

WHEN?

Questions for God

Fourth Sunday
of Advent

Saturday Worship
5:00 pm
December 17, 2022



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==Weekly News & Announcements==

- **Last chance this Sun., Dec. 18, to show us your Christmas Tree!** Go to TrinityCampHill.org/ShowUsYourTree.
- **This Sun., Dec. 18, 2-6 pm.** Horners' open house. 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.
- **Christmas Day services & Spirit Sunday #4: It's a Boy!** 9 am online, 10 am in-person. Wear blue and tag us on social media @TrinityCampHill and #TrinitySpiritSundays.
- **Last day to make contributions of record for 2022:** Fri, Dec. 29
- **Sun., Jan. 8, 10 am, Chapel.** Meetup for potential new members!
- **Sun, Jan. 22:** Congregation Business Meeting in Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11 am services.

thanks so much!

You have **honored Pastor John Brock** by giving nearly \$9,000 to the United Lutheran Seminary to recognize his 25th anniversary of ordination.

You have **helped the YMCA keep folks warm** with your knitwear donations: 65 hats, 33 scarves, 40 pairs of gloves/mittens, and 49 combined sets!

You have **given more than \$4,000 to the Giving Tree** to help Christian Churches United, Ecumenical Food Pantry, Rocky Boy Reservation, Tree 4 Hope, United Lutheran Seminary, and our own Parish Ministry.

We've received **nearly 250 commitments to our 2023 Stewardship Appeal**, an increase to help us Thrive, Explore, and Invest as we impact lives! Forgot to commit? Pick up a commitment card or go to www.TrinityCampHill.org/Stewardship.

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church! We're so glad you're here. Large print bulletins are available from an usher.

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:
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about today's service

Today Isaiah prophesies that a young woman will bear a son and name him Emmanuel. The gospel is Matthew's account of the annunciation and birth of the one named Emmanuel, God-with-us. During these final days of Advent we pray, "O come, O come, Emmanuel," a beloved hymn based on the O Antiphons, ancient prayers appointed for the seven days preceding Christmas. On this final Sunday of Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of the one born to save us from the power of sin and death.

P: Pastor

L: Lector

C: Congregation

+ Gathering +

We gather together to praise God and receive His love.

Prelude: "Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn"

Dave Mackie

Welcome

(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.

Opening Hymn No. 242: Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

REJOICE, REJOICE

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

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your
word, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have
Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.
mer - cy. A - men.

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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

P: Praise to you, O God, who lives with us, sharing our flesh and bones. As Mary waited and Joseph dreamed, so we wait and dream for you. Bless us and let your face shine upon us, more radiant than these candles, and more dear than all else we seek. Restore us when we fail to refuse the evil and choose the good, and banish all our fears. We pray in the name of Emmanuel, your promised child and our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

The candles will be lit as the congregation sings:

**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 hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, 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 His people.

Solo: "Where Shepherds Lately Knelt"

Carl Schalk

Marianne Moran, soloist

First Reading:

Isaiah 7:10-16

An Israelite and Aramean military coalition presented a serious threat to King Ahaz of Judah. In response, Ahaz decided to secure his throne and kingdom by seeking Assyrian help. Isaiah reminds Ahaz that human attempts to establish security will fail. The prophet gives the sign that is the only source of true safety: Immanuel, God is with us!

¹⁰The Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹²But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. ¹³Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

Alleluia



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel Acclamation

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

Matthew 1:18-25

Matthew's story of Jesus' birth focuses on the role of Joseph, who adopts the divinely-begotten child into the family of David and obediently gives him the name Jesus, which means "God saves."

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

[Please Sit]

Sermon: "When Are You Coming?"

Pastor John Brock

(Please Stand)

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

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

Sun of jus - tice, shine up - on us; we are trust - ing in your prom - ise.
 Lov - ing Shep - herd, walk be - side us; stir our hearts, and gent - ly guide us.

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

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Order of Baptism for Max Walker Beckett and Joseph Max Beckett, child Max and Anne (Tolsma) Beckett

Congregation can follow along in Hymnal

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The Baptismal Hymn

1. **See this wonder in the making, God himself this child is taking,
 As a lamb safe in His keeping, His to be, awake or sleeping.**
2. **Miracle each time it happens, As the door to heaven opens,
 And the Father beams: "Beloved Heir of gifts a king would covet!"**
3. **Far more tender than a mother, Far more caring than a father,
 God, into your arms we place them, With your love and peace embrace them.**
4. **Here we bring a child of nature, Home we take a newborn creature,
 Now God's precious son or daughter, Born again by Word and Water.**

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Prayers of the Church

Each petition ends:

P: God, In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Prayer Response:

**O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!**

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† 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.

