

# Sunday Worship

**Dec. 1, 2024 | 9 am**  
Traditional

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 Assistant: Randy Nelson  
Trinity Choir  
Cello: Solvay Peterson  
Organist: Carol Carver

## 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."

**Prelude** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* – McDonald, Nelson & Schmidt

## Welcome & Announcements

## Advent Candle Lighting

## Gathering Hymn

– Words on screen

#244 Red Hymnal *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

REFRAIN - all sing, Stanza 1 - all, Stanza 2 - low voices, Stanza 3 - high voices, Stanzas 4 - all

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

**Reading** Isaiah 43:1-7

**Baptism**

– Grace Marie Adamson

**Baptism Song**

– Words and music on screen

#956 Purple Hymnal *Born, Reborn*

**Gospel** Luke 1:26-38

**Message**

– Pastor Chris Bellefeuille

**Hymn of the Day**

– Words on screen

#265 Red Hymnal *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*

**Prayers of the Church**

**Peace**

**Offering** *Every Valley* – John Ness Beck

**Communion** *Savior of the Nations, Come* – setting Carsten Klemp

**Communion Blessing & Prayer**

**Sending Hymn**

– Words on screen

#239 Red Hymnal *Hark, the Glad Sound!*

**Blessing**

**Dismissal**

**Postlude** *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* – setting, Anne Krentz Organ

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](mailto:wworner@earthlink.net) or Sandy Wendt at [sjwendt46@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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