

WHAT?

Questions for God

Third Sunday
of Advent

Traditional Worship
11:00 am
December 11, 2022



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Rite of Confirmation Service

==Weekly News & Announcements==

THIS 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.

Christmas at Trinity
CONCERT

- **Now through Christmas.** Give ELCA Good Gifts. Table in Gathering Space.
- **Sat., Dec. 17, 2 pm.** Blue Christmas service for those who are experiencing grief/loss. Chapel.
- **Next Sun., Dec. 18, Spirit Sunday #3.** Wear a Christmas sweater (ugly or fancy)! Prizes. Tag us on social media @TrinityCampHill & #TrinitySpiritSundays.
- **Sun. through Dec. 18, 10 am.** "The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem." Class led by Beth Bard.
- **Now through Sun., Dec. 18.** Annual Christmas Tree Decorating Contest. Go to TrinityCampHill.org/ShowUsYourTree.
- **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 worship greeters needed, especially for Contemporary service.** Email Pastor Frey at Elizabeth.Frey@trinitycamphill.org.
- **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.
- **Save the date:** Congregation Business Meeting January 22, 2023, immediately following the 11 am services, in Fellowship Hall.

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

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

A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom, and Jesus points to the unexpected and transforming signs of God's reign. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us.

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

+ Gathering +

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

Prelude: "What is This Lovely Fragrance/Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" arr. Brant Adams
Sara Schmehl, alto sax

Welcome and Announcements

[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.

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 † Christ, and
your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

C: Amen.

Turn to face the cross as it moves to the midst of God's people

Processional Hymn No. 726: Light Dawns on a Weary World

TEMPLE OF PEACE

Greeting

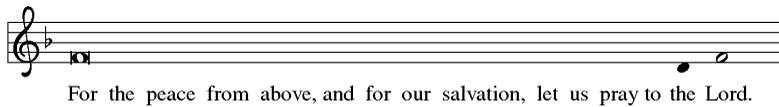
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy
Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

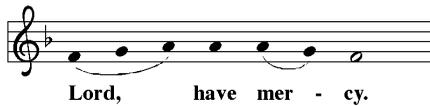
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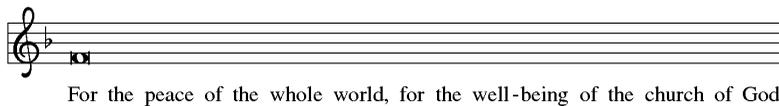
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



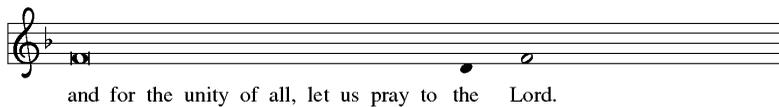
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



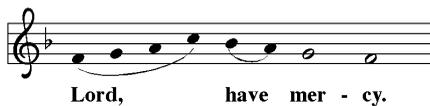
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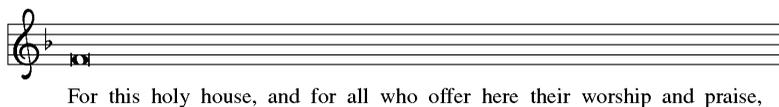
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



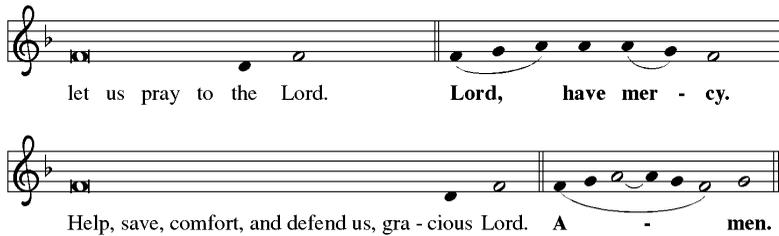
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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

Sandy Gates

Prayer

P: Praise to you, O God, who holds our joy and sorrow. You bring water to parched ground and life out of death. Bless us as this light grows, and send sorrow and sighing to flee away. Give us strength and patience, trusting that you are true to your promises. Transform the lives of all who suffer with your wonders near at hand.

C: Amen.

The candles are lit as the congregation sings:

**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.**

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 God's people.

Reading:

James 5:7-10

In anticipation of the Lord's coming, Christians are called upon to cultivate patience rather than discontent.

⁷Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Pastor Liz Frey

Anthem: "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

arr. K. Lee Scott

*Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing, and darker night is near.*

*The bridegroom is arising and soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry.*

*The watchers on the mountain proclaim the bridegroom near;
go forth as he approaches with alleluias clear.*

*The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand.
Arise, oh heirs of glory; the bridegroom is at hand.*

*The saints, who here in patience their cross and sufferings bore,
shall live and reign forever when sorrow is no more.*

*Around the throne of glory the Lamb they shall behold;
in triumph cast before him their diadems of gold.*

*Our hope and expectation, Oh Jesus, now appear;
arise O Son so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere.*

*With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, Oh Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption that sets your people free. Rejoice!*

Chancel Choir

(Please Sit)

Rite of Confirmation

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for this person, one with us in the body of Christ, who is making public affirmation of his baptism.

