation"

Pastor Jennifer A. Crist

(Stand)

Hymn No. 267: Joy to the World

Prayers of the Church

*A brief silence.*

*Each petition ends:*

P: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: 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)

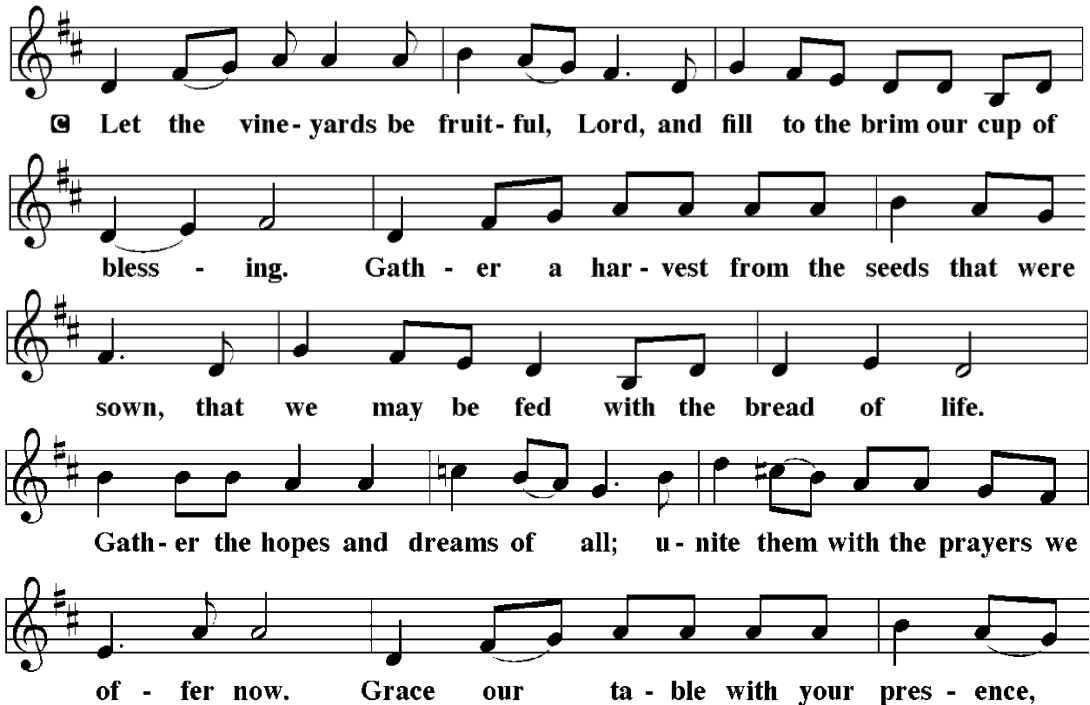
Announcements

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.*

(Stand)

Presentation



☐ 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 now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

### 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: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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

### Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



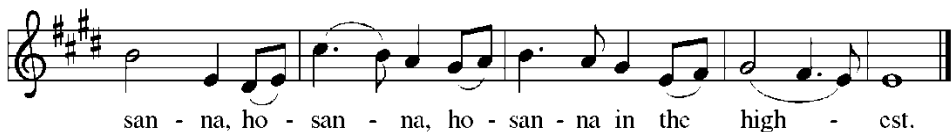
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-



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-



P: Holy One ...  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Holy God,  
C: **we long for your Spirit.**

P: Come among us.  
C: **Bless this meal.**

P: May your Word take flesh in us.  
C: **Awaken your people.**

P: Fill us with your light.  
C: **Bring the gift of people on earth. 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.**

#### Lord's Prayer

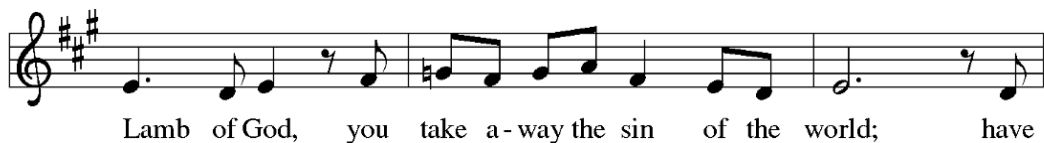
P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:  
C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and 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)

#### Lamb of God







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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

### 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.*

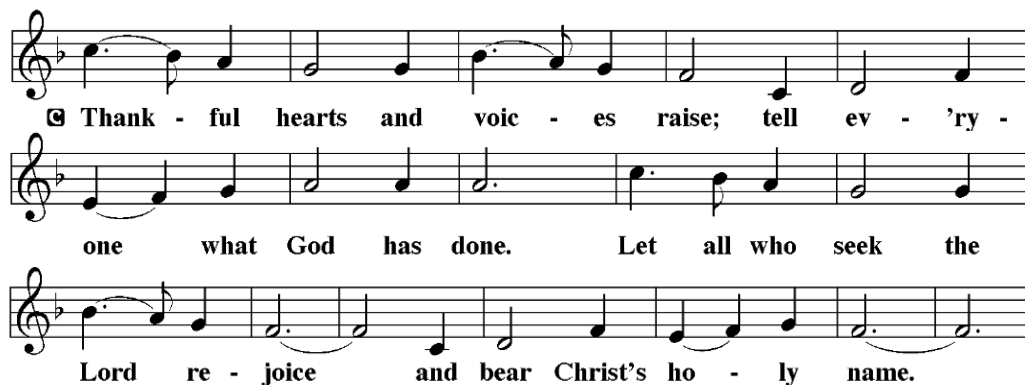
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### Post-Communion Blessing

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

**C: Amen.**

### Post-Communion Canticle



☩ Thank-ful hearts and voices raise; tell ev-'ry-  
 one what God has done. Let all who seek the  
 Lord re-joice and bear Christ's ho-ly name.

Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and  
 lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks-  
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

### Post-Communion Prayer

**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.**

### Dismissal

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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## worship notes

**Attendance at our services** last week was 802. 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](http://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 Vincent Morgan by his family; loved ones by Betty Wade.

**United and empowered to worship, connect, serve.**

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