

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 18, 2022 – Traditional Service with Holy Communion



Love

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.

Based on revised CDC guidance, we are no longer encouraging the wearing of masks for those attending worship, regardless of vaccination status. However, if you have symptoms, have tested positive for Covid or been exposed to someone with Covid-19, we ask that you do wear a mask. Please feel free to continue wearing a mask in worship for your safety, if desired. This guidance may change if our risk level changes.

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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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.

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 Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God's name forever.

Amen.

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 for individual reflection and confession.

God of new beginnings,
we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.

We have strayed from your paths.

We prepare for war instead of peace.

We dishonor one another and your creation.

Purify us with your refining fire

**and set us again on your way of love,
that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,
and welcome your coming among us.**

Amen..

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.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem" ELW 279

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
 cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
 We hear the Christ-mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

The Barkman Family

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

**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.
Amen.**

Please be seated.



WORD

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.”

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



PSALMODY

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

We will speak the Psalm responsively.

Let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved. (Ps. 80:7)

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

²**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

³Restore us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁴**O LORD God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

⁶**You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

¹⁷**Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one you have made so strong for yourself.**

¹⁸And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.

¹⁹**Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**



SECOND READING

Romans 1:1-7

*Most of the Christians in Rome do not know Paul.
In this letter's opening he introduces himself as
an apostle divinely appointed to spread God's gospel.
The gospel's content is the promised coming of Christ, and
Paul's mission is to bring about the obedience of faith among all nations,
including his Roman audience.*

¹Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!



Please stand as you are able.

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."

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Phil Lobaugh

SERMON

Pastor Bill Nienstedt

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Rejoice! Rejoice!"
Children's Choir

Paradowski

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 17.

A brief silence.

Response following each petition:

L: God, in your mercy,

R: hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you!



OFFERING

*Thank you for your generous and faithful support during these extraordinary times.
 Out of an abundance of caution, we are not currently passing the collection plates.
 Instead, you may place your offerings in the plates provided
 by the door as you enter or exit worship.*

If you prefer, Trinity offers 5 other ways to give as well:

Text, Mail, Mobile, Automatic Transfer, & Online. Contact the church office for details.

Create in Me a Clean Heart Offering Song

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
 spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
 pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
 Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me
 with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
 and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.



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

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.

Come to the banquet.

Thanks be to God.



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

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

Communicants are ushered forward row-by-row.

Please open your hand and the pastor will place the bread in your hand.

Once you have eaten the bread, the communion assistant will offer you a cup of wine.

Please take the cup of wine from the tray.

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

If you prefer, grape juice is available which you may request from the communion assistant.

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

*James Druckentrad, Donald Grier,
Philip Labaugh, & 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

CLOSING 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, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 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

*Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God,
 and in memory of loved ones,
 by the Wadas family.*



*The children's bulletins are given to the Glory of God,
 and in honor of Trinity's children,
 by Dave & Becky Morningstar.*

Next week's Lessons:

- Isaiah 62:1-6
- Psalm 97
- Titus 3:4-7
- Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20



LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE:

Sunday, December 11, 2022	—
Online Views	88

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Preacher /Presider	<i>Pastor Bill Nienstedt</i>
Organist	<i>Bob Eyer</i>
	10 AM
Greeter	<i>Kathy Ashway</i>
Ushers	<i>Lynn Fisher Paul Kolva</i>
Lector	<i>Lynn Lerew</i>
Communion Asst.	<i>Kathy Ashway Ruth Cramer</i>
Communion Prep	<i>Joyce McDonald</i>
Livestream Team	<i>Jason Brown</i>
Nursery	<i>Janelle Barkman Travis Barkman</i>

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS



We Pray For

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Polly Portner	Judy Lynskey	Donna Shetter
Bernice Conner	Sue Lensbower	Phyllis Dusman
Bob Shannon	Thomas Clarke	Floss Sterner
Doris Kriebel	Brenda Zullinger	Michele Phillips
Sue Freeman	Cheryl Alleman	Susie Glick
Shirley Shilling	Marlene Fisher	Curt Stambaugh
Deb Hutsler	Mary Royce	Cheryl Kelly
Anna Primus	Larry Royce	Cameron

MEMBERS

James, Marsha, Madison, & Sydney Schmus	Richard & Linda Schoenleber	Henry, Kristina, & Michael Schumacher	Marjorie Schweitzer
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*****Names may be added / removed by calling the church office.***

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

OFFERING

Budgeted amount needed: \$8,072.12 12.11.2022: \$5,836

Thank You!

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS EVE *Candlelight Services*

Saturday, December 24, 2022

7 PM in-person & streamed
9:30 PM in-person

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THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

Today - 12/18	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages - Library Confirmation - Cloud 9 Scripture & Coffee Worship - Sanctuary 4th Sunday of Advent
Monday - 12/19		National Heroes & Heroines Day
Tuesday - 12/20		Go Caroling Day
Wednesday - 12/21	5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Yoga - Social Hall Choir rehearsal - Sanctuary
Thursday - 12/22		National Cookie Exchange Day
Friday - 12/23		National Christmas Movie Marathon Day
Saturday - 12/24	7:00 PM 9:30 PM	Christmas Eve Worship -Sanctuary Christmas Eve Worship - Sanctuary
Sunday - 12/25	9:30 AM	Worship at 1 st Lutheran, Chambersburg, PA NO WORSHIP @ TRINITY Christmas Day



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SPONSORS NEEDED

Sign-up on bulletin board in hallway or call the church office.

Altar Flowers \$40+

Children's Bulletins \$3



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TRINITY STAFF TO SERVE YOU

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Council Secretary	<i>Joyce McDonald</i>

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Denise Barrows	<i>Ray Brindle</i>
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David Wenerd	<i>Wallace Whitworth</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"*