A: I present Jackson Miller Seivard who desires to make public affirmation of his baptism.

P: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for Jackson, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called him to yourself, enlightened him with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished him in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C: Amen.

(Please Stand)

Profession of Faith

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the + resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Please Sit)

Affirmation of Baptism

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Response: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support this brother and pray for him in his life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

confirmand will come forward for the laying on of hands and prayer.

P: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Jackson the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm *his* faith, guide *his* life, empower *him* in *his* serving, give *him* patience in suffering, and bring *him* to everlasting life.

Confirmand: Amen.

P: Let us rejoice with this brother in Christ.

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

(Please Stand)

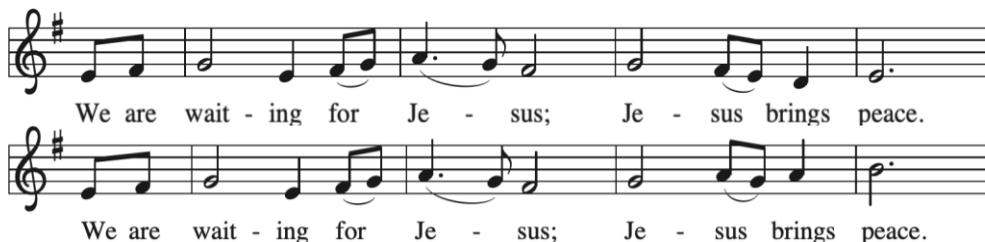
Prayers of the Church

Each petition ends:

A: God, In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Prayer Response:



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

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Sun of jus - tice, shine up - on us; we are trust - ing in your prom - ise.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

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Gospel Acclamation

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 11th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

John the Baptist expects the Messiah to bring God's judgment upon the earth (Matt. 3:11-12). From a prison cell, he wonders whether Jesus is the one who will do this. Jesus' response indicates that God's reign is indeed being fulfilled already through healing and restoration.

²When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" ⁴Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." ⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' ¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

[Please Sit]

Sermon: "How Can I Be More Patient?"

Pastor Jack Horner

[Please Stand]

Hymn of the Day No. 265: The Angel Gabriel

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

✠ 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 the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

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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: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

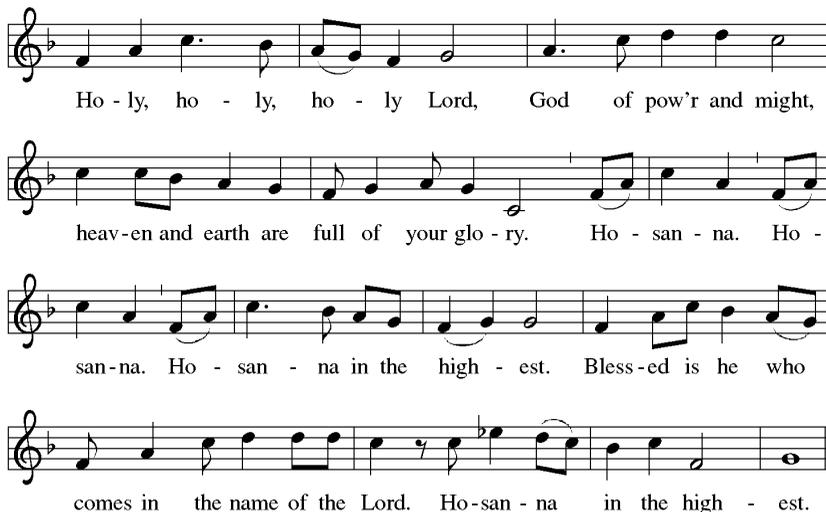
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P: Covenant God, in the beginning you called your creation good and flooded it with beauty and bounty, with goodness and grace. In the days of Noah you drowned your creation to wash away sin and draw your own sons and daughters to yourself. Through your covenant with Israel your promises flowed to all nations, and in Jesus Christ you drew us out of our waywardness into the relentless flood of your mercy. His death was the drowning of our sin; his resurrection and ascension bless all nations to stream toward you in glory. And so we praise you with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven as we join their unending hymn:

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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.

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

[Please Sit]

Agnus Dei [Lamb of God]

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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 minister 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 Blessing and Prayer

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

C: Amen.

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

C: Amen.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending"

Wilbur Held

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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 Ray Seaman, husband, and Vally Durr, mother, by Barbara Seaman; my mother, Marjorie Vaira, by Carol A. Crowe.

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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Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sermon Series:

"Questions for God"

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Sermon theme:

"When are you coming?"

Preaching:

Pastor John Brock



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