

What Day is It?

Amos: Why do you
want the day of the
Lord? It is darkness,
not light...

Twenty-Third Sunday
in Pentecost

Traditional Worship
11:00 am
November 8, 2020



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

==Weekly News & Announcements==

Need pastoral care? Or have questions about what's happening?

Call the office! And tell us if others need care. We can help if we know.

Faith Connections classes: www.trinitycamphill.org/faithconnections/

- Kids' classes all online, pre-k through Gr. 12.
- Thursday Bible Study: "Love Letters from God" in person 9:30 am; online 7 pm
- Men's Tues. Bible Study. 8 am, Brothers Restaurant, Mechanicsburg

Thanks and Giving PLUS Additional Ways to Give

- Donate items and deliver a Thanksgiving meal (turkey supplied) to one of 39 families in need who live in Camp Hill. www.trinitycamphill.org/thanksgiving
- Start collecting \$25 gift cards (Amazon, Giant, Kohls, Target, Walmart, Weis) to benefit various ministries so they can distribute before Christmas. Also start collecting coats and knitwear (gloves, hat, scarves) for kids. More details soon.

Troop 51 Annual Christmas Wreath Sale Decorate your home with these beautiful wreaths. Go to our website, www.trinitycamphill.org, to order your wreath online by Nov. 21. Boy scouts will delivery or you can pick up at Trinity on Sun., Nov. 29 from 9am-1pm.

Service Week Results

And here are how our volunteers get results:

- 16 folks completed outdoor cleanup.
- 5 volunteers helped to unload 2 tons of food ad provide 26 families with a 3-day supply of food.
- Collected 26 bottles of vitamins for Tree4Hope.
- Assembled 52 personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief.

~ Thanks for making a difference! ~

Bible Milestone & New Members being received on Sunday is Nov. 15

Bibles for kindergarten and third graders or any kiddo. Check website. New members will be received into our Trinity family at all services.

Watch for these two mailings

- *Trinity Stories*, new annual Trinity magazine that focuses on one topic per issue. Premier issue: Race/racism—thoughtful stories of Trinity members and friends.
- Council President Update: Lots of news from our Council President is included in the mailing of your quarterly giving statement.

Donate toward worship elements: flowers, communion, sanctuary candle

\$40 minimum. www.trinitycamphill.org/donate or send checks to office.

Great news: Honor Our Past, Plan Our Future

- Preschool area improved—sprinkler system, security doors, and more!
- Construction now in library/family lounge, adjacent hallway and bathrooms, and part of Gathering Space.
- Continued and new giving encouraged at www.trinitycamphill.org/donate.

2021 Council nominees requested

Council Nominees? Trinity is looking for members to serve on council. Submit your name, or the names of others, to Council President Charlie Suhr, council.president@trinitycamphill.org or Dir. Of Admin., 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.

Not receiving Thursday's "What's Happening?" e-newsletter or other e-communications? Sign up for e-newsletters at www.trinitycamphill.org, or check your spam folder.

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church! We're so glad you're here. Hearing assistance devices and large print bulletins are available from an usher.

We would like to know you were here worshiping with us. Using a QR reader or camera on your mobile device, please 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

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.

P: Presiding Minister A: Assisting 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.

Prelude: "Voluntary in C Major"

Purcell/arr. E. P. Biggs

Welcome and Announcements

[Stand]

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy One,

C: we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

P: Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

C: Amen.

[Sit]

Hymn: Blessed Assurance

ASSURANCE

Sung by the Ensemble (congregation may follow and hum along with the text)

1. *Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.*

Refrain

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.*

2. *Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. Refrain*
3. *Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. Refrain*

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

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.

Glory to God

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God; you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

† Word †

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

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 70

Sung responsively by Cantors



¹Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;
O LORD, make | haste to help me.

²**Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be disgraced.

³Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me
turn back because | of their shame.

⁴**Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the LORD!"

⁵But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, | do not tarry.

Reading:

Amos 5:18-24

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; ¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. ²⁰Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? ²¹I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not

look upon. ²³Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. ²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life"

Hal Hopson

Chancel Choir Ensemble; Sara Lobaugh, flute;
Marianne Moran, soloist; Sara Schmehl, piano

Children's Message

Faith Formation

[Stand]

Apostles' Creed

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

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.

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.

Prayers of the Church

A brief silence.

Each petition ends:

A: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Prayer Response (*Sung by Cantor*)

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

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Gospel Acclamation

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

[Sit]

Sermon: “*What Day Is It? Amos*”

Pastor Jack Horner

✝ 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.

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.

[Stand]

Offering Prayer

P: Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: 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.**

Preface

P: God of time and eternity, you set out the glory of your heavens and show us reflections of that glory in the details of life. When we find a thousand ways to corrupt and turn away from your grace, you transform our rejection into your providence. You dwelled among your people in the cloud and pillar of fire, in the tabernacle and temple; and finally, you dwelled among us in your Son Jesus. In his death you defeat death, and in his resurrection, you offer us life with you forever, where we shall dwell with you, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise:

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Eucharistic Prayer

P: God of deliverance, in the cross of Jesus we see what it costs you to dwell among us, and in this bread and wine we see your costly love among us today. Send down your Holy Spirit, that your people may be blessed by your grace, and these gifts of bread and wine may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;

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: God of everlasting faithfulness, you have promised that you will draw us together with you. Give us hope until the day comes when the new Jerusalem descends and all creation meets its fulfillment in the union of heaven and earth, where every tear is dried and all the oppressed are vindicated, all prisons are opened, and the fear of death is no more, and we see you face to face and dwell in your presence, ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

P: Lamb of God,

**C: you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.**

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

C: Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: God fills the hungry with good things.

C: Lord, give us this bread always.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve 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 ushers, please come forward by the middle aisle, receive the bread, and then exit the worship space by the side aisles through the side or rear side doors.

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 come forward for a blessing.

Solo: "In the Singing"

Shirley Murray

Marianne Brock, soloist

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Join us next week

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Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Theme:

"What Day Is It? Zephaniah"

Preaching: Pastor Liz Frey

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Sunday's Musical offerings:

Youth Bells, Choral Ensemble;

Amy Heinly, soloist/cantor

United and empowered to worship, connect, serve.



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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

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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