



Fourth Sunday
of Advent

Contemporary Worship
11:00 am
December 19, 2021

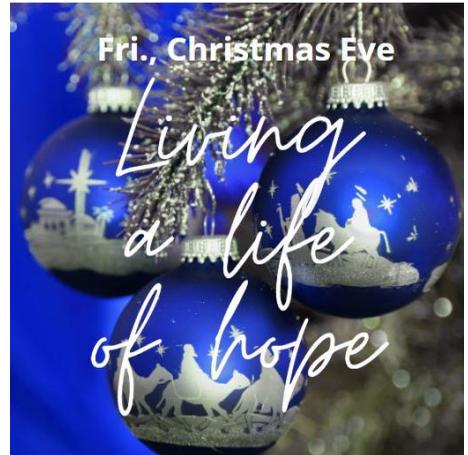


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==Weekly News & Announcements==

Fri., Christmas Eve: Living a Life of Hope

- 9 am Online only.** Airs at 9; available any time after
- 2 pm Traditional.** Carols, soloist, communion, candle lighting
- 4 pm For kids, by kids.** Pageant, choirs, bells, communion
- 6 pm Traditional.** Carols, music by youth, communion, candle lighting
- 8 pm Contemporary w/FaithX.** Carols, communion, candle lighting
- 10 pm Lessons and carols.** Adult choir/bells/strings, candle lighting



Sat., Christmas Day: God Reigns

- 9 am Online only.** Airs at 9, available any time after.
- 10 am In-person only.**



Sun., December 26: ONE service only

- 9 am Livestream and in-person.** Joyful Praise!
(Wear comfy PJs if you'd like.)



Tree Decorating Contest: Final day to email entry is Sun., Dec. 19

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.

Christmas Offering and 2021 contributions must be received by Dec. 30

Christmas offering envelopes were mailed with our Trinity Christmas card. Call the office if you didn't receive the mailing, or look for envelopes around the church. Thank you for your gifts; they keep us going, and we are very grateful.

Remember that not everyone feels joy during this season

Maybe it's the person next to you, or maybe it's you. Some folks are grieving, sad, ill, hurt, or lost, and they may be hiding their suffering. Be thoughtful, sensitive, and kind. Listen. And pray for all.

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

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

Cradle and cross are inextricably connected on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Between a lovely tribute to the little town of Bethlehem and Mary's magnificent song of praise, the letter to the Hebrews reminds us in no uncertain terms that Christ's advent is for "the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." It is the kind of tension in which the church always lives as when in holy communion—with high delight—"we proclaim the Lord's death."

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

✝ Gathering ✝

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

Song: "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

Verse 1

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,
from heav'n's all-gracious king."
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.

Verse 2

Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heav'nly music floats
o'er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hov'ring wing,
and ever o'er its babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

Verse 3

And you, beneath life's crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow:
look now, for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing;

oh, rest beside the weary road
and hear the angels sing!

Verse 4

For lo! The days are hast'ning on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song
which now the angels sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810-1876

Welcome

Song: "Will You Come and Follow Me"

Verse 1

"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

Verse 2

"Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

Verse 3

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name,
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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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.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Adrienne Brady & Family

Prayer

L: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. In your Son, Emmanuel, you have shown us your light and saved us from the power of sin. Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath. Increase our longing for your presence, that at the celebration of your Son's birth his Spirit might dwell anew in our midst, for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever.

C: Amen.

Song: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Verse 4

O come, blest Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by your Advent here.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.

Refrain

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

Text: *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite Text sts. 2, 6, 7 © 1997 Augsburg Fortress.

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. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, 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:

Micah 5:2-5a

The prophet Micah, having pronounced judgment upon Judah, speaks of a future shepherd-king who, like David, will come from the small town of Bethlehem. (Ephrathah refers to the area around Bethlehem.) This king will restore Israel and bring peace. New Testament writers understood this passage to be referring to Jesus.

²But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; ^{5a}and he shall be the one of peace.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Stand)

Gospel

Luke 1:39-55

Elizabeth, John's mother, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, are two women filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith. In Elizabeth's inspired greeting and Mary's song of praise we hear of a saving God who remembers, scatters, lifts up, and fulfills all things.

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." ⁴⁶And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. ⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴He has helped his

servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

(Sit)

Sermon "Blessed Be"

Pastor John Brock

Children's Story

Pastor Liz Frey

Song: "Mary Did You Know"

Verse 1

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?
This Child that you delivered will soon deliver you.

Verse 2

Mary, did you know that your baby boy will give sight to the blind man?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would calm a storm with His hand?
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?
And when you kiss your little baby you've kissed the face of God?

Bridge

Mary, did you know? Oh, Mary, did you know?
The blind will see, the deaf will hear; the dead will live again!
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak the praises of the Lamb!

Verse 3

Oh, Mary, did you know that your baby boy is the Lord of all creation?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations?
Did you know that your baby boy was heaven's perfect Lamb?
And the sleeping Child you're holding is the Great I Am!

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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 "Hope of the Nations"

Verse

Jesus, hope of the nations,
Jesus, comfort for all who mourn;
You are the source of heaven's hope on earth;
Jesus, light in the darkness;
Jesus, truth in each circumstance;
You are the source of heaven's light on earth;
In history You lived and died;
You broke the chains,
You rose to life.

Chorus

You are the hope living in us;
You are the Rock in whom we trust;
You are the light, shining for all the world to see;
You rose from the dead, conquering fear,
Our Prince of Peace drawing us near;
Jesus our hope living for all who will receive;
Lord, we believe.

Verse

Chorus (2x)

Tag (2x): Lord we believe.

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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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 Vincent Morgan by his family, and son-in-law, Jim McGovern, by his family; loved ones by Betty Wade.

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 Marjorie A. Clayton and Ronald M. and Marjorie C. Katzman.

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister: The Rev. Elizabeth E. Frey

Preacher: The Rev. John H. Brock

Lector: Janelle Bingeman

Greeters: Sandy Lunger, Margy Fox, Jaxon Geisel

Ushers: George & Karen Yeager

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Bulletin Artwork: Trinity Staff

Join us next week!

Christmas Eve

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Sermon Series Theme:

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

Preaching: Pastor Jack Horner

9am (online), 2, 4, 6, 8 & 10pm (in-person)



Christmas Day

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Sermon Series Theme:

"God Reigns"

Preaching: Pastor John Brock

9 am - Online only

10 am - In-person



First Sunday of Christmas

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Sermon Series Theme:

"Joyful Praise"

9 am one service only'

In-person & Livestreamed



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