

4th Sunday of Advent

Traditional 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 and large print bulletins are available from an usher.

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

+ Gathering +

Prelude: Prelude "Wachet Auf" (Wake, Awake!)

...the Bridegroom comes, awake! Your lamps with gladness take, alleluia!

Rise and prepare the feast to share; go meet the Bridegroom, who draws near.

Welcome and Announcements

[Stand]

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.

(11:00) Turn to face the cross as it enters our midst.

Gathering Hymn No. 251: My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness

KINGSFOLD

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 (8:30) Balasundram Family (11:00) Brown Family

Prayer

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

C: Amen.

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 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.

[Sit]

+ Word +

First 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.

PSALMODY: Luke 1:46b-55





- A: My soul proclaims the greatness | of the Lord, ⁴⁷my spirit rejoices in | God my Savior,
- C: ⁴⁸for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your | lowly servant. From this day all generations will | call me blessed:
- A: 49you, the Almighty, have done great 1 things for me and holy 1 is your name.
- C: 50You have mercy on 1 those who fear you, from generation to 1 generation. R



- A: 51 You have shown strength | with your arm and scattered the proud in | their conceit,
- C: 52 casting down the mighty | from their thrones and lifting | up the lowly.
- A: 53You have filled the hungry | with good things and sent the rich | away empty.
- C: 54You have come to the aid of your | servant Israel, to remember the prom- | ise of mercy,
- A: 55the promise made | to our forebears, to Abraham and his chil- | dren forever. R

Second Reading Hebrews 10:5-10

The author of Hebrews uses the image of religious sacrifice to convey the significance of Christ's coming. Through obedient acceptance of God's will, Christ allows his own body to become the greatest sacrifice of all, one through which we are made a holy people.

⁵Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; ⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." ⁸When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem:

(8:30) Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

C. Wesley/arr. Hayes

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne. Ron Livingston, soloist

(11:00) "We Shall Light a Thousand Candles"

David Rasbach

We shall light a thousand candles dispelling the night with a glorious morn; we shall sing a thousand carols proclaiming our wonderful Savior is born.

Tell it far and tell it near, speak of the love he gave us; every nation needs to hear:

Jesus was born to save us! Go into the blinding night, sing of this great salvation, take the glorious gospel light to every tongue and nation.

Chancel Choir

Children's Message

Pastor Jack Horner

[Stand]

Alleluia



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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading Luke 1:39-45

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." [⁴⁶And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

[Sit]

Sermon: "Stir Up Our World" Pastor John Brock

[Stand]

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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: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Prayer Response (sung by all)

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 their great glad tidings tell; Oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

+ Meal +

Peace

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

C: And also with you.

[Sit]

Offering

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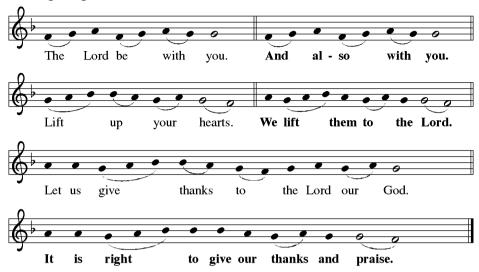


Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray.

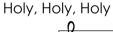
C: God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



Proper Preface

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





Eucharistic Prayer

P: Holy God, the Beginning and the End.... through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C: Amen

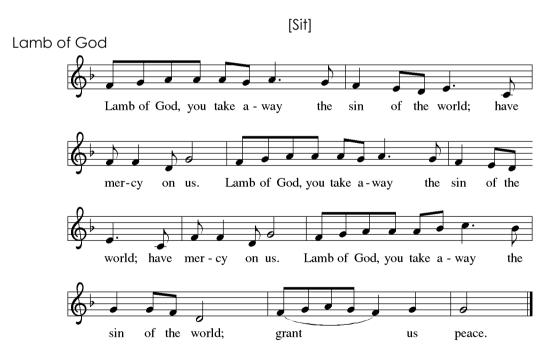
The Lord's Prayer

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: God fills the hungry with good things. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

C: Thanks be to God.



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 are not 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.

(11:00) Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

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Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne. Ron Livingston, soloist

(11:00) Hymn No. 279: O Little Town of Bethlehem (verses 1-3)

[Stand]

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 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 +

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.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Joy to the World" arr. Michael Bedford

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Preacher: Rev. John H. Brock

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Lector: (8:30) Dale Hochmiller; (11:00) Mitzi Jones

Communion Assistants: (8:30) Kathy Smeal, John Powell, Michele Addams; (11:00) Martha Herold, Grace Hoyt, Sharon Dell-Gallagher, Cathy Brommer

Acolyte: (8:30) Jackson Seivard

Crucifer: (11:00) Tyler Koch Book Bearer: (11:00) Ali Koch

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

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Duffalo; (11:00) Dave and Leanne Maser, Barbara and Bob Park

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Ellen Hettinger

Carillonneur: Margaret Parker Bulletin Artwork: Trinity Staff Flower Delivery: Valerie Sprinkle

Garden of Eatin': (GOE1) John West, Margaret Parker; (GOE II) John Bendick and

Family

Join us next week

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Pastor Liz Frey "On the Fifth Day of Christmas" duet: Mark and Amy Heinly Chancel Choir



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worship notes

Attendance at our worship services last week 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 (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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