

# Advent 3 – A Hasty Nativity

## Sunday Worship

Dec. 13, 2020

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

*We continue to be the church in all circumstances.*

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

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

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

*Light One Candle*

### Welcome

### Prelude

*Prelude on Israeli Tunes for Advent* – arr. David Lasky

### Gathering Liturgy

### Gathering Carol

*Joy to the World*

– Words on screen

### Prayer of the Day

### Song

*He Came Down*

– Words on screen

### Message

– A Hasty Nativity

### Musical Reflection

*An Advent Meditation* – arr. David Lasky

### Prayers of the Church

### Peace

### Offering

### Communion Great Thanksgiving

### Words of Institution

### Lord's Prayer (1975)

### Music during Distribution

### Communion Blessing & Prayer

### Sending Hymn

*That Boy-Child of Mary*

– Words on screen

### Blessing & Dismissal

### Postlude

*He Came Down* – arr. David Lasky

#### PASTORS

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

#### PARTICIPANTS

Song Leader – Sarah Olson  
Hasty Nativity – Gossai family,  
Weston Miller family, Herbst family,  
Melheim family, Simcik family,  
Lysne family and the Daniels family  
Worship Director & Organist  
– Carol Carver



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family and friends of **Dwight Pederson**.

ADULT FAITH FORUM: **Light of the World by Amy-Jill Levine TODAY! Sunday, Dec. 13 at 11 am on Zoom**

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

Join us on Sundays as we experience Advent together. Amy-Jill Levine helps 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](mailto:pccatlin@juno.com).

TODAY! **Drive-Thru Living Nativity**

**Sunday, Dec. 13, 3-4:30 pm, Trinity's Large 4th St. Parking Lot**

Come experience several scenes from the birth of Jesus, all from the safety of your vehicle and featuring Trinity members in the starring roles. Angels, shepherds, live animals, and music will bring Christmas delightfully to life. Line up on 4th St. heading south and take your turn. Please bring your Christmas offering, collection bin will be available. See you in Bethlehem!

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 5: An Historical Reading of Scripture.

**Calling Trinity History Buffs!** 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, please contact Norma Wilson at [dwilson804@aol.com](mailto:dwilson804@aol.com) or 651-470-5124.

**It's So Easy To Forget....**

Please remember to fulfill your 2020 financial pledge to Trinity by Dec. 31, 2020. It's been an unusual year with many of us worshipping virtually, so it's easy to forget to keep up to date with your pledge. Please get up to date today! If you aren't sure where you stand, your giving record through November is in the mail. Or contact Parish Administrator Bob Eiselt at [beiselt@trinitylc.org](mailto:beiselt@trinitylc.org). We are the church, GENEROUS in all circumstances.

IN OUR COMMUNITY:

**Weathering Life's Losses Adult Grief Group Thursdays at 6:30 pm on Zoom**

Goal of this group is to provide an atmosphere of sharing of feelings, questions and struggles. We promote mutual support with educational presentations to encourage use of your own resources to discover and develop coping skills as you journey through grief. Meetings are free and no registration is required. Find us on Facebook @St.CroixChaplaincy to get notifications or contact Monique Dosedall at 651-239-8441 or [StCroixChaplaincyAssoc@gmail.com](mailto:StCroixChaplaincyAssoc@gmail.com).

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

**Handmade kitchen towels now for sale, just in time for Christmas!** We have a limited supply of embroidered and hand-painted kitchen towels...the very popular ones normally sold at our Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner. All proceeds go to our Sunshine Ministry which sends a rose to Trinity members on milestone birthdays starting at age 75. Please contact Carolyn Minor at 651-439-7139 for information, including delivery!

FROM OUR SYNOD:

**Christmas Day Worship Service**

The Saint Paul Area Synod and St. Paul Reformation are teaming up to provide an online Christmas Day worship service. Most of the synod staff are participating in leading the service, with Bishop Lull preaching. The service will be available for viewing early on Christmas morning (Friday, Dec. 25) on the synod's website at <https://spas-elca.org/> and Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/saintpaulareasynod>.



**Advent & Christmas at Trinity**

**Sunday, Dec. 20**

**9 am Facebook Livestream Worship | 10 am Drive-in Worship**

Advent Sunday worship is based on the hymn "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah." The 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**

**Outdoor Drive-in Worship at 4 pm**

Weather permitting—outdoor Christmas worship at the drive-in in Houlton, WI. This will be a last minute call; check [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org) for 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 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! 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!

[www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org)

Facebook Livestream: [www.facebook.com/trinitylcstillwater/](http://www.facebook.com/trinitylcstillwater/)

**Drive-in Worship UPDATE!** Weather permitting drive-in worship will continue through Christmas Eve. Worship will be online at 9 a.m. on Dec. 27 and Jan. 3. Then drive-in worship resumes on Sunday, Jan. 10, again weather permitting. Please check [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org) each week for updates.



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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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_