



Forth Sunday of Advent
Order of Worship for streaming service
December 20, 2020
9:30 am



Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Pastor Liz Frey

Prayer

P: We praise you, O God, for this wheel of time that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, open our eyes to see your presence in the lowly ones of this earth. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may sing of your advent among us in the Word made flesh. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

C: Amen.

Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

*O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
 O Sun of justice now draw near.
 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

Pastor Liz Frey

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.

Children's Message

Pastor Jack Horner

Song: "Mary Did You Know"

FaithX Band

✝ Word ✝

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

Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Ron Katzman

Instead of David building a house (temple) for God, God promises to establish David's house (dynasty) forever. Centuries later, after the Babylonian exile, no king sat on the throne. Even then, however, the people of Israel remembered this promise and continued to hope for a king, the messiah, God's anointed.

¹Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." ³Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you." ⁴But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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: Presiding Minister C: Congregation L: Lector

✝ Gathering ✝

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

Welcome Pastor Liz Frey

Prelude: "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" arr. Michael Burkhardt

Announcements Pastor Liz Frey

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.

Hymn: The Angel Gabriel **GABRIEL'S MESSAGE**

- The angel Gabriel from heaven came, with wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame: "All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary, most highly favored lady." Gloria!
- "For know a blessed mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honor thee; thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, most highly favored lady." Gloria!
- Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head; "To me be as it pleaseth God," she said. "My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name." Most highly favored lady, Gloria!
- Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born in Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn, and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say: "Most highly favored lady." Gloria!

Text: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834-1924

Greeting Pastor Liz Frey

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel Acclamation Pastor John Brock
P: The holy gospel according to John, the 1st chapter.
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:26-38 Pastor John Brock
In this annunciation, Luke makes clear that God comes with good news for ordinary people from little known places. 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 this gospel.

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He 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. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The 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. ³⁶And 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. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then 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.

P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: "Slow Down...and have hope" Pastor John Brock
Solo: "Christmas Lullaby" Chip Davis
Elizabeth Boehme, oboe

Nicene Creed Pastor Liz Frey
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.

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Liz Frey

Lord's Prayer Pastor Liz Frey
P: Let us pray the prayer our Lord taught us.
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.**

Peace Pastor Liz Frey
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

✝ 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.

Eucharistic Prayer Pastor Liz Frey
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.

✝ Sending ✝

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

Blessing of Communion to the Homebound Pastor Liz Frey
P: Compassionate God, Bless those who receive your word and sacrament at home. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing Pastor Liz Frey
P: Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

Dismissal Pastor Liz Frey
P: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Sending Song: "Angels We Have Heard on High"
FaithX band

worship leaders

Presiding Minister: The Rev. Elizabeth E. Frey
Preaching Minister: The Rev. John H. Brock
Children's Message: The Rev. Dr. Jack M. Horner
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==Weekly News & Announcements==

No in-building services on Christmas Eve

We're keeping you safe.

- **9:30 am** online premiere (or watch any time after): Service with children's pageant
- **Noon-12:30.** Drive-up, take-home communion
- **2 pm.** Online traditional service
- **4 pm.** Online contemporary service
- **6 and 8 pm.** Parking lot services. Watch/listen from your car.
- **10 pm.** Re-airing of "Christmas at Trinity: A Festival of Lessons and Carols"



Worship on Christmas Day

- **9:30 am online premiere** or watch any time after

7 things that members should know

Read the letter in your mail or on our website. Then help in three ways: (1) Return your 2021 estimate of giving. (2) Contribute to our capital appeal. (3) Help reduce this year's **pandemic-caused offering shortfall**. To be included on your 2020 record of giving, contributions must be received in the church office by noon on Thurs., Dec. 31. Thank you!



Say thank you to Kelly Falck: "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

Kelly Falck has resigned her position as Director of Faith Formation, effective Dec. 31. After eight years as a most valued partner in our ministry, Kelly is closing in on some other opportunities. She will stay active in our Guatemalan ministry and looks forward to attending Trinity as a "regular member." A task force will look at the future structure of faith formation; Youth Director Peter Fox will handle the responsibilities in the interim.



Join us next week

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Christmas Eve
Sermon Theme:
 "Tidings of Comfort and Joy: Silent Night"
 Preaching: Pastor Jack Horner



Christmas Day
Sermon Theme:
 "Tidings of Comfort and Joy:
 Good Christian Friends Rejoice"
 Preaching: Pastor Liz Frey



First Sunday of Christmas
Sermon Theme:
 "Tidings of Comfort and Joy:
 Go Tell It on the Mountain"
 Preaching: Pastor John Brock

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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United and empowered to worship, connect, serve.

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 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 in loving memory of Marjorie A. Clayton and Marjorie C. Katzman, by Mr. Ronald M. Katzman.

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