

Sunday Worship

Jan. 7, 2024 | 9 am

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 today!

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PARTICIPANTS

Worship Director: Clark Weyrauch
Worship Assistant: Kirsten Parker
Trinity Bell Ensemble
Organist: Carol Carver

PASTORS

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

Prelude *Called to the Light* – Krug

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

Gathering Hymn

– Words on screen

#302 Red Hymnal *As with Gladness Men of Old*

Poetry Prayer *God of the Weary Traveler* – Rev. Sarah Speed

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

Message

– Pastor Chris Bellefeuille

Hymn of the Day

– Words on screen

#303 Red Hymnal *Brightest and Best of the Stars*

Prayers of the Church

Peace

Offering *The Three Kings* – Peter Cornelius

Communion *Suo Gan* – setting, Anne Organ

Reflections – Gjeilo

Communion Blessing & Prayer

Sending Hymn

– Words on screen

#677 Red Hymnal *This Little Light of Mine*

Blessing

Dismissal

Postlude *As with Gladness* – arr. Janet Linker



To include those not able to be here today, services are broadcast via livestream or digital recording.

We are on Dakota and Anishinaabe (Ojibwe) land. We give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family and friends of **Dennis Schmidt**.

SUNDAY FORUM: **Ask Your Pastors**

Sunday, Jan. 7 at 10 am | Garden Room

Join Pastors Chris and Peter for discussion. Bring your questions! Read more about Sunday Forum at: <https://trinitylc.org/learning/adult/adult-ed/>

Ushers, greeters, coffee crew and treats—be a part of Sunday morning hospitality! Read more at: <https://trinitylc.org/worship-music/hospitality/volunteer/>

God is calling us back to the table.

Dinner Church | Wednesdays at 5:30 pm

Dinner Church is a meal and worship for all in the Garden Room. Read more at: <https://trinitylc.org/learning/family/dinner-church/>

PLEASE NOTE: Tech Tuesdays resume on Tuesday, Jan. 9. Also, no Tech Tuesday on Jan. 23 due to staff training workshop.

Tech Tuesdays with Clark & Monty

Tuesdays, 10 am–Noon in the Commons at Trinity

Hey Trinity, need a “tech guy”? Do you have a computer, tablet or smartphone question or issue? Need some solid advice on buying a new phone, tablet, TV or computer? Bring your technology issues and devices to get some assistance. No need to sign up, just show up! Questions? Please contact Clark at cweyrauch@trinitylc.org or Monty at mlysne@trinitylc.org.

LET’S GO! EVENT: **Fretheim Lecture in Biblical Theology with Amy-Jill Levine**

Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. | Luther Seminary

Join us for an evening with renowned New Testament scholar Amy-Jill Levine who will present “The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector: Why Knowledge of Jewish History Matters for Christian Preaching and Teaching.” The event is free. Please RSVP to Sandy Wendt at sjwendt46@gmail.com. Read more at: <https://trinitylc.org/congregational-life/connections/lets-go/>

YogaDevotion | Jan. 11–Feb. 29 | Thursdays at 9 a.m.

\$88/8 weeks (single sessions available)

Come and experience God’s presence through the practice of yoga. Meeting in-person and online—choose the option that works for you. All levels and abilities welcome! Read more and register at: <https://trinitylc.org/congregational-life/care/yoga/>

COMING UP IN SUNDAY FORUM:

Feminist Theology in a Barbie Age with Dr. Amy Marga

Sundays, Jan. 14 & 21 | 10 a.m. in the Garden Room

We are pleased to welcome for two Sundays—Dr. Amy Marga, Professor of Systematic Theology, who has been at Luther Seminary since 2006. Can Christian communities learn anything from “Barbie feminism,” or is it all just pink fluff and fun? In this light-hearted but actually serious two-week conversation, we will explore how today’s feminism may point us all to a theology that celebrates God’s creation, and our bodies, as images of God the Creator. We will question whether today’s feminism can also lead communities of faith to question how masculinity and patriarchy has not just hurt women, but men too. We are all “Kenough” in the eyes of God! Read more at: <https://trinitylc.org/learning/adult/adult-ed/>

Compelling Preaching Survey – You may have heard about the “Compelling Preaching” project that Pastor Chris is part of through Luther Seminary. You are invited to be part the project! Along with a group of folks from across the country and in Canada, you will be helping an even bigger group of folks access compelling preaching. Simply complete a very short, anonymous survey after each Sunday in January. (You are encouraged to participate all four Sundays but are welcome to participate as often as you can.) You can respond by phone or on your computer. (The parameters of this particular survey will not allow paper responses.)

Your responses are about your experience on that day in general, not about the particular preacher. Pastor Peter and Pastor Chris will not know who responded and you cannot hurt them by your honest feedback. (However, if at any time you wish to give us honest feedback about preaching, please do so directly! Or if you are not comfortable with that, please contact our council president Andrew Thelander at athelander@trinitylc.org.)

Thank you for your participation in this important work as we discover how best to form faith, support individuals and congregations, inspire the Body of Christ, and be the love of God in the world! If you have any questions about the project, please contact Pastor Chris at cbellefeuille@trinitylc.org.

Follow this link to complete the survey: https://luthersem.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eevXqpTagbPI7kW?Q_CHL=qr

2024 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Breakfast & Program

Monday, Jan. 15 | 7:30-9:30 a.m.

\$10 individual | \$5 student | \$25 family

Garden Room at Trinity

The theme this year is Leading Onward: Elevating New Voices For Justice And Equality. This local event is sponsored by the Stillwater Human Rights Commission; Trinity is honored to be the host site again this year. Cost includes hot breakfast and coffee. More about the program to be broadcast at: <https://www.mlkbreakfast.com/>. Registration will be available soon at the City of Stillwater website: <https://www.ci.stillwater.mn.us/>

FAMILY FAITH EVENT:

Winter Hike at Autumn Hills

Saturday, Jan. 20 | 4 pm

Families with all ages and stages are invited to join us for a winter hike, hosted by the Ennen family! Meet at 5697 Norwich Parkway at 4 p.m. for a sunset hike followed by hot cocoa and fellowship. Please register your family for this free Family Faith Event to give us an idea of how many hikers to anticipate, and for contact information in the event of inclement weather. Visit: <https://trinitystillwatermn.shelbnextchms.com/external/form/d905a94c-ba2a-4c77-9697-ed1120053e5b>

ABIDE READERS BOOK DISCUSSION:

As Long as Grass Grows: The Indigenous Fight for Environmental Justice, from Colonization to Standing Rock by Dina Gilio-Whitaker

Monday, Jan. 22, 6:30-8 p.m. via Zoom

Join us for thought-provoking discussion as we learn together. For more information contact Ann Wolff at wolff701@msn.com. Read more at: <https://trinitylc.org/congregational-life/connections/abide-readers/>



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