

Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas Eve 8:00 pm December 24, 2021



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Your contributions keep us going. Thank you. Christmas offerings and 2021 contributions must be received by Dec. 30. Your support funds all that we do, and it also makes a difference to others: Just ask our mission partners to whom you gave nearly 200 Giving Tree gift cards totaling \$4,700. **WOW!**

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.

So much to do in 2022, kiddos through adults, to feel Christ's love

Trinity can help you deepen your faith and feel Christ's love. You can worship (2022 theme: "Live like Jesus"), connect (e.g., Simply Together Valentine's Date Night Feb. 12 at 6 pm), and serve (give, serve, lead) in oh so many ways. Plus, new member meet-up is Sun., Jan. 9, at 10 am. Get info on all these things and more at www.trinitycamphill.org. Yes!





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

*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

In winter's deepest night, we welcome the light of the Christ child. Isaiah declares that the light of the long-promised king will illumine the world and bring endless peace and justice. Paul reminds us that the grace of God through Jesus Christ brings salvation to all people. The angels declare that Jesus' birth is good and joyful news for everyone, including lowly shepherds. Filled with the light that shines in our lives, we go forth to share the light of Christ with the whole world.

P: Pastor L: Lector C: Congregation

+ Gathering +

We gather together to praise God and receive His love.

Song: Song: "Holy Lamb of God"

Verse 1:

The virgin cried when You were born,
Tears of joy and tears of pain,
As heaven's angels watched in wonder.
How could You, the Ancient One,
In the frame of man be bound,
Lying there with feet and hands,
Fully God and fully man?

Verse 2:

Who could see and who could know You had left Your kingdom's throne, Baby crying in a manger? You had come to give Your life As a holy sacrifice, Nails will pierce Your feet and hands, For ev'ry heart and ev'ry man.

Chorus:

Holy Lamb of God, how we love You. Shepherd of our hearts, how we praise You. We were blind and lost, but You came to rescue us, And we thank You. Holy Lamb of God.

Verse 3:

Now You are the risen One.
All You came to do You've done.
On this Christmas we remember
How love came down to set us free
From our sin and from our fear.
Lord of All, we bow our hearts
To the wonder that You are.

Chorus: (2x)

Tag:

And we thank You, Holy Lamb of God. Yes, we thank You, Holy Lamb of God. By Gary Sadler & Steven V. Taylor © 2000 Integrity's Hosanna! Music/SVT Songs. CCLI License No. 1283514.

Proclamation of the Birth of Christ Video

Welcome Pastor John Brock

(Please Stand)

Song: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Verse 1

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come, ye, o come ye, to Bethlehem.

Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;

Chorus

Come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Verse 2

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;

O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

Chorus

Verse 3

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;

Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.

Chorus

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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.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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 His people.

Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

This poem promises deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise. While Judah's king will practice justice and righteousness, the real basis for faith lies in God's passion for the people: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this!

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Luke 2:1-20

God's greatest gift comes as a baby in a manger. Angels announce the "good news of great joy" and proclaim God's blessing of peace.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be reaistered. ²This was the first reaistration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3All went to their own towns to be registered. 4Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. 5He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. 6While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. 8In that region there were shepherds living in the fields. keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: 11 to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you; you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." 13And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 14"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" ¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." 16So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. 20The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please Sit)

Sermon: "Living A Life of Hope"

Pastor Jack M. Horner

Children's Story

Pastor John Brock

Song: "Hope Was Born This Night" Verse 1

Tonight, I can see a star shine and its splendor fills up the sky. It's the same that appeared and the wise men revered When hope was born this night. Out upon the snowy fields

there's a silent peace that heals, And it echoes the grace of our Savior's embrace because Hope was born this night.

Chorus

Glory to God in the highest! Peace on earth, good will toward men. Let all of the world sing a chorus of joy because hope was born this night.

Verse 2

I can hear the Christmas bells ring
As softly, a church choir sings.
It's the song used to praise
the Ancient of Days
When hope was born this night.
There are angels in this place
And my heart resounds with the praise.
Like a shepherd, so scared,
I'll rejoice and declare that
Hope was born this night.

Chorus

Bridge (2x)

Gloria! Gloria!

Gloria! Gloria!

Chorus (2x)

Ending

I know hope was born this night.

Because Christ was born this night.

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(Please Stand)

Nicene Creed

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 \pm resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Following each petition are the words: "Merciful God..."

