



First Sunday
of Advent

Contemporary Worship
11:00 am
November 29, 2020



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==Weekly News & Announcements==

Thank you! You did it!

Outstanding! What a wonderful way to help local people in need. Your gifts to Thanks & Giving and the Giving Tree provided the following:

- Thanksgiving meal deliveries to 32 families in the Camp Hill School District
- Winterwear for children in the Harrisburg School District – 30 coats/jackets, 85 scarves, 106 pairs of mittens/gloves, and 164 hats
- \$1,475 in gift cards for Christian Churches United, New Hope Ministries, Pink Hands of Hope, Tree4Hope, United Lutheran Seminary, and our own parish

Did you order a Christmas wreath from B.S. Troop 51?

Pick up your order at Trinity on Sun., Nov. 29, 9 am-1 pm.

Poinsettias this Christmas in our spaces?

Poinsettias at Christmas will help us smile in this year of 2020 (even if we can't see smiles through our masks), but we didn't ask for poinsettia donations amid all the uncertainty. Instead, two [anonymous] members said they'd foot the bill. So as we enter a new year, will you donate, too, toward flowers and other worship elements? Send \$40 minimum to the office or go to www.trinitycamphill.org/donate.

Last chance! Submit 2021 Council nominees (yourself or another)

Submit names to Council President Charlie Suhr (council.president@trinitycamphill.org) or to Steve Kauffman steve.kauffman@trinitycamphill.org, by Sunday, November 29. Prior to nomination, each person must have indicated a willingness to serve a 3 -year term.

It's that time of the year when we talk more about money and stewardship

We know it's a sensitive topic, but it's important because your offerings provide the income for us to operate. Look for a letter in early December. We'll ask you to:

- Complete your 2021 estimate of giving to help us better plan our budget.
- Support (new or continued) our capital appeal, *Honor Our Past, Plan our Future*. Your gifts are making our spaces more safe, secure, and hospitable.
- Give to reduce the pandemic-caused shortfall in our 2020 offerings

Check our website

- **Christmas Eve services:** We are planning various options with your health and safety in mind. Watch for more info.
- **Christmas At Trinity online LIVE!** Sun., Dec. 13, 3 pm. Don't miss it! See website AND look for card in your home mailbox.
- **Christmas Day:** Worship online at 9:30 am or any time after.



Online LIVE!
Sunday | December 13 | 3 pm

Christmas at Trinity:
A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Visit TrinityCampHill.org

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Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church! We're so glad you're here.

Use a QR reader or camera on your mobile device to scan this QR code to check you and your family into today's worship service. Or go to the following link: trinitycamphill.org/checkin.



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 L: Lector C: Congregation

As part of our COVID-19 response, the congregation is reminded to refrain from singing during this worship service.

✝ Gathering ✝

We gather together to praise God and receive God's love.

Gathering Music: "His Mercy is More"

FaithX Band (pre-recorded)

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa 2016 Messenger Hymns, Love Your Enemies Publishing (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.) CCLI#1283514.

Welcome

Song: "Blessed Be Your Name"

FaithX Instrumentalists & Pre-recorded vocals

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(Stand)

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, whose forgiveness is sure and whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Together let us honestly and humbly confess that we have not lived as God desires.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Loving and forgiving God,

C: we confess that we are held captive by sin. In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray. We have not welcomed the stranger; we have not loved our neighbor; we have not been Christ to one another. Restore us, O God. Wake us up and turn us from our sin. Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.

P: People of God, hear this glad news: by God's endless grace your sins are forgiven, and you are free—free from all that holds you back and free to live in the peaceable realm of God. May you be strengthened in God's love, ✠ comforted by Christ's peace, and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Prayer

P: We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

C: Amen.

Song: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Verse 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Greeting

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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)

✠ Word ✠

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

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 quaked 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 gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself, we transgressed. ⁶We 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.

(Stand)

Gospel Reading

Mark 13:24-37

Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.

[Jesus said:] ²⁴"In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and 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. ³²"But 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: "*Slow Down...and Keep Watch*"

Pastor John Brock

Children's Message

Pastor Liz Frey

Song: "Blessings"

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(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 the Church

Following each petition are the words: "Hear us, O God."

*Please respond with: ". . . **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.

Peace

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

C: And also with you.

Announcements

Mission Moment: Give Serve Lead Stewardship video

Offering

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

Your offerings may also be placed in the white offering boxes at the back of the worship space as you exit.

Offering Prayer

P: Generous God, you have created all that is, and you provide for us in every season. Bless all that we offer, that through these gifts the world will receive your blessing. In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, we pray.

C: 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.

Eucharistic Prayer

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.

P: Great is 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.

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.

‡ Sending ‡

*We have heard the Word of God, offered our gifts, and we will be fed at the table.
Now we are sent out, strengthened by the Holy Spirit to be God's people in the world.*

Blessing

P: Almighty God, Father, ‡ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: The gifts of God for the people of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God.

(Sit)

***Please take all your possessions as you go up for communion,
as you will not be returning to your seat.***

Sharing our Lord's Supper

All Christians are welcome to celebrate the real presence of Jesus Christ in our Lord's Supper. At the direction of the usher, come forward and receive the bread, and then exit the worship space by the side aisle through the rear parking lot side angled door. Communion distribution will begin with the front right section, kitchen side, then the left, window side, section will be invited to commune.

At this time, we will be offering only the wafer of bread and no wine. Be assured that you still receive the entire presence of God in that single element, as our Lutheran theology teaches us. If you need a gluten-free wafer, simply ask the pastor as you approach. Non-communing children and adults are invited to receive a blessing.

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Join us next week

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Second Sunday of Advent

Sermon Theme:

"Slow Down and...Prepare Yourself"

Preaching: Pastor Jack Horner

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Sunday's Musical offerings:

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Worship notes

Copies of last week's sermons are available on our website (www.trinitycamphill.org). If you would like a printed copy, please call the church office and one can be mailed to you.

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

If you would like to support this ministry with a one-time or regular contribution, please go to <https://www.trinitycamphill.org/donate/> or send a check (\$40) to the church office marked 'flowers/worship elements'.

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