

Sunday Worship

Dec. 1, 2024 | 11 am
Contemporary

We are so glad you joined us for worship today!



REMINDER! Your estimate of giving (pledge) is critical for our faith community to reach its 2025 contribution goal.



CHRISTMAS GARDEN – In the spirit of honoring or memorializing loved ones this Christmas, we welcome donations toward Trinity's Outreach Missions, or a Christmas Garden (floral display) to beautify our Worship Center this season. Scan the QR code with your smartphone camera. Paper forms available in the Commons.



All are invited to participate in Holy Communion at Trinity. Both bread and gluten-free wafers are offered. If needed, please request an individually wrapped gluten-free wafer from your communion server.

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Director: Clark Weyrauch
Worship Band Leader: Andrew Kreye
Worship Band: Mari Shumaker, Warner Ide, Charlie Payne, Emily Gutierrez

PASTORS

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



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YOU ARE A BLESSING This quilt square is a simplified abstract image of the angel Gabriel who tells Mary she is "blessed among women."

Gathering Music *God With Us* – Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan

Welcome & Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting

Opening Song

– Words on screen

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus – Shane & Shane, Charles Wesley, Rowland Hugh Prichard

Poetry Prayer *Joy and Celebration* – The Rev. Sarah Speed

Reading Isaiah 43:1-7

Baptism

– Savannah Claire Birkeland

Gospel Luke 1:26-38

Message

– Pastor Chris Bellefeuille

Song

– Words on screen

We Fall Down – Chris Tomlin

Prayers of the Church

Peace

Offering *Waiting Here for You* – Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Martin Smith

Communion *Hallelujah (Christmas)* – music by Leonard Cohen, words by Ross Wooten

Communion Blessing & Prayer

Sending Song

– Words on screen

This Is Amazing Grace – Jeremy Riddle | Josh Farro | Phil Wickham

Blessing

Dismissal

Sending Music

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

BAPTIZED TODAY – at 9 a.m. worship: **Grace Marie Adamson**, child of Justin & Mackenzie Adamson | at 11 a.m. worship: **Savannah Claire Birkeland**, child of Jory & Molly Birkeland

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to family and friends of **Jeffrey Abbott**.

TODAY IN SUNDAY FAITH FORUM:

Zacchaeus, Cornelius, the Ethiopian: The Tax Collector, Centurion, and Eunuch with Bob Boyd
Sunday, Dec. 1 | 10 am | River Room

The Bible is full of stories that both inspire and teach us. Our session will examine three stories and attempt to better understand the people involved, as well as the questions and meanings behind the narratives. Read more at: <https://trinitylc.org/learning/adult/adult-ed/>

TRINITY CONCERT SERIES:

Croix Chordsmen Christmas Show | Saturday, Dec. 7 | 3pm
The Croix Chordsmen Chorus presents "Christmas MEMORIES & TRADITIONS Past and Present" with special guests: Stillwater Area High School Vagabonds | Select Women | 9-10 Chamber Choir. Also featuring quartets: JUST 4 FUN | Charlie's Crooners | Hometown Gang. Tickets: <https://croixchordsmen.org/>

COMING UP IN SUNDAY FAITH FORUM:

Trinity's Outreach Missions Team Presents in the Narthex
Sunday, Dec. 8 | 10 am | Narthex

Note location change. The Trinity Outreach Missions team has been very busy this fall and has much to share with us. Hear more about their trip to Tanzania! There will also be opportunities to be a part of Trinity's missions through sponsorships and activities. Join us for this fun and informative time together where we can extend the mission Jesus has given us all, to love and care for our neighbors.

Angel Tree | Tags available Sunday, Dec. 8

Trinity has participated in Angel Tree for more than 20 years—a program where gifts are bought for children of incarcerated people. Next Sunday look for the Angel Tree in the Narthex. Take a tag and return wrapped gifts by Sunday, Dec. 15, please include a gift receipt so exchanges can be made if necessary. Questions? Contact Wendy Worner at wworner@earthlink.net or Sandy Wendt at sjwendt46@gmail.com.

Tanzania Scholarship Tree | Now in the Narthex

Make the impossible possible for students in Mwatasi with the gift of education. In Tanzania children are not guaranteed schooling past 8th grade. The Tanzania Scholarship Tree in the Narthex displays pictures and information about students you can sponsor with scholarships for secondary education. Scan the QR code with your smartphone camera or send a check to Trinity with "TZ scholarship" in the memo line. Come visit the tree to learn more!



Longest Night Worship

Sunday, Dec. 8 at 5 pm | Worship Center

A worship service for the weary. In this season of festivity, this service provides an oasis of solace and comfort. Candles, music, poetry, calm, silence. A time for weary bodies and heavy hearts to find hope and peace. Also available online and livestream.

Celebrating Seniors Christmas Event

Wednesday, Dec. 11 | 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Please join us for Christmas worship in the River Room followed by a holiday luncheon with special music. No cost to attend and no RSVP necessary. For Trinity seniors and hosted by Trinity's Caring Friends who stay in touch through intentional, caring relationships. Questions? Contact Zanny Johnson at zjohnson@trinitylc.org.

LET'S GO! EVENT: **Christmas Caroling**

Thursday, Dec. 12, 5 pm | Meet at Trinity

The LET'S GO! team invites you to sing and bring cheer to folks in our community who are at local care centers. A fun and meaningful event for all ages! Meet at Trinity's 4th Street main entrance at 5 p.m. We'll gather for hot cocoa and fellowship after. Questions? Contact Sandy Wendt at sjwendt46@gmail.com.

Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, Dec. 15 at 10 am

One worship service only this day. Join us for "Station Good News!"—a fresh take on the Christmas story through a pre-recorded video Trinity children created in November. On Dec. 15, bring your favorite stuffed animal to fill the manger as we watch the creative work of our faith community unfold. Plus, enjoy some amazing artwork on display, made by our talented Trinity children!

Christmas Celebration Concert at Trinity

Sunday, Dec. 15 at 3 pm

Join us for a special concert with Guest Soloist Christina Pecce, Soprano; and featuring the Trinity Choir (Clark Weyrauch, Director), Trinity Youth Choir (Sonia Esch, Director), St. Croix Valley Symphony Orchestra (Dr. Kris Tjornehoj, Director) with Carol Carver on organ and piano. You will hear classic favorites, as well as familiar and not-so-familiar music for the season. Appropriate for all ages. No cost to attend, there will be a free-will offering to support music at Trinity. Please join us for this special afternoon of incredible music in the Worship Center. Reception to follow in the Narthex!

TRINITY CONCERT SERIES: **GLAD JUL Concert**

Saturday, Dec. 21 at 3 pm & 7:30 pm | Worship Center at Trinity

St. Croix Valley Opera presents: GLAD JUL, a Scandinavian Christmas concert, featuring internationally acclaimed and local artists, Jack Swanson and Katherine Henly, along with Hanna Trondalen, and Halvor Haukerud from Norway. Tickets and more information are available at: <https://www.scvopera.org/glad-jul>

Tuesday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve

11 am – Worship for children and their families

2 pm – Contemporary worship with the worship band

4 pm – Festival worship with brass, choir and organ

9 pm – Candlelight worship with soloists and organ

Wednesday, Dec. 25 – Christmas Day

10 am – Casual and creative worship

Sunday, Dec. 29 – Lessons & Carols with Brass

The ancient story told in word and music

10 am – One worship service only

PLEASE NOTE: The Church Office is closed and staff are out of the office Dec. 26 through Jan. 1. The building will be open for worship.



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