

WHERE?

Questions for God

First Sunday
of Advent

Contemporary Worship
11:00 am
November 27, 2022



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

==Weekly News & Announcements==

No Children and Youth classes on Sun., Nov. 27

- **Now through Dec. 11.** Giving Tree and knitwear collection, Gathering Space
- **Sun., Nov. 27-Dec. 11, 10 am.** Nooma Series, Class led by Linda Horner.
- **Sun., Nov. 27-Dec. 18, 10 am.** "The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem." Class led by Beth Bard.
- **Sun., Nov. 27-Sun., Dec. 18.** Annual Christmas Tree Decorating Contest. Go to TrinityCampHill.org/ShowUsYourTree.
- **Now through Christmas.** Give ELCA Good Gifts. Table in Gathering Space.
- **Mon., Nov. 28-Fri., Dec. 2.** Bake/bring 1-3 dozen cookies for homebound members. No nuts or peanut butter. Sign up in Gathering Space.
- **Wed., Nov. 30, & Thurs., Dec. 1, 5-7 pm.** Boy Scout wreath pickup, parking lot.
- **Sat., Dec. 3, 10 am-Noon.** Set up Christmas trees inside. Pizza provided!
- **Sun., Dec. 4, Spirit Sunday #1.** Wear Christmas socks. Prizes. Tag us on social media @TrinityCampHill & #TrinitySpiritSundays.
- **Sun., Dec. 4, 6 pm.** Youth Hangout! Grades 9-12.
- **Fri., Dec. 9, 6:30 pm.** Bingo Night with St. Nicholas, Fellowship Hall.
- **Sun., Dec. 11, Spirit Sunday #2.** Wear white for a white out! Prizes. Tag us on social media @TrinityCampHill & #TrinitySpiritSundays.
- **Sun., Dec. 11, 3 pm. Christmas at Trinity concert. Trinity choirs, bells, and full orchestra. An annual don't-miss tradition! Tim Koch is conducting.**
- **Sat., Dec. 17, 2 pm.** Blue Christmas, Chapel.
- **Sun., Dec. 18, Spirit Sunday #3.** Wear a Christmas sweater, fancy or ugly. Tag us on social media @TrinityCampHill & #TrinitySpiritSundays.
- **Sun., Dec. 18, 2-6 pm.** Open House with the Horners. Call office for address.
- **Sun., Dec. 18, 6 pm.** Fun Christmas Party for grades 5-12.
- **Christmas Eve services:** 9 am online | 2 pm Traditional | 4 pm Children's pageant | 6 pm Traditional | 8 pm Contemporary | 10 pm Lessons & Carols.
- **Sun., Dec. 25, Spirit Sunday #4.** Yes, it's a BOY! Wear blue. Prizes. Tag us on social media @TrinityCampHill & #TrinitySpiritSundays.

Christmas at Trinity
CONCERT

Calling kids in Preschool-Gr. 6! Help make Christmas Eve special

If your child can participate in our annual children's pageant at the 4 pm Christmas Eve service, sign up now at TrinityCampHill.org/ChristmasEve!

Pick up a special holiday schedule

in the Gathering Space for more details about many of the above ways you can Worship, Connect, and Serve with us this season. Or visit our website.

*Spend the
holidays with us!*

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

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

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

✠ Gathering ✠

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

Song: "Come, Let Us Return to the Lord (Gloria)"

Verse 1

Come, let us return to the Lord.
Come, let us return to the Lord.
Fill this room with sound, let the praise resound.
Come, let us return to the Lord.
Come, let us return to the Lord.
Come, let us return to the Lord.
Let's fill this room with sound, the praise of God resound.
Come, let us return to the Lord.

Chorus

Gloria, gloria, Lord, our eyes are fixed upon You.
Gloria, gloria, Turn our hearts to You again.

Verse 2

Welcomed to the table of the King.
Welcomed to the table of the King.
Homeless and ashamed, the Savior called our names.
We've been welcomed to the table of the King.

Chorus

Bridge

Look what You've done,
Look what You've done.
All that we have is Yours alone.

What can we give?
What offering?
You deserve more than the songs we sing.

