

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 19, 2021 – Traditional Service with Communion



FOURTH SUNDAY
OF
Advent

WELCOME TO ALL

Welcome to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here. We are delighted to gather as one people in the name of the risen Lord Jesus, in whose power over disease and death we take hope. Please use this bulletin to participate in the liturgy and take it with you when the service is ended.

Currently, we recommend all those attending worship wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status, for your safety and the safety of others. Thank you for your cooperation.

We track attendance for communion. If you plan to commune, you're invited to register yourself beforehand on our website (trinitylutheranchambersburg.org), by calling the church office (717-263-8156), or ushers can register you when you arrive.

Bathrooms are located down the hall from the side entrance to the sanctuary. Children are always welcome during worship, but if desired, there is a nursery in room 107 available for children ages birth to school age.

Please be aware that we are streaming our services. If you do not wish to be on camera please contact the church office.

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Cradle and cross are inextricably connected on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Between a lovely tribute to the little town of Bethlehem and Mary's magnificent song of praise, the letter to the Hebrews reminds us in no uncertain terms that Christ's advent is for "the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." It is the kind of tension in which the church always lives as when in holy communion—with high delight—"we proclaim the Lord's death."

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

Please respect the silence of those around you preparing for worship.

PRELUDE

"The Desert Shall Rejoice"

Lani Smith

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who alone does wonders,
who lifts up the lowly,
who fills the hungry with good things.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

God for whom we wait,

**in the presence of one another,
we confess our sin before you.**

We fail in believing that your good news is for us.

We falter in our call to care for your world.

We find our sense of self in material wealth.

We fear those different from ourselves.

**We forget that we are your children
and turn away from your love.**

**Forgive us, Blessed One,
and assure us again of your saving grace.**

Amen.

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you!

Through the power of the Holy Spirit,

† your sins are forgiven.

You are children of the Most High,

inheritors of the eternal promise,

and recipients of divine mercy.

God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Once In Royal David’s City”

ELW 269

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,
 3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;

where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
 and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;
 for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;

Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
 with the poor and meek and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH/CHILDREN'S SERMON

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.

With your abundant grace and might,

free us from the sin that binds us,

that we may receive you in joy

and serve you always,

for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.



WORD

FIRST READING

Micah 5:2-5a

*The prophet Micah, having pronounced judgment upon Judah,
speaks of a future shepherd-king who, like David,
will come from the small town of Bethlehem.*

(Ephrathah refers to the area around Bethlehem.)

This king will restore Israel and bring peace.

New Testament writers understood this passage to be referring to Jesus.

²But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

³Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;

^{5a}and he shall be the one of peace.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God!

And he will be their peace



SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:5-10

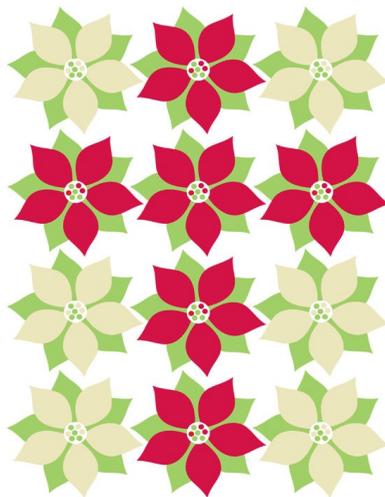
The author of Hebrews uses the image of religious sacrifice to convey the significance of Christ's coming. Through obedient acceptance of God's will, Christ allows his own body to become the greatest sacrifice of all, one through which we are made a holy people.

5Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,
“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
6in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

7Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

8When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), 9then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. 10And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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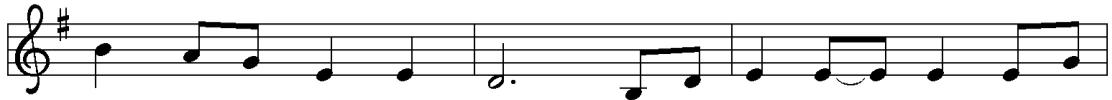


*It is by God's
will that we have
been sanctified
through the
offering of
the body of
Jesus Christ...*

Hebrews 10:10, NRSV



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.



