Fourth Sunday of Advent

Traditional Worship
11:00 am
December 19, 2021

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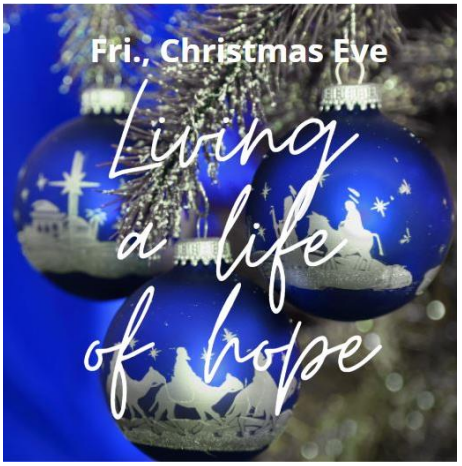
LUTHERAN CHURCH

═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. Hearing assistance devices and large print bulletins are available from an usher.*

**those individuals leading worship, singing or speaking, unmasked are fully vaccinated*

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.

Prelude: "Joy" (A Setting of *Joy to the World*) Chris DeSilva

Welcome and Announcements

[Please 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.

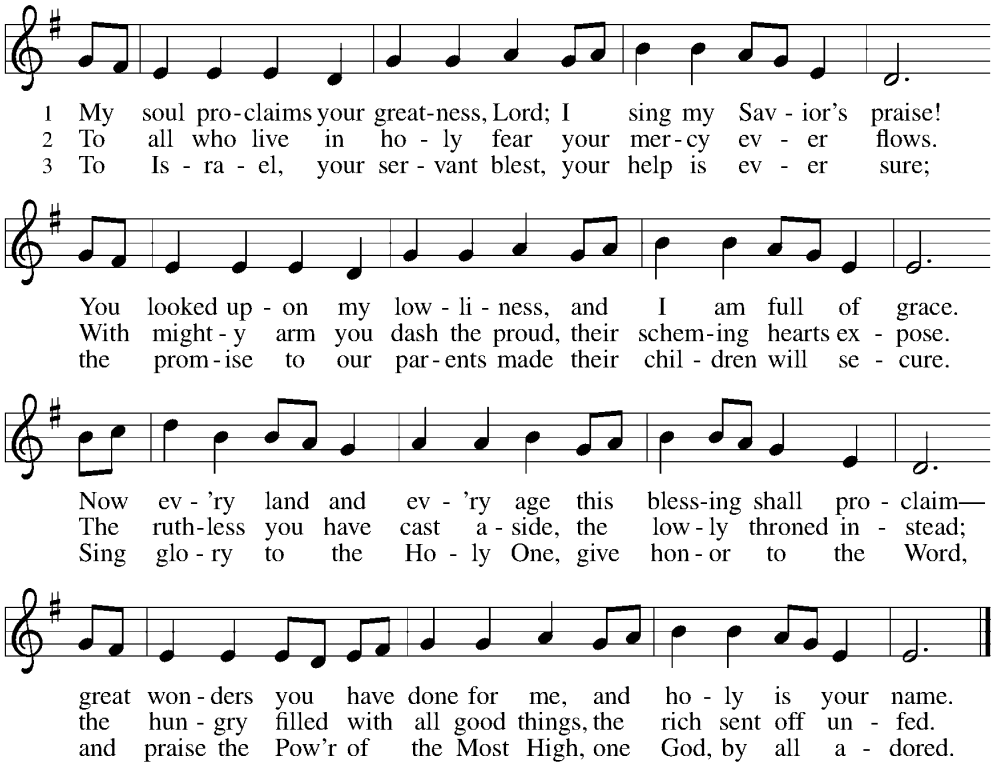
P: Loving and forgiving God,

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.

