

## OUR RESPONSE TO CHRIST'S LOVE

Attendance: Wednesday: 29  
Sunday: 140  
Total: 169      Average: 144

### ACOLYTES SERVING THE LORD

Saturday, 7:00pm Malaina Telschow & Natalie Salber  
Sunday, 9:00am Aleah Frahm & Nick Pitman

### *This Week's Calendar* November 28 – December 6

#### Saturday, November 28

7:00pm Worship / In-House & Drive-In

#### Sunday, November 29

9:00am Worship / In-House / Live-Stream / Drive-In  
10:15am Adult Bible Class in Sanctuary / Live-Streamed

#### Monday, November 30

#### Tuesday, December 1

#### Wednesday, December 2

8:15am School Chapel / In-House & Live-Stream  
9:00am Child Care Chapel  
9:00-12:00pm Quilting (Church Basement)  
6:00pm Confirmation Class / Virtual  
7:00pm Advent Mid-Week Worship / In-House & Drive-In  
Board of Christian Education meet after Worship

#### Thursday, December 3

#### Friday, December 4

#### Saturday, December 5

7:00pm Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion  
In-House & Drive-In

#### Sunday, December 6

9:00am Worship with Holy Communion  
In House / Live-Stream / Drive-In  
10:15am Adult Bible Class in Sanctuary / Live-Streamed

## **TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, SCHOOL & CHILD CARE** Athens, Wisconsin

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD**  
*Our Mission – "Know Christ personally  
and make Him known."*



### **First Sunday of Advent**

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**November 28 & 29, 2020**  
**Saturday Worship – 7:00pm In House / Drive-In**  
**Sunday Worship – 9:00am**  
**In House / Live-Stream / Drive-In**

## **PRAYER BEFORE DIVINE WORSHIP**

*O Lord God, You came to us as a child in a manger, and still come to us through Your Word and Sacrament, and will come in glory to take us home to heaven. We pray that when people come to this church, You will enable us to welcome them in love as we welcome You in faith. May we show them the grace You have shown us and welcome them with loving kindness.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord . . .*

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**Hospitalized this Past Week:** Kevin Denzine & Frank Koeller, Aspirus Wausau Hospital

**Our Sympathy** to the family and friends of Elaine Mueller. Elaine was called home to her Heavenly Father early Saturday morning, November 21<sup>st</sup>. We will celebrate her life here at Trinity on Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, beginning with Visitation at 9:00am and the Service at 11:00am.

**Mid-Week Advent Worship** begins this week, Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00pm. We will not be having our customary “Christmas Hymn Sing” before each Advent Service this year but are encouraging friends and family to come early and spend time in prayer as Christmas music softly plays in the background. The church will be open at 6:30pm.

**Christmas Eve Worship:** Another time of Worship has been added to Christmas Eve – 2:00pm, 4:00pm & the traditional Candlelight Worship Service at 7:00pm. To practice safe guidelines with social distancing, we are asking that everyone “reserve” their pew by signing up on the sheets on the table in the gathering area. Thank you very much.

**Advent Devotion Books** are on the table in the Narthex. Help yourself to a copy, and also one to share with a friend!

**Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study** continues each weekend after the morning worship service. We meet in the sanctuary, and is also live-streamed. If you are watching on-line and have comments or questions during the Bible study, please send your comments or call Pastor Mark’s cell phone (715)218-8814.

**Christmas Gift Suggestion!** Are you thinking of a most wonderful Christmas gift? Perhaps you know someone who would appreciate a highlighted Bible. Each Bible has more than 300 encouraging, underlined verses that will give hope and strength for living closer to the Lord. You can find the Bibles on the table in the Gathering Area. They are free.

**December School Chapel Project:** During Advent the school children will be collecting items for our local **Circle of Joy**. *Would you like to help too?* Each week we will be collecting the following items – December 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Dish Soap & Bar Soap**; December 9<sup>th</sup> – **Paper Products (toilet paper, klennex, paper towel)**; December 16<sup>th</sup> – **Crackers**.

**Santa Claus... Real or fantasy...** Join us on-line Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, after Worship, for the real scoop on Santa!

**2021 Offering Envelopes** are on the tables in the back of church. Please do not begin using them before January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Christmas Cards** are for sale in the card rack in the Gathering Area. All individual cards are \$1.00. **Several boxes of Christmas Cards** are also available. Money for the boxed cards and individual cards may be placed in the pink box on top of the card rack. Thank you.

**Scrip News!** Local retailers are now available on the RaiseRight scrip app and [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com)! You can now order scrip gift cards online from IGA, M&M Bakery, A&L Oil, Culver’s, 2510 Restaurant, McDonalds, Menards, County Market-Abby, County Market-Wausau, and Trigs. Choose to pay online via credit care or checking account, or send a check to the school office. Cards can be sent home with students or picked up after Sunday morning worship services. Contact Sara with questions ([trinityscrip301@gmail.com](mailto:trinityscrip301@gmail.com) or 715-551-7053)

**Trinity’s Annual Cookies, Candy & More Sale** will soon be here! Everything will be pre-packaged, and masks required to enter the sale. Come and do your Christmas baking with us on Saturday, **December 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 12:00pm**. If you are sharing your talents, please give Nathalie Fladvid a call at 715-257-7951. All donations are to be brought to the church kitchen by 3:00pm on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**The Church Nativity Set**, nine pieces, is for sale! Proceeds will go to the Altar Guild to help purchase future items for beautifying our building. If interested please call Nathalie at 715-257-7951.

**Thank You!** The concrete around the flagpole is compliments of Peter Trucking and Black Rock Ready Mix. 😊

*Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because He was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. Luke 2:4-5*