Refrain
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-55

*Elizabeth, John's mother, and Mary, the mother of Jesus,
are two women filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith.
In Elizabeth's inspired greeting and Mary's song of praise
we hear of a saving God who remembers, scatters, lifts up, and fulfills all things.*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." [

⁴⁶And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

**SERMON
ANTHEM**

*"Waiting"
Senior Choir*

Pastor Renee
Althouse

Please stand as you are able.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

**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.**

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Names of family & friends in prayer found on page 20.

A brief silence

Response following each petition:

L: Hear us, O God.

R: Your mercy is great.



SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you!

OFFERING

Please place your offerings in the plate provided by the door as you enter or exit worship. Thank you for your generosity and faithful support.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to Christ's banquet.
Feast on God's gift of grace.
Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

All baptized followers of Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Communicants are ushered forward row-by-row.

Collect an empty cup as you near the front of the sanctuary and proceed forward.

The pastor will place the bread in your hand.

*Once you have eaten the bread, the communion assistant
will pour wine from the chalice into the empty cup.*

After drinking the wine, please return to your seat along the side aisle.

Grape juice is available; please request that from the communion assistant if you prefer it.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Away in a Manger"

ELW 277

1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord
 2 The cat - tle are low-ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -

Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked
 Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look
 ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in

down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn-ing is nigh.
 your ten - der care and fit us for heav-en, to live with you there.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

ELW 289

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

Refrain

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - ri - a

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

COMMUNION HYMN

"The First Noel"

ELW 300

1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
 2 They look - ed up and saw . . a star shin - ing
 3 And by the light of that . . same star three . .
 4 This star drew near to the . . north - west, o'er . .
 5 Then en - tered in those wise . . men three, full . .

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
 in . . the east . . be - yond . . them far; and to the
 wise . . men came . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
 Beth - le - hem . . it took . . its rest; and there it
 rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered

they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
 earth it gave . . . great light, and . . so it con -
 king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
 did both stop . . . and stay right . . o - ver the
 there in his . . . pres - ence their . . gold, . . . and

Refrain

night that was so deep.
 tin-ued both day and night.
 star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
 place where Je - sus lay.
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

*James Druckenbrod, Donald Grier, Raymond Kauffman,
 Philip Lobaugh, & Barb Montgomery*

Gracious God, as you have sent messengers of compassion to your people, we send these Eucharistic ministers in your name. Empower them to serve brothers and sisters who are unable to share the sacrament with us today. Fill them with your Spirit; give them the gifts of humility, patience, gentleness, kindness, and above all, love, that through their ministry others may know the peace of your presence, and that by the body and blood of your Son they may experience the joy of your salvation.

Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Joy to the World"

ELW 267

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

SENDING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE

"Joy to the World"

Handel

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
Preacher	<i>Pastor Renee</i>
Presider	<i>Pastor M. David Kiel</i>
Organist	<i>Bob Eyer</i>
	<i>10 AM</i>
Lector	<i>Liz Sutton</i>
Cantor	<i>Renee Kiel</i>
Communion Asst.	<i>Ruth Cramer</i>
Communion Prep	<i>Herm Hopple Pam Hopple</i>
Ushers	<i>Ray Brindle Dick Snurr</i>
Livestream Team	<i>Christie Brown Jason Brown</i>
Nursery	<i>Deb Hile</i>

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE:	
Saturday, December 11, 2021	17
Sunday, December 12, 2021	93
Online Worship Service Views:	208

Next week's Lessons:

- 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
- Psalm 148
- Colossians 3:12-17
- Luke 2:41-52



*Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
 and in recognition of the birth of our
 Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
 by Rick and Lynn Lerew.*



*The children's bulletins are given to the Glory of God
 and in honor of Meyah Smith's 16th birthday
 by Deb & Barry Hile.*

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS



We Pray For

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Dottie Fochtman	Pat Spare	Ayano Sakai
Charlie Snyder	Denny Varner	Shirley Tomlinson
Jeff Vanderbush	Lois Hess-Strite	Larry Royce
Brenda Zullinger	Curt Stambaugh	Cameron
Lynn Fisher	Bob Rynecki	Kayla Reed
Michele Phillips	Ron Portner	Mary Royce
Susie Glick	Jane	Jim Cistone
Dale Rucker	Cheryl Kelly	