Opening Hymn No. 251: My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness — KINGSFOLD



Text: *With One Voice*, 1995, based on the Magnificat
Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune
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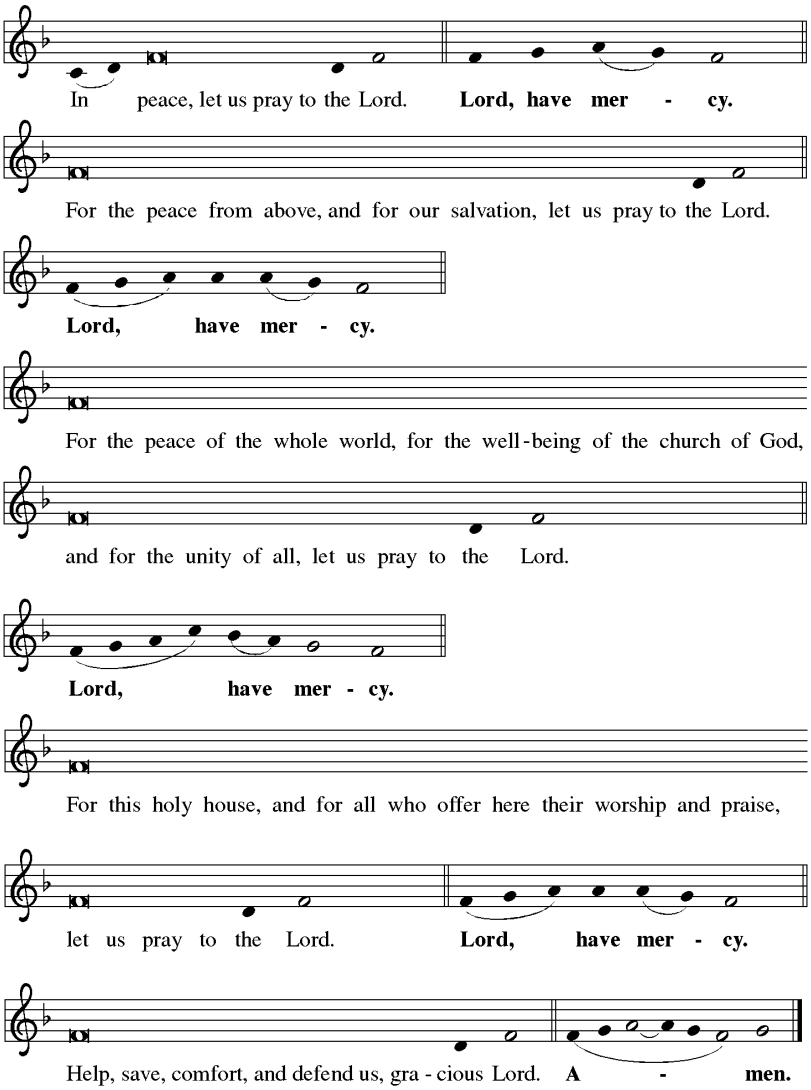
Greeting

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



Lighting of the Advent Wreath Suzanne Erderly & Family

Prayer

L: Blessed are you, 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.

Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

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.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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.

(Please Sit)

✢ Word ✢

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

First 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.

[2]But 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. [3]Therefore 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. [4]And 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.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

The author of Hebrews uses the image of religious sacrifice to convey the significance of Christ's coming. Through obedient acceptance of God's will, Christ allows his own body to become the greatest sacrifice of all, one through which we are made a holy people.

[5]Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; [6]in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. [7]Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." [8]When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), [9]then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. [10]And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

L: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message Pastor Jack Horner

Anthem: "We Shall Light a Thousand Candles" David Rasbach
Chancel Choir

[Please Stand]

Nicene Creed

A: 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.

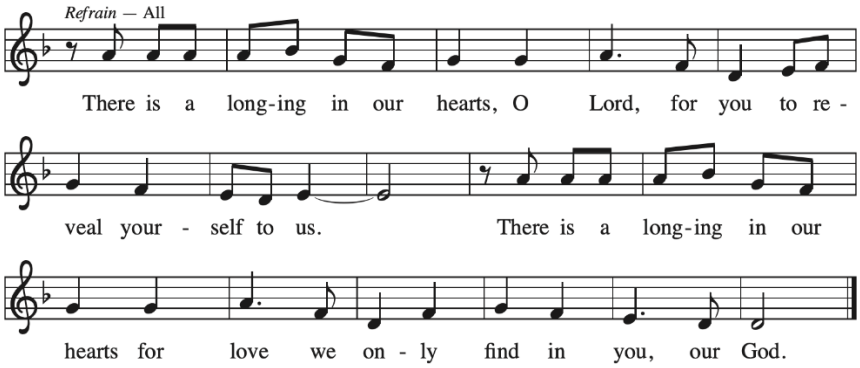
Prayers of the Church

Each petition ends:

A: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Prayer Response: There is a Longing



Gospel Acclamation

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

[Please Sit]

Sermon "Blessed Be" Pastor John Brock

✢ 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 drink the wine Christ is present with us.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ 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 • Mail into the church office • Your offerings may also be placed in the white offering boxes at the entrance to the worship space as you exit.

