



Second Sunday
of Advent

Traditional Worship
11:00 am
December 6, 2020



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==Weekly News & Announcements==

Money? Do we have to talk about it?

Yes, money is always a sensitive topic. Even so, it's important to talk about it more than ever. Why? Here are just a few reasons:

- ✓ Offerings are down during the pandemic.
- ✓ Your offerings give us the money to operate.
- ✓ Your offerings fund our worship and the pastors and staff who lead it.
- ✓ Your offerings allow us to have music directors who provide the music we love and who coordinate and rehearse our amazing volunteer musicians.
- ✓ Your offerings contribute to ministries and organizations locally and worldwide.
- ✓ Your offerings allow us to have Faith Formation programs and Youth ministry.
- ✓ Your offerings keep up our property: they keep the lights on and the office running and the website operational.

Please respond to the letter we've sent to your home. You can help in three ways:

1. Complete your 2021 estimate of giving to help us better plan our budget.
2. Support our capital appeal, Honor Our Past, Plan Our Future.
3. Give to reduce the pandemic-caused shortfall in our 2020 offerings.

What about Christmas?

• **Christmas Eve**

Services are being planned with your safety as a top priority. Watch for 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.



Poinsettias this Christmas in our spaces?

We didn't ask for poinsettia donations this year amid all the uncertainty. Instead, two [anonymous] members said they'd foot the bill to decorate our spaces. Going forward into the new year, will you donate toward flowers and other worship elements? Send \$40 minimum to the office or go to www.trinitycamphill.org/donate.

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

John calls people to repent, to clear the decks, to completely reorder their lives so that nothing gets in the way of the Lord's coming. The reading from Isaiah gives the context for this radical call: the assurance of forgiveness that encourages us to repent; the promise that the coming one will be gentle with the little ones. Isaiah calls us all to be heralds with John, to lift up our voices fearlessly and say, "See, your God is coming!" We say it to one another in worship, in order to say it with our lives in a world in need of justice and peace.

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.

Prelude: "Winter" (*In the Bleak Midwinter*)

Chris DiSilva

H. Timothy Koch, organ

Welcome and Announcements

Mission Moment: Give Serve Lead Stewardship video

[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.

[Sit]

Hymn: Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn

REJOICE, REJOICE

Pre-recorded (congregation may follow and hum along with the text)

1. *Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning. Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold! the Child of our longing. Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together, he opens wide the heavenly door and lives now inside us forever.*
2. *To us, to all in sorrow and fear, Emmanuel comes a-singing, his humble song is quiet and near, yet fills the earth with its ringing; music to heal the broken soul and hymns of lovingkindness, the thunder of his anthems roll to shatter all hatred and blindness.*
3. *In darkest night his coming shall be, when all the world is despairing, as morning light so quiet and free, so warm and gentle and caring. Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in wonder, the weak be raised above the strong, and weapons be broken asunder.*
4. *Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night, though dark the winter and cheerless, the rising sun shall crown you with light, be strong and loving and fearless. Love be our song and love our prayer and love our endless story; may God fill every day we share and bring us at last into glory.*

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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

Spoken Responsively

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Prayer

P: We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

C: Amen.

Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

(congregation may follow and hum along with the text)

*O come, O Branch of Jesse, free
your own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell your people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.*

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

H. Timothy Koch, organ

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

† Word †

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

Reading:

Isaiah 40:1-11

In grand, flowing, poetic lines, the prophet announces that the exile of God's people in Babylon is over. God will deliver Israel and will care for her as a shepherd cares for the sheep. This word can be trusted, because the only enduring reality in life is the word of God.

¹Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. ³A voice cries out: "In the

wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." ⁶A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. ⁷The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. ⁸The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. ⁹Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" ¹⁰See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

Spoken responsively

A: ¹You have been gracious to your land, O LORD;
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

**C: ²You have forgiven the iniquity of your people
and blotted out all their sins.**

A: ⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful
people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

**C: ⁹Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

A: ¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**C: ¹¹Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

A: ¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

**C: ¹³Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

Solo: "Star of Advent"

Pepper Choplin

Marianne Brock, soloist
(pre-recorded)

Children's Message

Faith Formation

[Stand]

Nicene Creed

A: Let us profess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed

C: **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

A brief silence.

Each petition ends:

A: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

Prayer Response:

(congregation may follow and hum along with the text)

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;

O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

H. Timothy Koch, organ

Gospel Acclamation

P: The holy gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:1-8

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a story of Jesus' birth but with the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord.

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; ³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,' " ⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

[Sit]

Sermon: "*Slow Down...and Prepare Yourself*"

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.

Sharing of the 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: 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: 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: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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: 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

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.**

P: Lamb of God,

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

P: Lamb of God,

**C: 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: 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 ushers, please come forward by the middle aisle, receive the bread, and then exit the worship space by the side aisle through the 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.

Improvisation on "Veni, Emmanuel"

Charles Callaham

H. Timothy Koch, organ

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Join us next week

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Third Sunday of Advent

Sermon Theme:

"Slow Down...and Give Thanks"

Preaching: Pastor Liz Frey

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Sunday's Musical offerings:

Alison Koch, cello

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 of loved ones by Jess and Jackie Fosselman;

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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