

Tidings of Trinity

April 2026



A Message from Pastor Joseph McCalley



Our existence as a congregation, and indeed the Christian Church as the people of God, is founded upon Christ's command to confess our sins (Matt. 4:17; Mk. 1:15; Lk. 24:47) and believe on God who through the blood of Christ Jesus desires to forgive our sin. Those whom God has gathered here are those whom the Holy Spirit has created and given saving faith in the forgiveness of sins. Indeed, this is the promise we hear in 1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

God's desire to near to you! He loves you and desires that your sin not be a barrier to you knowing God in love. The Bible teaches sin must be dealt with because it separates the unholy from the holy. We see this clearly in the curse pronounced upon mankind in the Fall (Gen. 3:16-24) and the worship of the Old Testament (Lev. 16). In love for the crown of his creation, God does not desire to be separated from what he has created (Gen. 3:15b; Ez. 18:23, 33:11; 1 Tim 2:4, 2 Peter 3:9). Through his suffering, death, and resurrection, Christ *alone* has dealt with sin in its entirety (1 John 2:2) and reconciled God to creation. Christ has torn down the dividing wall of hostility (Is. 59:1-2; Matt. 27:51; Eph. 2:14) that separated us because of sin. The assurance that God has accepted the payment for sins won on Good Friday is that Jesus gives His disciples (John 20:21-23) and all Christians (Ephesians 4:32) the forgiveness of sin. This is the Lord's chief gift and work to His Church and it is exercised in what we call the Office of the Keys,

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(Matt. 18:15-20; Jn. 20:22-23). In the Divine Service, Confession and Absolution is the public exercise of the Keys.

Heeding Jesus' teaching, the Scriptures exhort Christians to confess their sins and be reconciled to God (2 Cor. 5:18-20; Js. 5:16), since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23; Js. 2:10). If we don't believe this, "we make God a liar" (1 Jn. 1:10). Luther said, "there is nothing in us that is not sinful (SA III, III, 37). When we examine our lives' duties and responsibilities according to the 10 Commandments (Small Catechism "What is Confession?") and our neglect and violation of gifts that God protects by them, we are confronted with the damning realization that "we have sinned in thought, word, and deed" against the gifts God has given. The confession, "We poor, miserable sinners..." is the sorrow that afflicts our heart and mind and implores and yearns to have the Absolution, the imparting of the forgiveness, truly given to us. We may ask, "how often should I confess?" and one answer is, "as often as our sin troubles us."

With confession and Holy Absolution available on a weekly basis, whether in the Divine Service or by making an appointment with the pastor, our prayer to be forgiven our sins means that God is always immediately desirous to answer our prayer. When the pastor says, "in the stead and by command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the T Son, and of the Holy Spirit" it is answer to sin. It is God who forgives in full, and the Absolution is the seal and glorious consolation to the prayer, "Lord be merciful to me a sinner." The Absolution is the fullness of the Gospel from God himself: reconciliation with God for the sake of Jesus' suffering and death given to the repentant, believing sinner, who now is holy before God. The Absolution is the pronouncement of justification: sinners reconciled to God for Christ's sake, by his suffering, death, and resurrection. The great gift of God in worship is receiving the forgiveness of sins, and we first hear and receive that in the Absolution.

For the better part of 1,700 years, private confession and absolution with one's pastor was normal practice. Corporate Confession and Absolution (all together on Sunday) in the same service as the Lord's Supper is the "new" practice. Our hymnal includes both corporate (LSB p.290) and individual (LSB p. 292) rites and both can be used to support each other. In the Lutheran Church, the Reformers strongly encouraged the use of private confession because it offered the personal proclamation of the gospel and imparted forgiveness to an individual conscience burdened by particular sin(s). (AC XI, XXV 13, Apology XI). Even into the 20th century, private confession was usual in the LCMS. Typically, pastors would hear confession and absolve Christians at Friday or Saturday evening vespers before the Lord's Supper on Sunday. The point of this is to be declared holy before receiving the holy things: the Lord's body and blood. Not a few churches today even begin confession at the back of the nave, often around the baptismal font, and then process to the altar to emphasize that the service of Confession and Absolution is distinct from the service of the Lord's Supper.