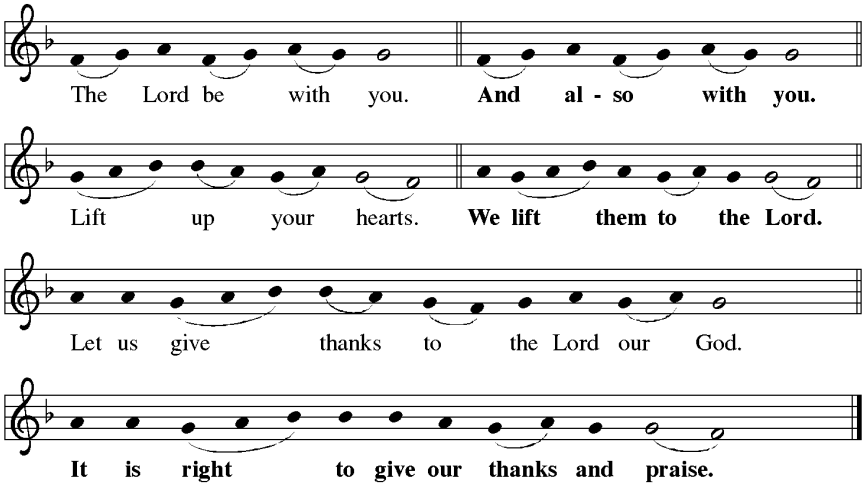
[Please Stand]

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.

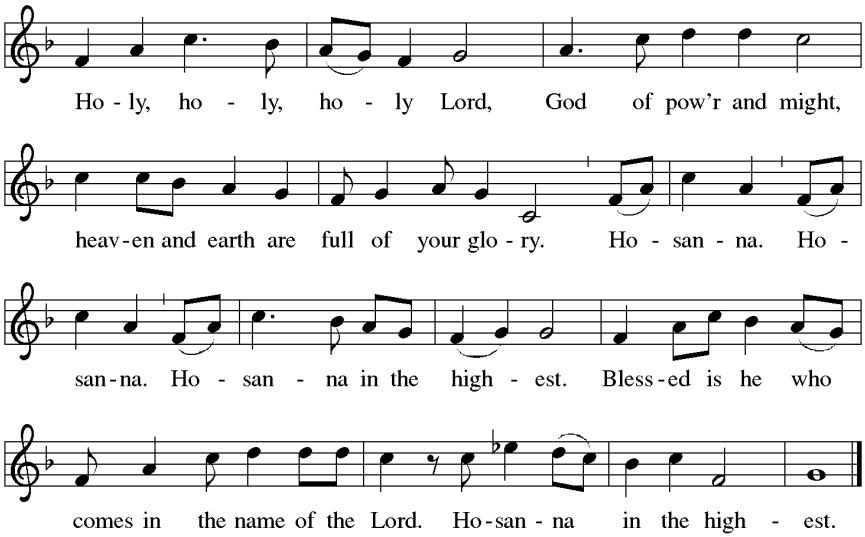
Great Thanksgiving



Proper Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times …
…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)



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.

The 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.

