

Advent 4 Sunday Worship Dec. 20, 2020 Drive-in at 10 am

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

SAFE WORSHIP RESTRICTIONS

1. If you are sick or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, stay home.
2. Face masks are required.
3. Park 8-feet apart within the markings and according to the usher's instructions.
4. If you wish to get out of your vehicle, please use your own lawn chairs and put them directly in front of your vehicle.
5. Maintain physical distance from those not in your household. Refrain from gathering in groups.
6. We will not be serving coffee and treats, but feel free to bring your own! Do not share food or drink between cars.

PARTICIPANTS

Musician: Phil Kadidlo (Worship Director)

PASTORS

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



Tune radio to
91.9 FM

Turn key to "ACC" for minimal battery usage

DRIVE-IN WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
Sunday, Dec. 13, 2020
People – 134, Cars – 76

We continue to be the church in all circumstances.

Gathering Music *The Longest Night* – Peter Mayer

Welcome

Inviting Advent Light *Light One Candle* – Wold

Light four candles to watch for Messiah; let the light banish darkness
He is coming, tell the glad tidings. Let your lights be shining!

Gathering Litany

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

ALL: **And also with you.**

Dietrich Bonhoeffer says: "The Advent season is a season of waiting, but our whole life is an Advent season, that is, a season of waiting for the last Advent, for the time when there will be a new heaven and a new earth, when all people are brothers and sisters as one. Rejoice in the words of the angels: 'On earth peace to those on whom God's favor rests.' Learn to wait, because he has promised to come."

And we are reassured that when we pass through the waters,

God is there with us.

When we suffer and feel hopeless,

God is there with us.

When we are joyful and celebratory,

God is there with us.

Whether we feel triumphant or defeated,

God is there with us, always.

Come, let us worship as we wait for Emmanuel – God with us.

Hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

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.

O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer; O Sun of justice, now draw near.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Message

– The Rev. Peter Weston Miller

Hymn *Send the Light* – Charles Gabriel, adapt. Kadidlo

There's a call comes ringing o'er the restless wave: Send the light! Send the light! There are souls to rescue, there are lives to save; Send the light! Send the light!

REFRAIN:

Send the light, the blessed Gospel light; Let it shine from shore to shore! Send the light, the blessed Gospel light; Let it shine forevermore!

Let us not grow weary in the work of love; Send the light! Send the light! God will bless our struggle, and we'll rise above; Send the light! Send the light! (REFRAIN)

Let us pray that grace may everywhere abound; Send the light! Send the light! And a Christ-like spirit everywhere be found; Send the light! Send the light! (REFRAIN)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE NOTE: All Trinity staff will be “out of the office” Christmas Day through New Year’s Day for some much needed time off. Pause & Pray on Facebook will not be provided that week. Pastor Chris and Bob Eiselt will be on call. Please call the church office at 651-439-7400 for emergencies.

Drive-in Worship UPDATE! Weather permitting drive-in worship will continue through Christmas Eve. Worship will be online only (no drive-in worship) 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 each week for updates.

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 online, so it’s easy to forget to keep up to date with your pledge. 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. We are the church, **GENEROUS** in all circumstances.

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 the final Episode 6: An Lutheran (and other denominations) Reading of Scripture.

IN OUR COMMUNITY: **Weathering Life’s Losses Adult Grief Group Thursdays at 6:30 pm on Zoom**
Meetings are free and no registration is required. Find us on Facebook @ St.CroixChaplaincy to get notifications or contact Monique Dossdall at StCroixChaplaincyAssoc@gmail.com.

Every Meal is providing shelf-stable meal bags for pickup. Free for all families, no qualification requirements, and no contact information collected. For more information and pickup locations at www.everymeal.org/winter.

Prayers

Communion – The Great Thanksgiving

God is with us.

Yesterday, today and forever.

Let us lift up our hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks for the abiding love of God.

It is wonderful to give our thanks and praise to God.

Lord’s Prayer (1975)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Sending

Christmas at Trinity

**Christmas Eve
Thursday, Dec. 24**

**Online Worship available at Noon
Broadcast on TV Channel 18 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. Also available on local TV channel 18 at noon. Truly, we will pull out the stops, with carols, choirs, instruments, something special for children, and a Christmas message from Pastor Chris Bellefeuille.

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 for information.

Christmas Day – Friday, Dec. 25

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 at 9 a.m. on their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/saintpaulareasyndod>.

Sunday, Dec. 27

Livestream Lessons & Carols at 9 am

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

Facebook Livestream: www.facebook.com/trinitylcstillwater/



Handmade kitchen towels 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!



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