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There is much to be said about the abuse of private confession by the Roman church, both before and after the Reformation, but it must suffice to say that the abuse of private confession was always “how much” sorrow a penitent shows to a priest. The priest then has to act as a judge, instead of God’s messenger of mercy, and determine what one needs to do to merit forgiveness (Eph. 2:8), which is not immediately given. The consequence is that the sinner is unsure of their status before God and therefore robbed of the comfort of Christ’s satisfaction for ALL sin. No Christian need worry “how sorry” they are because we are justified fully by grace. Holy Absolution is the true ‘heartbeat’ of confession because it brings the full work of cross “It is finished!” directly and immediately to the Christian’s ear and heart providing a clear conscience before God.

This is the ultimate blessing of Easter. Christ’s tomb is empty because death has no power. You have confessed your sin, you have been Absolved, and now death, the sting of sin, has no power over you. Thus, we exult: “Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!” We say Alleluia because we are forgiven. Having been cleansed we say with joy, “Then I will go to the altar of God, To God my exceeding joy; And on the harp I will praise You, O God, my God. Going to the altar, our next installment will be on the Introit.

In Christ Jesus,

Posta Joseph M. McCalley
 Rev. Joseph M. McCalley

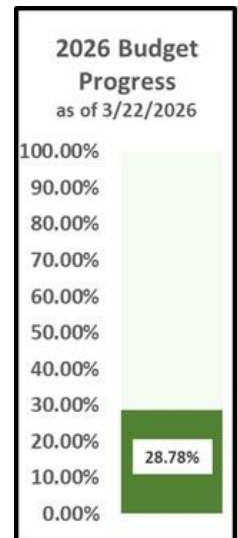
March Attendance and Offerings

Date	Attendance	Collections	Bible Study
Mar 1	56	\$4,671.93	13
Mar 8	48	\$1,413.00	12
Mar 15	53	\$2,311.00	11
Mar 22	51	\$1,479.00	9



The 2026 budget calls for donations of \$2,246 per week. For the first 12 weeks of the year, the budget receipts should be \$26,959.56. Donations were \$33,619.29. This is 5.70% more than what is needed or \$6,659.73 over for the year. Thank you to all who continue to give so generously. We are truly a giving

congregation! Let’s keep up the good work!



Children's Ministry Matters



Our Sunday School classes on Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter have been very productive....the children are engaged in discussions , learning activities and having fun outside. Below are a few of them looking forward to our EGG HUNT...

Thank you for your continued support of the program!

HAPPY EASTER!
TRINITY SUNDAY SCHOOL



March 2026 at Trinity

Trinity Lutheran Church services are now being streamed live and archived on YouTube.



Point your browser or YouTube app to: <https://www.youtube.com/@trinitylutheranchurch4605>

Sunday Service, 3/1/2026: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GNzdaRn-AEQ>

Sunday Service, 3/8/2026: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v1_ugj3aebY

Sunday Service, 3/15/2026: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P2f-lq55OpA>

Sunday Service, 3/22/2026: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7tI60IhDFTE>

The Utah Food Bank

The Utah Food Bank is delivering food packages to the parking lot of the LDS Church at 520 S. 1100 West and in Enoch at the LDS chapel at 451 E. Midvalley Road.

This food is for anyone in need. The only question will be how many are in the family. The Cedar delivery will be on the **1st Friday from 10:30-11:30** and in Enoch on each **3rd Friday from 10:30-11:30**, according to their current online calendar. For more information, go to:

www.utahfoodbank.org/programs/mobile-pantry

Trinity Lutheran Council News

“As each has a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”

1 Peter 4:10



On March 12th we had our first council meeting that included Pastor McCalley. Pastor has been putting in an unlimited number of hours learning our routine, as well as our names, meeting with the Edlers, Sunday school teachers, alter guild and the choir. He has already presided over a celebration of life as well as a profession of faith and will be performing 4 Baptisms on Easter Sunday. All in his first month at Trinity.

The trustees have been busy. This month a new roof will go up on the maintenance shed. The lawn will be fertilized, and the water will be turned back on. They will be painting the Pastors office as well as putting in floor to ceiling bookcases. I thought I had honey do lists!