Please respond with: "... receive our prayer."

+ 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 Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Announcements

(Please Sit)

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: Let us Pray. Generous God,

C: your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior. 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: We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

- P: He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.
- P: He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection,

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, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.
- P: Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are 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: Love has come: God's love for all people. Come and eat, for Christ invites you.
- C: Thanks be to God.

(Please 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.

The presiding ministry will now invite you to commune at your seat

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 Prayer

P: Let us pray. We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

Lighting of the Candles

The ushers will light the candles of worshipers on the aisles. Pass the light to the person next to you until every candle is lit. **TILT ONLY UNLIT CANDLES.** The candles will remain lit during "Silent Night." Please extinguish the candles following the Dismissal, and place them in the box by the door.

Song: "Silent Night"

Verse 1

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright.

Round yon virgin mother and child.

Holy Infant so tender and mild

Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Verse 2

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;

Glories stream from heaven afar.

Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!

Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior is born!

Verse 3

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light

Radiant beams from thy holy face,

with the dawn of redeeming grace,

Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Text: Joseph Mohr; Music: Franz Gruber

+ 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.

Blessina

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine on you and be aracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and # aive you peace.

C: Amen.

Song: "Angels We Have Heard On High"

Verse 1

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains; And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Chorus

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Verse 2

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be; which inspire your heav'nly song?

Chorus

Verse 3

Come to Bethlehem and see, Him whose birth the angels sing; Come adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Chorus 2X

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Join us on tomorrow!

+ + + Christmas Day

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Sermon Series Theme:

"God Reigns" **Preacher:** Pastor John Brock
9 am - Online only

10 am - In-person



Join us on Sunday!

+ + + 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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Worship Notes

Videos of last week's sermons are available on our website (<u>www.trinitycamphill.org</u>). If you would like a printed copy, please call the church office and we can mail one to you.

The flowers in the Nave and Fellowship Hall are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Lawrence K. Thompson III by Mrs. L. K. Thompson III & family; Virginia, Clyde, and son, Bill Apgar, by Gretchen Huntzinger; James Denison by wife; Mr. & Mrs. James Slane, parents, by Terri Denison; Judy Prowell by Harry Prowell.

The sanctuary lamp candle that burns day and night as a symbol of God's abiding presence is presented to the glory of God.

Poinsettia Pick-up. Any person who has ordered a poinsettia and has chosen to pick it up, please do so after the 10:00 am service on Christmas Day (the building will be closed at 11:30 am). Please do not take the plastic saucers as they are saved for future use. Many thanks to all of you who contributed to the beauty of Trinity at Christmas.

Your many greetings and gifts received by Trinity Church's Staff are most appreciated. We bless you with peace and hope.

2021 contributions of offerings or special gifts must be received in the office by Thursday morning, December 30, in order to be credited to your 2021 giving statements. The church office will be closed on Friday, December for the New Year's Eve Holiday.



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We wish you a blessed Christmas. It's a wonderful time at Trinity, with hundreds of people, seen and unseen, handling all details large and small. Thank you to every person who has played a role.

Something else: Not everyone feels joy during this season. Some folks are grieving, or ill, or hurt, or lost. Reach out to those in need: a visit, a listening ear. But remember too that some folks hide their suffering; maybe it's the person next to you, quiet but smilling. So be thoughtful, sensitive, and kind. And pray for all.

A MESSAGE
FROM OUR PASTORS AND STAFF

Regular Worship Times in 2022

Sunday In-person & Streaming 9:00 am • Sunday Traditional & Contemporary 11:00 am Saturday 5:00 pm • Friday prayer service 12 noon

10 am • Faith Connect hour Classes for all ages

- Everyone is welcome at Trinity. Families, singles. All walks of life.
- Children are welcome at any service. Or you can use our family lounge/library. One parent must accompany the children as the space is not staffed at this time.
- Take advantage of our Faith Connection opportunities for infants through elders.
- Teens and pre-teens love our active Youth Group.
- Musically inclined? Find opportunities for everyone: vocal and bell choirs, instrumentalists, praise band.
- Serve our neighbors at home and abroad. Prayer shawls, quilts, mission trips, prison ministry, much more.
- Serve at Trinity. Usher, greet, read, give communion, help in kitchen or office, visit homebound folks, more.
- Connect with others. Enjoy meals, concerts, plays, walk/run group, all kinds of fellowship.

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