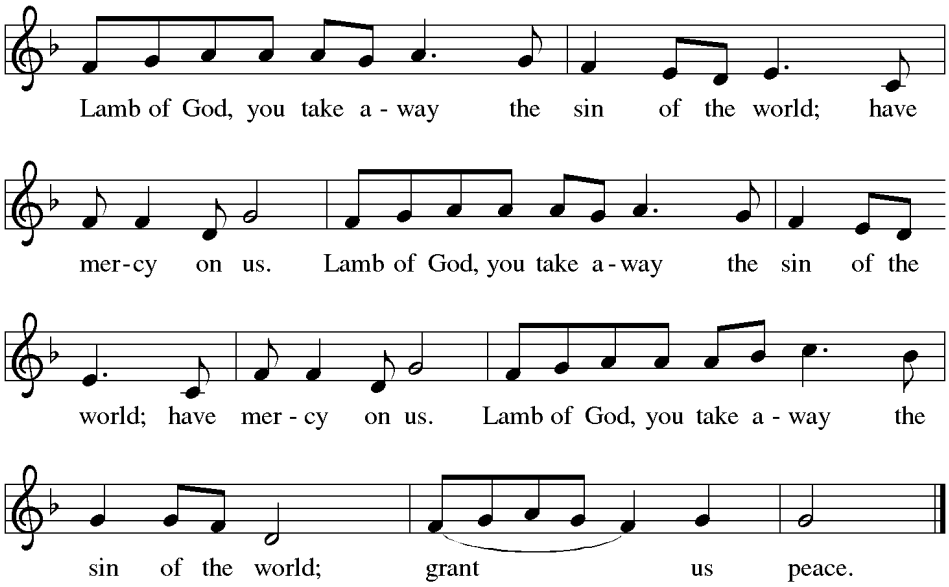
Invitation to Communion

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

C: Thanks be to God.

[Please Sit]

Agnus Dei [Lamb of God]



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.

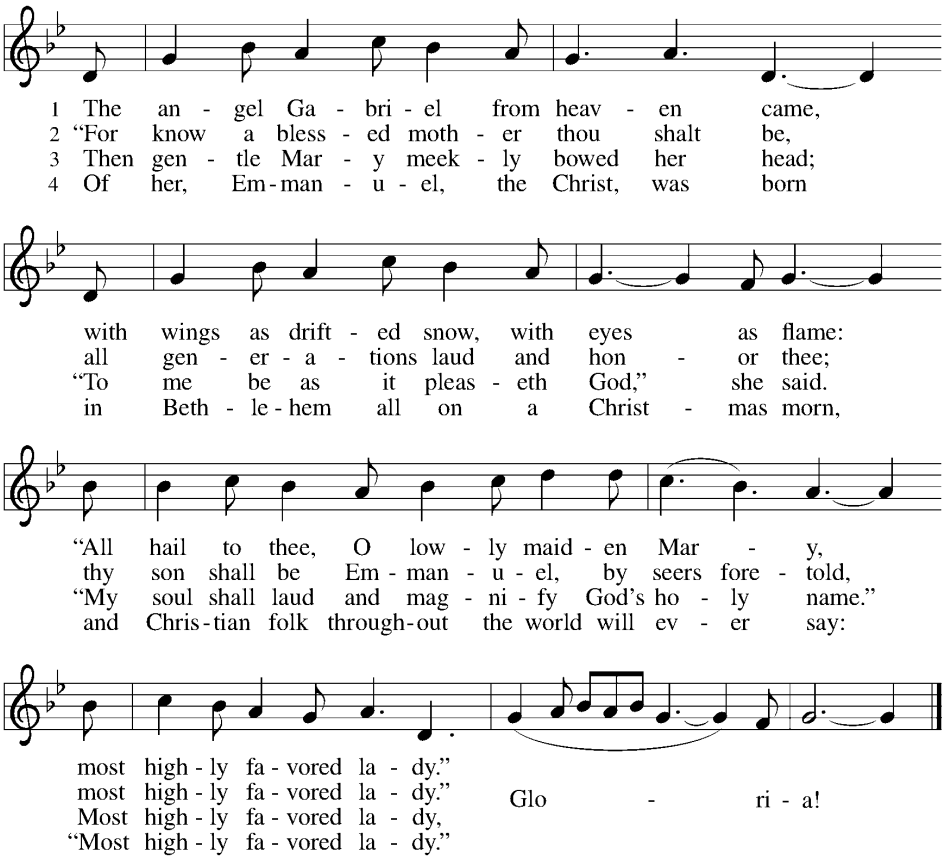
P: Let us pray. Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.
C: Amen.

✢ Sending ✢

We have heard the Word of God, offered our gifts, and 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: 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.

Sending Hymn No. 265: The Angel Gabriel GABRIEL'S MESSAGE



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Music: GABRIEL'S MESSAGE, Basque carol

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Joy to the World" arr. Michael Bedford

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Assisting Minister: Nancy Martin

Lector: Anne Greenlund

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Greeters: Sandy Lunger, Margy Fox, Jaxon Geisel

Altar Care: Altar Care Team

Bulletin Artwork: Trinity Staff

United and empowered to worship, connect, serve.

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.

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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