

4th Sunday of Advent

Contemporary Worship 8:30 and 11:00 am December 23, 2018





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

Cradle and cross are inextricably connected on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Between a lovely tribute to the little town of Bethlehem and the blessed virgin Mary's magnificent song of praise, the letter to the Hebrews reminds us in no uncertain terms that Christ's advent is for "the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." It is the kind of tension in which the church always lives as when in the holy communion—with high delight "we proclaim the Lord's death."

P: Pastor L: Lector C: Congregation

+ Gathering +

We gather together to praise God and receive His love.

Song: "Jesus, Joy of the Highest Heaven" Verse 1

Jesus, joy of the highest Heaven,
Born as a little baby
Under a wondrous star.
Like us, crying, He takes His first breath,
Held by His mother, helpless,
Close to her beating heart.
Jesus, laid in a lowly manger,
Facing a world of danger;
Come to turn me, a stranger,
Into a child of God.

Verse 2

Jesus, joy of the highest Heaven,
Learning to take His first steps
That He might bring us life.
Like us, knowing our smiles and sorrows,
He showed the way to follow,
A way that is true and right.
Jesus, take away every darkness;
Steady my simple footsteps
That I might, in Your goodness,
Live as a child of God.
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Song: "Jesus Messiah"

Verse 1

He became sin Who knew no sin that we might become His righteousness. He humbled Himself and carried the cross. Love so amazing, love so amazing.

Chorus

Jesus Messiah, Name above all names Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel. The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven, Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

Verse 2

His body the bread, His blood the wine, broken and poured out all for love. The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn. Love so amazing, love so amazing yeah.

Chorus

Bridge

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You, All the glory to You, God, the Light of the world.

Chorus

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Welcome

(Stand)

Song: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Verse 1

O little town of Bethlehem how still we see thee lie,

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.

Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light.

The hopes and fears of all the years,

are met in thee tonight.

Verse 2

How silently how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n.

So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.

No ear may hear His coming but in this world of sin.

Where meek souls will receive Him still.

The dear Christ enters in.

Verse 3

O holy child of Bethlehem descend to us we pray.

Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell.

O come to us abide with us Our Lord Emmanuel.

Tag: O come to us abide with us Our Lord Emmanuel.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come before God in confession.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: To you, O God,

C: we lift up our souls. You know us through and through; we confess our sins to you. Remember not our sins; remember us with your steadfast love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P: Children of God, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation. Remember the gift of baptism: your sin is washed away in the name of ± Jesus; you belong to Christ; you are anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near.

C: Amen.

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: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

(8:30) Miller Family (11:00) Murray Family

Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

O come, blest Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by your Advent here.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you. O Israel.

Prayer

L: God our Savior, nothing is impossible for you. Prepare our hearts for your glorious birth.

C: Amen.

(Sit)

+ Word +

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

Reading Micah 5:2-5a

The prophet Micah, having pronounced judgment upon Judah, speaks of a future shepherd-king who, like David, will come from the small town of Bethlehem. (Ephrathah refers to the area around Bethlehem.) This king will restore Israel and bring peace. New Testament writers understood this passage to be referring to Jesus.

²But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; ⁵and he shall be the one of peace.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation: "Advent Acclamation"



Gospel

We are presented with Elizabeth, John's mother, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, two women filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith. In Elizabeth's inspired greeting and Mary's song of praise we hear of a saving God who remembers, scatters, lifts up, and fulfills all things.

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Sit)

Sermon: "Stir Up Our World"

Pastor John Brock

Children's Story

Becky Enney

(Stand)

Song: "Carol at the Manger"

Verse 1

Holy Child within the manger, long ago, yet ever near;

Come as friend to ev'ry stranger, come as hope for ev'ry fear.

As you lived to heal the broken, greet the outcast, free the bound, As you taught us love unspoken, teach us now where you are found.

Verse 2

Once again we tell the story – how your love for us was shown, When the image of your glory wore an image like our own. Come, enlighten with your wisdom, come, and fill us with your grace, May the fire of your compassion kindle ev'ry land and race.

Verse 3

Holy Child within the manger, lead us ever in your way, So we see in ev'ry stranger how you come to us today. In our lives and in our living give us strength to live as you, That our hearts might be forgiving and our spirits strong and true. By Marty Haugen © 1987 G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

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

Each petition ends:

A: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

+ 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 and Worship Witness

Optional giving methods: Use the Give+ app on your mobile device • Use the Giving Station in the Gathering Space • Text an amount to 717-963-2281 (be sure to use a "\$") • Use the "DONATE" button on our website and e-blasts

(8:30) "My Soul Magnifies the Lord"

Verse 1

Good news of great joy for ev'ry woman, ev'ry man;

This will be a sign to you; a baby born in Bethlehem.

Come and worship, do not be afraid.

Verse 2

A company of angels, "Glory in the highest!"

And on the earth, a peace among those on whom His favor rests.

Come and worship, do not be afraid.

Chorus 1

My soul, my soul magnifies the Lord,

my soul magnifies the Lord.

He has done great things for me, great things for me!

Verse 3

Unto you a child is born, unto us, a Son is giv'n.

Let ev'ry heart prepare His throne, let ev'ry nation under Heav'n.

Come and worship, do not be afraid.

Chorus 1 (2X)

Bridge

Of His government there will be no end;

He'll establish it with His righteousness.

And He shall reign on David's throne,

and His name shall be from this day on:

Wonderful, Counselor,

Everlasting Father!

Chorus 2 (3X)

My soul, my soul magnifies the Lord.

My soul, my soul magnifies the Lord.

Chorus 1 (2X)

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(11:00) "An Advent Carol"

Jody W Lindh

Cherub Choir

(Stand)

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray.

C: God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. 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, the Beginning and the End, our Salvation and our Hope, we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty. When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair, you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy. At this end of the ages your Son Jesus came to bring us your love and to heal all the suffering world.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await his coming again in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share: strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both 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: God fills the hungry with good things. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

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

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

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray. Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ.

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 God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Song: "Joy to the World"

Verse 1

Joy to the world! The Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; Let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Verse 2

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns! Let us our songs employ, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Verse 3

No more let sin and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found. Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

Verse 4

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Tag: And wonders, wonders of his love.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Join us next week

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Pastor Liz Frey
"On the Fifth Day of Christmas"

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worship notes

Attendance at our services last week was 688. Copies of last week's sermons are available on the tables in Fellowship Hall, in the narthex, in 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 Vincent Morgan by his family, and son-in-law, Jim McGovern, by his family; Loved ones by Betty Wade.

The Sanctuary Lamp Candle in the Chapel, the symbol of God's presence, burns every day of the year is presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Marjorie A. Clayton and Marjorie C. Katzman, by Mr. Ronald M. Katzman.

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