

Advent 1 Sunday Worship

Nov. 29, 2020

Online at 9 am | On local TV channel 18 at 11 am

We continue to be the church in all circumstances.

Because God
first loved us,
we live as Jesus in the world,
*loving God and
loving neighbor.*

We are so glad you joined us for worship! Our shared ministry continues.

The Advent wreath has its roots in the pre-Christian practices of northern Europe. People sought the return of the sun in the dark time of the year (at the winter solstice) by lighting candles and fires. As early as the middle Ages, Christians used fire and light to represent Christ's coming into the world. Using this same symbolism, the Advent wreath developed a few centuries ago in Germany as a sign of the waiting and hopeful expectation of the return in glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. The wreath, a circle, came to represent the eternal victory over death through Jesus Christ. The evergreens were a sign of the faithfulness of God to God's people, even in death, and the lighted candles were a reminder of the light of Christ brought into the world. This symbolism can be just as strong for us today. As is the case with all symbols, they speak most loudly to remind us of God's promises of life when they are drawn directly out of our daily experience and environment.

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PARTICIPANTS

Dancer – Maya Parkin
Reader – Angie Hong
Song Leader – Mary Schneider
Worship Director & Organist
– Carol Carver

PASTORS

The Rev. Dr. Chris Bellefeuille
The Rev. Peter Weston Miller



Lighting of the Advent Candle *Light One Candle*

Welcome

Prelude *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying*

– JS Bach

Gathering Liturgy

Gathering Hymn

Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn

– Words on screen

Reading Advent – Susan Cherwien

Gospel Song

Each Winter As the Year Grows Older

– Words on screen

Gospel Mark 13: 24-37

Children's Message

Message

– The Rev. Dr. Chris Bellefeuille

Musical Reflection *My Lord, What a Morning* – setting, Mark Hayes

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the Church

Peace

Offering

Communion Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer (1975)

Music during Distribution *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Communion Blessing & Prayer

Sending Hymn *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* – Words on screen

Blessing & Dismissal

Postlude *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* – setting, Paul Manz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family and friends of **Konrad Koosmann, Grace Marquardt and Muriel Nestrud.**

ADULT FAITH FORUM: New Advent Study begins!

Light of the World by Amy-Jill Levine

TODAY! Sunday, Nov. 29 at 11 am on Zoom

Join at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83989674185>

Join us the next four Sundays as we experience Advent together. Amy-Jill Levine will help us explore the season of Advent in her four-part study, *Light of the World*. We will look at the different perspectives in Matthew and Luke. All are invited to join. To watch other sessions of the forum, visit: <https://trinitylc.org/learning/adult/adult-ed/>. Questions? Contact Penny Catlin at pccatlin@juno.com.

ONE & DONE BOOK GROUP: **Discussing *White too Long* Monday, Nov. 30 at 6:30 pm on Zoom**

Our last discussion of 2020 will be *White too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity* by Robert T. Jones. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend the discussion. Email Ann Wolff at wolff701@msn.com for the Zoom link.

**You're Invited to an Advent PAUSE Online Gathering
Advent PAUSE gatherings the week of Dec. 6-12
Sign up online:**

<https://trinitylc.org/congregational-life/advent-pause/>

The special season of Advent is drawing near, and with it comes the Advent PAUSE (Peace And Understanding – a Season to Embrace) gatherings, this year online. This invitation is for YOU, to meet new women or gather in spirit with those you already know, and to give yourself a gift of time to pause. Advent PAUSE gatherings are for women of all ages: for friends, family, co-workers, neighbors, and more! For more information or questions, please contact Karen Gieseke at kgieseke@live.com or 651-492-6610. Sign up now at: <https://trinitylc.org/congregational-life/advent-pause/>.

GLOW/AWE OUTDOOR GATHERING: **Christmas Stroll & Pizza Supper Dec. 10 at 5 pm at Washington Park**

We'll gather at Washington Park (815 Greeley St. S across from Lakeview Hospital). There will be a free will offering to cover the cost of the pizza and extra funds will be donated to Trinity Lutheran Church. Please bring a chair and beverage. Friends are welcome. Get on the list by emailing, no later than Dec. 8, Mary Soderholm at mes1135@live.com.

