

# *Tidings of Trinity*

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## *A Message from Pastor Joseph McCalley*



Having confessed our sins and received the Absolution, the Bride of Christ is ready to enter the presence of God. The Confession and Absolution may also be called the “Service of Preparation.” This makes sense because sin must be dealt with before entering into the presence of holy God. Once forgiven our sins for Jesus’ sake, we are truly prepared.

The Divine Service continues with the Introit. If you look in the hymnal on page 186, you’ll notice it says the “Service of the Word” at the top. From the Introit all the way through the Prayers, God serves the people He has gathered with the hearing and teaching of His holy and saving Word.

Thus, the pastor moves from outside the communion rail and ascends to the altar. Since sin no longer separates us from God, we have full access to God (Matthew 27:51). Our praise and thanksgiving can now acceptably rise before our Great High Priest on his throne of grace (Heb. 4:14-16). We come to church not in fear or shame, but confident the Lord hears our prayers and answers them richly because of the grace given to us in the love of Christ. Recall the explanation to the first petition of the Lord’s Prayer in the Small Catechism: “God **tenderly** invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all **boldness and confidence** we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.” Therefore, the liturgy continues with praises and prayers: an Introit, the Kyrie, the Hymn of Praise, Salutation and the Collect of the Day.

The Introit, Latin meaning ‘entrance,’ marks the historic beginning of the Divine Service. It developed as a hymn sung as the ministers entered the church and processed to the altar. The Introit is a psalm or a portion thereof. It begins and ends with an antiphon (“voice answering voice”). The antiphon, sung in response to each verse of group of verses, is the reason the Introit is usually read or sung responsively. The antiphon is taken from the language of the selected psalm or other language of Scripture and summarizes the theme of the day. For example, the Christmas antiphons proclaim the birth of Christ. The Introit concludes with the Gloria Patri (Glory be to the Father...) because the Christian church gives glory to the Holy Trinity and this marks it distinct from the psalter (psalms and tunes for liturgy) used in Jewish synagogues.

Next comes the Kyrie, a prayer. Kyrie eleison is Greek for “Lord, have mercy.” It also is a hymn usually sung in a procession. Yet, it is chiefly a prayer for God, our Lord and King, to hear and help us. It calls upon God to give what was announced in the Introit. Pleas for God’s mercy are found throughout the Psalms (4:1, 6:2, 9:13, 25:16, 27:7, 30:10, 31:9, 51:1, 86:16, 123:3). Numerous gospels accounts record people calling upon Jesus: “Have mercy on me Lord!” (Matthew 15:22, 17:15, 20:30; Luke 18:9-14). These pleas are a call for healing from the one who can wholly heal body and soul and all the consequences of sin: sickness, death, spiritual trouble. In our hymnal, the pastor makes different supplications, and the congregation responds with “Lord, have mercy!” Petitions and supplications, requests, at length form a litany (LSB pg. 288). The Litany can be used anytime but is often during penitential seasons like Lent and the evening offices of Vespers and Compline.

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The Hymn of Praise, or Gloria in Excelsis (Glory to God in the Highest...) is another hymn. Here it is a hymn of adoration derived from Luke 2:14, the angelic announcement to the shepherds of Christ's birth (see LSB #368). Tradition holds it was first used at midnight Christmas Mass in 498 AD and was regularly appearing 30 years later. It is one of the oldest elements of the Divine Service. As Christ came in humble birth, so also, he comes to us in His humble, but powerful Word and Sacrament. In the Gloria, the congregation sings four ascriptions: adoration to God the Father and God the Son, petitions God the Son for mercy, and finally praises God the Son's power and might. We also sing "This is the Feast of Victory for our God" in place of the Gloria. This hymn was only written in 1975 for the green hymnal, Lutheran Book of Worship, but has become familiar in many traditions beyond ours. It is also a very appropriate hymn to sing during Communion.

Next comes the Salutation. In the Salutation, *Ÿ* The Lord be with you. *℞* And with thy spirit the pastor faces the people from the altar. He brings a message from God: the Lord hears our cries for mercy and will listen. The versicle "Let us pray" then, is an invitation to pray because God desires his people to pray and has promised to hear. *℞* Ruth 2:4; Luke 1:28; 2 Thess. 3:16; Philemon 25; Galatians 6:18 all show that prayer is a defining part of the life of the people of God.