Verse 3

So let mercy rise like praise to Your throne.
Let mercy rise like praise to Your throne.
Father, touch Your church 'til justice fills the earth.
Let mercy rise like praise to Your throne.

Chorus 2X

Tag 4X: Again.

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Welcome

Song: "Bethlehem Highway"

Chorus (2X)

There is hope on Bethlehem highway for the ones who will journey there.
And the hope is the child in a manger bringing us love beyond compare.

Verse 1

It's a lifeline for the needy. It's sight to those who can't see.
It's a freedom for the faithful in a child of prophecy.

Chorus

Verse 2

Let the angels go before us. Let the darkness become light.
Now the Savior lives among us. Now the truth has come to life.

Chorus (2X)

Brown, David/Hersch, James-C. 1992 Dakota Road Music, CCLI #1283514

(Please Stand)

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

C: Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.

P: Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of new beginnings,

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: People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on \mp Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

C: Amen.

The Advent Wreath

One of the best-known customs for the season is the Advent wreath. The wreath and winter candle-lighting amid growing darkness strengthen some of the Advent images found in the Bible. The unbroken circle of greens is clearly an image of ever-lasting life, a victory wreath, the crown of Christ, or the wheel of time itself. Christians use the wreath as a sign that Christ reaches into our time to lead us to the light of everlasting life. The four candles mark the progress of the four weeks of Advent and the growth of light. Sometimes the wreath is embellished with natural dried flowers or fruit. Its evergreen branches lead the household and the congregation to the evergreen Christmas tree. In many homes, the family gathers for prayers around the wreath. The candles specifically symbolize the Christian concepts of hope (week one), peace (week two), joy (week three) and love (week four).

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Prayer

L: Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near. You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world. You show up in our lives at unexpected times. Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival. We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace.

C: Amen.

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”

Verse 1

Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.

He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.

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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. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, 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.

Reading:

Romans 13:11-14

Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed

awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please Sit)

Sermon: "Where are we waiting for you?"

Pastor Jack Horner

Children's Message

Pastor John Brock

Song: "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Intro:

Verse 1:

Come Thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Verse 2:

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a Child and yet a King.
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious Throne.

Tag:

Thy Throne, Thy Throne.

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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: "God, In your Mercy,"

*Please respond with: "... **Hear 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.

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Please Sit)

Announcements

Offering

Optional giving methods: Use the 'Vanco Mobile' app on your device • Text an amount to 717-963- 2281 (be sure to use a "\$") • Use the "DONATE" button on our website and e-blasts or scan the QR to the right • 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

A: Eternal God,

C: you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through 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: Peacemaking God, in Christ you made an ending of the life of spears and swords, and came to us with plowshares and pruning hooks, the tools of planting and cultivating, that we might be fed. In him you showed us how to study war no more, how to lay down our swords and shields, and how to feast with the prince of peace. As you came to us to be our very food and drink, send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and cup and make them be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;

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: God of prophets and promises, as you turn swords into plowshares, take our sin and reshape us for salvation. Take our foolishness and bend us toward faith. Take our hostility and refashion us for heaven in the crucible of your love. Stir your church with wakening hope, that soon and very soon we are going to see our king. Quicken our spirits with trust in that day when we who have been blessed with such hope will gather around your throne with saints of every age, in praise and thanksgiving to you, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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: Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God, who has come to save 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.

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. Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

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: Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Song "Everlasting God"

Verse

- Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.
We will wait - upon the Lord, we will wait - upon the Lord.
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.
We will wait - upon the Lord, we will wait - upon the Lord.

Our God, You reign forever; our Hope, our strong Deliverer.

Chorus

You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God.

You do not faint, You won't grow weary.

You're the defender of the weak.

You comfort those in need.

You lift us up on wings like eagles.

Bridge

Our God, You reign forever; our Hope, our strong Deliverer.

Chorus

Tag: From everlasting to everlasting, You are everlasting.

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.

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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 Harold Wardlow by his family.

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

Join us next week!

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Second Sunday of Advent

Sermon Series:

"Questions for God"

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Sermon theme:

"What Does it mean to Repent?"

Preaching:

Pastor Liz Frey



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