(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

P: 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, 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, ho - san - na, 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.

Lord's Prayer

C: 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

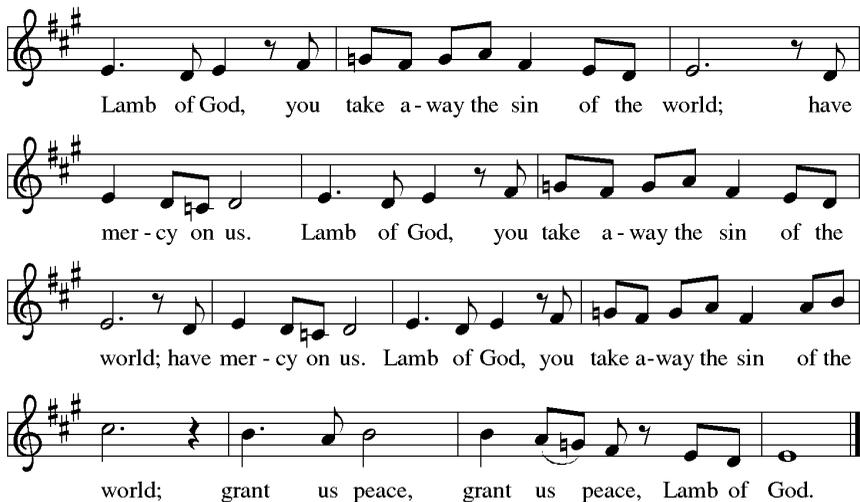
P: Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God, who has come to save you.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please Sit)

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, grant us peace, 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.

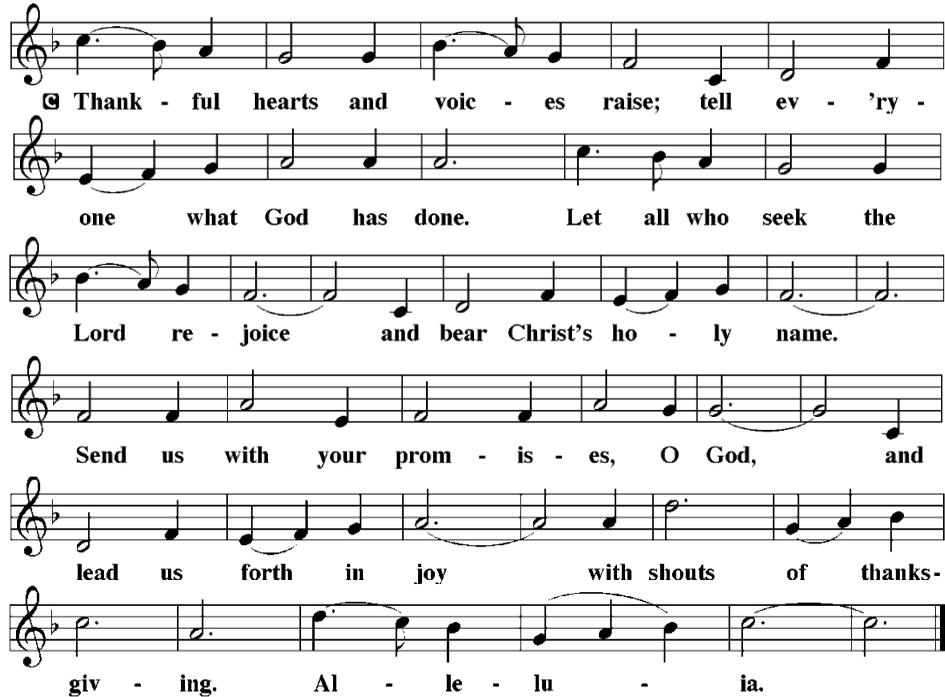
[Please Stand]

Post Communion Blessing Prayer

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

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Canticle



☩ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

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 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

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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 her parents, by Anne M. Greenlund.

Join us next Saturday!

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Christmas Eve

9am (online only)

2, 4, 6, 8 & 10pm (In-person)

Sermon Theme:

"The Moment We've Been Waiting For"

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Preaching:

Pastor Jack Horner



Join us next Sunday!

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Christmas Day

9am (online only); 10am (In-person)

Sermon Theme:

"It's A Boy!"

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Preaching:

Pastor John Brock



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