It has been decided to participate in the July Jamboree this year. Look forward to more information as we get it. We are still looking for an alternate organist to give Lynette help. If anyone knows of someone, have them get in touch with a council member. We can use your help.

It has been brought to the council’s attention that after Sunday services children have been running between parked cars to get to the school playground. This is extremely dangerous and we are asking for the parents’ help to make their children aware of the danger.

We are moving our annual Easter breakfast (before the service) to an Easter brunch (after the service). There will be no sign-up sheet as in past years. The LWML will still provide a ham. Please bring your dish to share as you would for a potluck Sunday. The children’s egg hunt will be held following the potluck.

We have been notified by the district that 2026 will be our 50th anniversary. There is some debate about this. One thing is for sure it’s either the 40th or 50th. We are looking to put together a committee to celebrate this blessed event. If you’d like to help in any way, please see a council member.

We are continuing to work on updating our by-laws and constitution. As soon as this project is ready, they will be distributed and a voter meeting scheduled.

For those unaware a hard copy of the council minutes is posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Our next meeting will be April 9th @ 10:30AM.

Stacie Hehn, recording secretary.



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News from the LWML

“Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.”

1 John 3:18



What a wonderful meeting we had on March 14th. Stacie opened the meeting with a devotion on “multi-tasking. Titled “Sing to the Lord a New Song”. All the women present could definitely relate. How about you? Remember our soul, the center of our being, experiences rest in the arms of a loving, living Savior. Pray: Dear Lord, help us to give all our tasks to you. Give us the peace and rest that we look for in our busy lives. In Jesus’ name. Amen

We had several new business items. One being “Martha’s Basket”.

Martha’s Baby Basket project is part of the Catholic Women’s Council community outreach. Baskets are provided to the hospital to distribute to new mothers in need. The baskets are loaded with items that all newborns need, along with some things for mom. Donations are accepted year-round.

This year on April 16th, there will be a drive by collection at the Catholic Church. We will be collecting items for this worthwhile project. All items donated will need to be new. Here is a partial list of items needed. If any would like to donate (or just have questions) you can give your items to Diane Molnar or Stacie Hehn. Diane Molnar will be happy to take your items to the drive by event, if you are unable to.

Onesies, play n’ sleeps, burp cloths, baby bottles of varies sizes, diapers #1 size, pacifiers, lotion, socks, receiving blankets. **NO NEWBORN SIZES PLEASE.** The sizes they are needing are 0-3 months.

Even with the change of time for our Easter breakfast- now brunch the LWML will still provide the ham. There will still be a children’s egg hunt after the meal, put on by our wonderfully energetic Sunday school teachers.

After the meeting the ladies had a craft project. Wow, what fun all had. (I unfortunately didn’t take pictures). Thank you to our unnamed craft benefactor. I’m sure there will be more craft days in our future.

Our next meeting will be April 11th @ 10:30 AM, immediately following choir practice.

Stacie Hehn, LWML chair

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 – Palm Sunday 08:45A – Bible Study 10:00A – Sunday Service, Communion 10:00A – Sunday School	30	31	1 08:00 – Breakfast, Amber Kay’s	2 4:00P – Service – Maundy Thursday	3 10:30A – Food Bank / Cedar 4:00P – Service - Good Friday	4 10:00A – Choir Practice
5 - Easter 08:45A – Bible Study 10:00A – Sunday Service, Communion 10:00A – Sunday School	6	7 11:00A – Elders Meeting	8 08:00 – Breakfast, Amber Kay’s	9 10:30A – Council Meeting	10	11 10:00A – Choir Practice 10:30A – LWML Meeting
12 08:45A – Bible Study 10:00A – Sunday Service 10:00A – Sunday School	13	14	15 08:00 – Breakfast, Amber Kay’s	16	17 10:30A – Food Bank / Enoch	18 10:00A – Choir Practice
19 08:45A – Bible Study 10:00A – Sunday Service, Communion 10:00A – Sunday School	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21	22 08:00 – Breakfast, Amber Kay’s	23	24	25 10:00A – Choir Practice
26 08:45A – Bible Study 10:00A – Sunday Service 10:00A – Sunday School	27	28	29 08:00 – Breakfast, Amber Kay’s	30	1	2

*“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”
Colossians 4:2*

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