



Third Sunday
of Advent

Contemporary Worship
11:00 am
December 12, 2021



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==Weekly News & Announcements==

Christmas Eve in-person services at 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 pm



...plus online-only service posted at 9 am and available any time after. You should have received our Trinity Christmas card with a list of December events, along with a Christmas offering envelope. Call the office if you did not receive the mailing; we will send it to you.

Last call! Gathering Space Giving Tree: Return gifts by Dec. 12

Or go to go to www.trinitycamphill.org/givingtree.

Blue Christmas Service: Sat., Dec. 18, at 2 pm, Chapel

This service is for you if you've suffered loss or otherwise feel depression or grief. Included are readings, prayer, and song in a peaceful space to optimize meditation and reflective remembrance.



Open house with the Horners: Refreshment, fellowship

Pastor Jack and Linda cordially invite you to drop in on Saturday, December 18, any time between noon and 6 pm. Call the office for their Mechanicsburg address—or pick up an invitation in the Gathering Space that lists the address. Kids and adults will love the Alpine Village!

FUN! Tree Decorating Contest and Spirit Sundays

Win prizes and have a blast sharing your Christmas tree pics and showing your spirit on December Sundays. Details online or on card in Gathering Space.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, AT 3 PM

Christmas at Trinity

CONCERT

Timothy Koch conducts this annual concert. Choirs, bells, full orchestra. In person and livestream.

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

We would like to know you were here worshipping 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

Christ's presence in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of God in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one "more powerful" than John, even with a winnowing fork in hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent.

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

✝ Gathering ✝

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

Song: Alleluia, He is Coming

Verse 1: (2x)

I looked up and I saw my Lord a comin'
I looked up and I saw my Lord a comin'
Down the road.

Chorus 1:

Hallelujah, He is coming
Hallelujah, He is here
Hallelujah, He is coming
Hallelujah, He is here

Verse 2:

I looked up and I saw my Lord a comin'
I looked up and I saw my Lord a comin'
As a child

Chorus 2: (2x)

Emmanuel, He is with us
Emmanuel, He is here
Emmanuel, He is with us
Emmanuel, He is here

Chorus 3:

Emmanuel, He walks with me
Emmanuel, He is here
Emmanuel, He walks with me
Emmanuel, He is here (near)

Words adapted from version by HDC Seven Band

Welcome

Song: "Salvation Belongs To Our God"

Verse 1

Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne. And unto the Lamb
Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, honor and power and strength.

Chorus

Be to our God forever and ever.

Be to our God forever and ever.

Be to our God forever and ever. Amen.

Verse 2

And we the redeemed shall be strong in purpose and unity.

Declaring aloud praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, honor and power and strength.

Chorus

Bridge: Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, honor and power and strength.

Chorus

Tag (2X): Amen.

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(Stand)

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no
secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy
Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Loving and forgiving God,

**C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned
against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we
have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved
our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in
your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake
God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,
and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. Your prophets spoke of a day when the desert would blossom and waters would break forth in the wilderness. Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath. Strengthen our hearts as we prepare for the coming of the Lord. May he give water to all who thirst, for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever.

C: Amen.

Song: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Verse 3

**O come, O come, O Lord of might,
as to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times you gave the law
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.**

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 the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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:

Philippians 4:4-7

Despite being in prison, Paul is remarkably upbeat as he writes this letter. Here, he urges his friends in Philippi to trust God with all their worries and concerns with the hope that they will experience God's joy and peace.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel

Luke 3:7-18

John the Baptist heralds the mighty one who is coming. John teaches that preparation for God's reign is not a matter of identity but of bearing fruits of merciful justice, radical generosity, and vocational integrity.

⁷John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." ¹⁰And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" ¹¹In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." ¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" ¹³He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." ¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." ¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Sit)

Sermon

Pastor Jack Horner

Children's Story

Pastor Liz Frey

Song: "He Made a Way"

Verse 1

Longing for a Savior, a hopeless world would wait.
Sin demanded justice at a price we could not pay.
But God displayed His mercy, the greatest gift of love.
When we could not reach Heaven, Heaven came to us.

Chorus

He made a way in a manger, a way through the Son,
Messiah, the promised, before time had begun.
For God so loved this world, though He knew what love would cost,
He made a way in a manger, to make a way to the cross.

Verse 2

In Bethlehem, a stable became a throne of grace,
as God Himself our Savior, drew near to take our place.
His mother smiled in wonder, as shepherds stood in awe.
The Sacrifice of Heaven, sleeping in the straw.

Chorus

Bridge 1

He is the Life who died our death.
The precious Lord Jesus, laid sown His sweet head.

Bridge 2

Away in a manger no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay.
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

Chorus

Tag: He made a way.

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(Stand)

Nicene Creed

P: Let us profess our common 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

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.

(Sit)

Announcements

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: Blessed are you,

C: O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 God, the Beginning and the End, our Salvation and our Hope, we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty. When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair, you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy. At this end of the ages your Son Jesus came to bring us your love and to heal all the suffering world.

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: Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await his coming again in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share: strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both 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.

Invitation to Communion

P: Come to Christ's banquet.
Feast on God's gift of Grace.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Sit)

Sharing our Lord's Supper

All Christians are welcome to celebrate the real presence of Jesus Christ in our Lord's Supper. You will remain at your seat and at the direction of the pastor, you will be invited to commune, at which time, you will open the individually wrapped, prepackaged communion elements you received when you arrived. The bread is in the bottom and wine in the top. If you did not receive communion elements when you arrived, please see an usher.

Open the bread:

P: The Body of Christ given for you.

Open the wine:

P: The Blood of Christ shed for you.

[Please Stand]

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray. Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

C: 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: The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit ✠ through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

C: Amen.

Song "Joy to the World"

Verse 1

Joy to the world! The Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Verse 2

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns! Let us our songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Verse 3

No more let sin and sorrows grow nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found.
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

Verse 4

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Tag: And wonders, wonders of his love.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Join us next week!

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**Fourth Sunday
of Advent**

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Sermon Series Theme:

"It's Beginning to Look a lot Like Christmas"

**Preaching: Pastor John Brock
FaithX**



Worship notes

Videos 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 we can mail one to you.

We want to highlight our Faith Formation volunteer leaders, so a different family from that team will be lighting our Advent wreath each week. Let us thank them for sharing their gifts through our children in leading our Faith Formation classes.

The flowers in the Nave and Fellowship Hall are presented to the glory of God and in memory of Ray Seaman, husband, and Vally Durr, mother, by Barbara Seaman.

The sanctuary lamp candle that burns day and night as a symbol of God's abiding presence is presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of my mother, Marjorie Vaira, by Carole A. Crowe.

United and empowered to worship, connect, serve.

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