

WHEN?

Questions for God

Fourth Sunday
of Advent

Streaming Worship
9:00 am
December 18, 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. 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

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: Presiding Minister L: Lector C: Congregation

+ Gathering +

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

Welcome

Pastor Jack Horner

*Song: "Night of Silence"

FaithX

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.

* Gathering Hymn: Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

REJOICE, REJOICE

1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though

an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall

soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.

Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less

geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and

lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: REJOICE, REJOICE, Marty Haugen

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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 are 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.**

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.**

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 God's people.

Children's Message

Pastor Liz Frey

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)

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

*Song: “Joseph's Lullaby”

FaithX

(Please Stand)

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

Each petition ends:

P: God, In your mercy,

C: **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.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

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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.

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]

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.**

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: "My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness"

Aaron David Miller

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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.

United and empowered to worship, connect, serve.

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



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Christmas Day

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

Sermon Theme:

"It's A Boy!"

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Preaching:

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