Finally, we come to the Collect of the Day. This prayer offered by the pastor collects and summarizes all the requests made by church members into one prayer-after each had prayed. This custom dates to around 440 AD. Many of the collects we pray have been in use for at least 1,200 years - since the time of King Charlemagne! The pastor prays on behalf of the congregation, since he has been called by them to do so, but it is the congregation's prayer. Their response to the Salutation indicates this holy work the congregation has asked of the pastor. In the church year, the Collect of the Day summarizes the central thought of a particular Sunday, taking into account the selected readings and the liturgical season. The prayer usually follows a five-part pattern: 1) Address-to a person of the Trinity, 2) Rationale-describing a characteristic of God, 3) Petition-what is being asked, 4) Benefit-the goal in mind toward the fulfillment of the petition, and 5) Termination-"who lives and reigns with..."-a doxology, or praise to God. Each of the parts take their form from Scripture. The theme of the Collect prepares the congregation for the particular wisdom and grace offered in the Readings from Scripture which we shall cover next month.

In Christ Jesus,

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## *April Attendance and Offerings*



Thank you to all members and guests who continue to give so generously!  
April's Attendance and Offerings figures are unavailable this month. The April and May figures will be published in the June newsletter.

## *Palm Sunday Memories - March 29, 2026*



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## *Children's Ministry Matters*



GREETINGS!

The Sunday School kids tell me they thoroughly enjoyed Easter Sunday at Trinity...the beautiful service, the delicious brunch...but most importantly the EGG HUNT and the added gift bags that the teachers put together for all the kids!

Much thanks to all our teachers and helpers:

- Jennifer
- Barb
- Lynda
- Charmaine
- Kathy
- Suzi

SUMMER NEWS:

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH is once again offering VBS for all children in Cedar City, **June 8-12, 9am-Noon.** (Flyers with VBS information will be placed in the Narthex). This is a wonderful free program. I usually volunteer but sadly I will not be able to this year.



### **SUMMER BREAK**

Trinity Sunday School will have a SUMMER BREAK....there will be **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL IN JUNE AND JULY!** We will return to Sunday School on the first Sunday in August.

Thanks,  
Charmaine

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## *Easter Sunday Baptisms – April 5, 2026*

On Easter Sunday, the Lord Jesus granted new life to four children. Matthew Alan and Dominick Alexander (sons of Nathan and Amanda Cole) and Jarrod Wesley, Jr. and Gem Ray (son and daughter of Jarrod and Sophia Burton) received the gift of saving faith.

We welcome them in the Name of the Lord and pray earnestly that they would continue to hear the Word of God and be nurtured in the Christian faith that they may obtain the goal of the baptism: everlasting life.



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## *April 2026 Services, Available Online*

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



Point your browser or YouTube app to: <https://www.youtube.com/@trinitylutheranchurch4605>  
Sunday Service (Palm Sunday), 3/29/2026: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QBNosY9HyNc>  
Sunday Service (Easter), 4/5/2026: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M0QBA9si16Q>  
Sunday Service, 4/12/2026: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tg\\_ThZ8\\_NHc&t=202s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tg_ThZ8_NHc&t=202s)  
Sunday Service, 4/19/2026: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JD4wYNt5N4w>

*The Utah Food Bank* -- [www.utahfoodbank.org/programs/mobile-pantry](http://www.utahfoodbank.org/programs/mobile-pantry)

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 **1<sup>st</sup> Friday from 10:30-11:30** and in Enoch on each **3<sup>rd</sup> Friday from 10:30-11:30**, according to their current online calendar. For more information, go to:

### ***BIBLE CLASS ANNOUNCEMENT***

**Beginning May 20 at 4pm**, Pastor will begin a topical Bible study: *Ars Moriendi: Dying Well in Christ*. The core job of the church is to get us ready to die in faith and in this study, we'll work through many topics including what Holy Scripture teaches about death, the resurrection of all flesh, and eternal life. We'll cover many applications of God's Word: thinking about how the Scriptures shape the funeral liturgies of the church, planning a funeral service, burial practices, myths about dying, medical ethics, Christian medical directives, grieving, and many more contemporary questions. Pastor would like to print prepared books for everyone interested. **Please let pastor know if you are interested by May 10th.** If you are unable to attend but would like a book, that is very easy to accommodate. Start writing down all those questions you've had!



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## *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

Our monthly meeting was held on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 AM.



Pastor McCalley gave a short report and provided us with the Elders report. They have all been busy making plans for the future of Trinity. All the items are currently being worked on. Look forward to more information. One of the items is a week-day bible study. I for one am looking forward to attending. How about you?



The trustees (as well as the Pastor) have been busy. Bookcases have been installed in the Pastors office. Check out the new paint color. The office is still a “work in progress”. One of the trustees has reported on several occasions when he’s come to check on the building the doors have not been closed and locked properly. Please take an extra moment to pull on the door handles after you leave just to double check they are locked. In the past we have had trouble with tagging, skateboarding, and most recently, fireworks being set off in the parking lot. The extra moment of care to ensure the building is secure could make a big difference.