MEMBERS

Evan, Jane, Sarah
& Elizabeth Peggy Tarner Marjoil Texter Judy & Larry Tinburg
Sutton

*****Names may be added / removed by calling the church office.***

*****Names will normally be removed after 4 weeks.***

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS EVE *Candlelight Services*

Friday, December 24, 2021

7 PM in-person & streamed
9 PM in-person

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CANDLE SPONSORS NEEDED

If you are interested in sponsoring the Christmas Eve vigil candles and/or the pew candles please contact

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amazing
Grace...

Amazing
God

Trinity Lutheran Church

Church Sign to Promote Positivity in Chambersburg

Signs are ready and available in the office. They are free for the taking, however, if you are so inclined, a donation of \$10 per sign would help defray the costs.

The church yard sign has been developed with a positive statement about God and our congregation. We hope each member of Trinity will take one of these signs home with them and place it in their yard for an indefinite period of time.

GRIEF SHARE

GRIEF RECOVERY
SUPPORT GROUPS

TO REGISTER CONTACT

THE CHURCH OFFICE:

717-263-8156

MEETS THURSDAYS:

NOVEMBER 11, 2021 - FEBRUARY 17, 2022 @ 7 PM

(ZOOM & IN-PERSON)

Find help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. GriefShare is a support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. This group will be led by people who have dealt first hand with grief and want to help get you through the difficult days and experience peace and joy again.

Holiday
Hours

The church office will be **CLOSED**
from *Monday, December 27, 2021 and*
will reopen *Monday, January 3, 2022*



FINANCIAL SECRETARY PART-TIME JOB

The Financial Secretary's job position is to receive, record and deposit all funds into the bank, and forward information to the Treasurer. Must be a member of Trinity, detail oriented, have computer skills, and the ability to maintain confidentiality. For more information contact the church office.

THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

Today - 12/19	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all Ages - Library
	9:00 AM	Confirmation Class – Cloud 9
	9:00 AM	Scripture & Coffee - Lounge
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>
Monday - 12/20	7 - 9 PM	Boy Troop - Scout Room
Tuesday - 12/21	10 - 11:30 AM	Tuesday Morning Bible Study - Lounge
	6:00-8:00 PM	Girl Scout Leaders - Cloud 9
Wednesday - 12/22	5:30 PM	Yoga - Social Hall
	7:00 PM	Choir practice - Sanctuary
Thursday - 12/23	6:30-8:30 PM	Girl Scouts 55 - Cloud 9
	6:30-8:30 PM	Girl Scouts 78 - Scout Room
	7:00 PM	Grief Share - Lounge
Friday - 12/24	7:00 PM	Worship - Sanctuary
	9:00 PM	Worship - Sanctuary <i>Christmas Eve</i>
Saturday - 12/25		<i>Christmas Day (NO Saturday Worship)</i>
Sunday - 12/26	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary Trinity Paper Day <i>1st Sunday of Christmas</i>

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

Micah 5:4—And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Peace is the theme for the fourth Sunday of Advent.

We remember that Jesus is, as Micah says, “the one of peace,” the shepherd who cares for us, his flock. Steward/disciples draw near to Jesus and find peace in him.

Budgeted amount needed: \$8,072.12 12/12/2021 Offering: \$8,491.00

Thank You!



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Visitation Pastor	<i>The Rev. Ruth Smith</i>
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Office Manager	<i>Christie Brown</i>
Secretary / Fin. Secretary	<i>Anne Crawford</i>
Sexton	<i>Elaine Hess-Strite</i>
Treasurer	<i>Dennis Alleman</i>
Asst. Financial Secretary	<i>Sage Brown</i>
Livestream Coordinator	<i>Jason Brown</i>

Vision

"Growing in God"

Mission Statement

*"Seed - Planting and Growing in our Faith
Sow - Sharing the word of God with our community
Steward - Giving to all the love of God
Service - Showing the love of God with our community"*