Drive-Thru Living Nativity

Sunday, Dec. 13, 3-5 pm, Trinity Large Parking Lot

Mark your calendars and sign up to participate as an actor in an outdoor Living Nativity drive-thru experience. You can be an Angel or Shepard, Mary or Joseph (3 pairs needed) or any of the figures from the nativity. No experience needed, low/no pressure costuming, very fun for families. Please sign up online at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e45aca92ca5f94-living> or contact Sheila-Marie Untiedt at smuntiedt@hotmail.com or 612-308-9994. On Dec. 13 Line up on 4th St. heading south and take your turn. A map will be included. (Blizzard date is Dec. 20, 3-5 p.m.) See you in Bethlehem!

Christmas Garden form on next page. Please print, complete form and mail with your check to Trinity to participate. Thank you!

PODCAST SERIES: **TrinityCast—An En-Courage-ing Word**

On Buzzsprout: <https://trinitycast.buzzsprout.com/>

Or on our web site: <https://trinitylc.org/learning/adult/podcast/>

On Apple Podcasts: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/trinitycast-an-en-courage-ing-word/id1540124079>

Our six-week podcast series continues with Pastors Chris and Peter diving into the Bible as a reflection of God's love in the world. Listen in to Episode 4: A Literary Reading of Scripture.

Calling Trinity History Buffs! From our archives: World War II Correspondence Committee – Sept. 17, 1945 "With a thankful prayer to God, we, with you, welcome the news of peace with Japan on Aug. 14th, the official day of surrender, Sept. 2, 1945. After consulting with our Pastor, Dr. Benson, and the members of the Correspondence Committee, we feel that our work is done." Did you know Trinity had a Correspondence Committee for Trinity military during WW II? In anticipation of Trinity's 150th Anniversary, we need those willing to develop a "story" with the numerous military letters in our archives. If you are able to help by reviewing letters that will enable Trinity Members learn about Trinity Military and the Correspondence Committee, please contact Norma Wilson at dwilson804@aol.com or 651-470-5124.



Advent & Christmas

Sundays, Dec. 6, 13 & 20

9 am Livestream Worship | 10 am Drive-in Worship

Advent Sunday worship is based on the Advent hymn/song "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah." The four Sundays of Advent will "banish the darkness" and prepare us for Christ's coming with music, dance, preaching, praying and more.

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

Late Afternoon Drive-in Worship

Weather permitting—outdoor Christmas worship at the drive-in. This will be a last minute call; check the Trinity website at www.trinitylc.org for time and more information.

Dec. 24 & 25 Christmas Eve & Day

Online Worship available at Noon

This will be a truly unique beautiful Christmas worship you can experience any time after noon on Christmas Eve via the Trinity website or the Trinity Facebook page—before dinner, after dinner, by candlelight at midnight, Christmas morning—with family and friends, or by yourself. Truly, we will pull out the stops, with carols, choirs, instruments, something special for children, and a Christmas message from Pastor Chris Bellefeuille.

Sunday, Dec. 27

9 am Livestream Lessons & Carols

Tune in for a Lessons and Carols 2020! Again, though we can't all be together to raise our voices in song—this will be a wonderful alternative—we guarantee it will be PBS worthy!

Facebook Livestream: www.facebook.com/trinitylcstillwater/

Online Worship:

www.trinitylc.org/worship-music/worship/online-worship/

Drive-in Worship:

www.trinitylc.org/worship-music/worship/drive-in-summer-worship/



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Trinity's Christmas Garden & Local Benevolences Gift Opportunities

Form and payment must be turned in by Sunday, Dec. 13, 2020

In the spirit of honoring/memorializing loved ones this Christmas, we welcome donations toward local benevolences such as St. Croix Chaplaincy and Valley Outreach Emergency Fund and Food Shelf, or a Christmas Garden. (Christmas Garden will be used to beautify the sanctuary for online worship on Christmas Eve and through the winter, preference is for local benevolence giving.) Donor names will be printed in the January issue of *Trinity Today*. Please fill out the form below and mail it with your payment to the Church Office at PO Box 339, Stillwater, MN 55082. Thank you!

Local Benevolences \$ _____

Christmas Garden (suggested donation \$20) \$ _____

In memory of _____ In honor of _____

Given by _____

Phone # (_____) _____ Total amount enclosed \$ _____