Trinity has reserved a spot for the July Jamboree. I know this is several months away, but please put it on your agenda. July will be a busy month for us here at Trinity.

This year is Trinity, Cedar City’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A committee is being put together to plan a celebration. If you’d like to help, see Linda Norman or Sonya Swatsley and let them know.

I would also like to let you all know that Dawn Neely will be taking over our newsletter and calendar. If you have anything you’d like in the monthly newsletter, please e-mail Dawn at: [hownwhy1@gmail.com](mailto:hownwhy1@gmail.com).

Just a friendly reminder, most of the things that get accomplished around Trinity are done by volunteers. We have had little to no sign-ups for Greeters, Ushers, or Fellowship treats. Please consider signing up. The sheets are on the counter in the fellowship hall. It only takes a moment to sign up. If you are unsure of what any of these duties require, please see a council member or an Elder or Pastor for ushering.

**Our next meeting will be on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 AM**

*In His Service, Stacie Hehn*  
*Recording Secretary*

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## ***A New Beginning...***

*Each Springtime we have a new beginning in our world. This year I feel we have a great new beginning in our congregation. God has blessed us with a Pastor who sees and addresses our needs and guides us with his message of hope in God's love.*

*Many thanks to those who have worked and gone before us at this church...many who are no longer with us.*

*Our church property has never looked more beautiful...thanks to the generosity of past members and the hard work of current members.*

*Even as we struggled for a year without a permanent pastor to guide us our Elders and visiting Pastors kept us fed with God's word.*

*Many who did not realize their own gifts stepped up to show God's grace. Thank you to all.*

*I am told that this is the 50th year of Trinity's existence.*

*I was not here at the beginning as some were to see the dedication it takes to build a church. I believe some are here from the beginning.*

*I am so grateful to be here now!*

*With God's grace, may our doors always be open to all who seek the True God and hear his True Word.*

*Thank you to all who have come before us and all who continue to carry on.*

***-- Sharol Kleinschmidt***

## *News from the LWML*

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

1 John 3:18



At our most recent meeting Pastor McCalley joined us. We all enjoyed his input and participation. Thank you, Pastor.

Many upcoming events were discussed. Suzi Lieber will plan on attending the Spring Tea on May 2<sup>nd</sup> in Las Vegas and has graciously offered to drive other ladies who would like to attend. I can't wait to get a report on this wonderful opportunity of fellowship with other LWML ladies from our zone.

Mother's Day is fast approaching. Ladies look for your special treat on Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup>.

We as a congregation will participate with Americas Potluck for our countries 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup> after the service. We are hoping to have a full afternoon of fellowship with food and games. Look for more information in the next few months.

August will be our annual Bingo fundraiser. What fun we all have had at this event. We will be posting information on this soon.

With these events there will be sign-up sheets aplenty. Keep a look out for them.

If you haven't heard 2026 is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Trinity here in Cedar City. A committee is being formed for more celebrations. Anyone with ideas, history information or just wanting to help, please talk to Linda Norman or Sonya Swatsley.

***-- Stacie Hehn, LWML Chair***

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
					1030 – Food Bank (Cedar)	1000 – Choir
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
0845 – Bible Study 1000 – Sunday Service, Communion 1000 – Sunday School	ANNIV – Bob & Sandi Crabtree		0800 – Breakfast, Amber Kay’s		BDAY – R. Beckman	1000 – Choir 1100 – Funeral, Miriam Bowen
<b>10 – Mother’s Day</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14 - Ascension</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
0845 – Bible Study 1000 – Sunday Service 1000 – Sunday School	BDAY – Gina Fedderson Aitken	1100 – Elders Mtg	0800 – Breakfast, Amber Kay’s	1030 – Council Mtg	1030 – Food Bank (Enoch))	1000 – Choir 1030 – LWML Mtg
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
0845 – Bible Study 1000 – Sunday Service, Communion 1000 – Sunday School			0800 – Breakfast, Amber Kay’s 4PM – Bible Class	ANNIV – Kate Crowe		1000 – Choir BDAY – Eddie Serna
<b>24</b>	<b>25 – Memorial Day</b>	<b>26 - Pentecost</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
0845 – Bible Study 1000 – Sunday Service 1000 – Sunday School 1100 - Potluck BDAY – Kyler Webb, Jennifer Oeland ANNIV – Kyler & Ashley Webb	NEWSLETTER DUE ANNIV – Nick & Laura Benson		0800 – Breakfast, Amber Kay’s			1000 – Choir BDAY – Sandi Crabtree
<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
0845 – Bible Study 1000 – Sunday Service 1000 – Sunday School	<p>But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it says, “When he ascended on high he led a host of captives and he gave gifts to men.”</p> <p><b>Ephesians 4:7-8</b></p>					

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