

Tidings of Trinity

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Welcome

From the Editor

Welcome to the August issue of Tidings of Trinity! You may notice a few changes in this month's newsletter as we begin organizing our growing collection of ministry news, events, and articles into a more consistent format. Our goal is to make it easier to find the information you're looking for while preserving the warm, personal character that has always been a part of our church family.

As always, this newsletter is for our congregation and is enriched by your participation. We welcome your feedback, suggestions, articles, photos, and announcements for future issues.

Thank you for helping make Tidings of Trinity a meaningful reflection of the life and ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church!

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Shepherd's Message



Service of the Sacrament

Thus far in our journey through the Divine Service, we've been in the Service of the Word, which proclaims and interprets the Gospel so that faith is awakened and strengthened through hearing. Now begins the Service of the Sacrament, wherein God's Son truly joins Himself to bread and wine. We begin our study of the Service of Holy Communion with the dialogue that forms the Preface and Proper Preface. The Preface is a series of responses between pastor and congregation forming a prayer and lead up the Sanctus (Holy! Holy! Holy!). These responses are quite an ancient part of the Divine Service, tracing back to 220 AD and possibly even to 90 AD. To put it in perspective, the preface began to take shape while the Apostle John was still living!

P The Lord be with you. [2 Timothy 4:22]

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts. [Colossians 3:1]

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. [Psalm 136]

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary...ever more praising You and saying:

Chiefly, the Preface is thanksgiving for the gift of our Lord's body and blood under the bread and wine, that He truly comes to us and we receive our Redeemer in a unique and precious way in the Lord's Supper. It is truly meet and right that we and all creation praise Him for our salvation, even with all those who have preceded us in the faith, and the angels and company of heaven. We are thankful because we confess together the Lord's gifts to be true and receive those gifts from the risen Lord himself. We receive God's forgiveness and faith says "Amen. This is most certainly true." As in other parts of the liturgy, we confess that what God desires to give is completely true and always intended for our good.

In the Lord's Supper, this work of God begins with a Salutation: "The Lord be with you." The Salutation is also heard once before in the worship service: at the Collect of the Day. The Salutation is the pastor's announcement that the Lord is present with the minister according to his promise to be so (Matt. 28:20; John 20:21-23). The words are from Scripture (Judges 6:12; Ruth 2:4; Ps. 128:8; Luke 1:28). These words are a blessing in the form of a greeting. The response, "and with thy spirit" is an acknowledgment from the congregation that the pastor is serving in the stead and by the command of the Lord Jesus and serves the very things for which he has been called: God's Word and Sacrament.

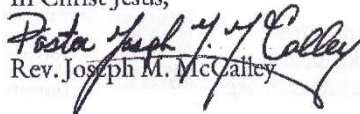
The history of the next versicle, “Lift up your hearts” is largely unknown, but the response “we lift them up...” is found in Lamentations 3:41. Another way of saying these words might be “He alone is worthy of our praise!” God alone is worthy of our praise because he has saved us. Trusting in the salvation he brings, our hearts are prepared to cast aside all other cares and concerns of this world. In doing so, our hearts and eyes are fixed where true joy is found: Jesus and His cross!

The final versicle “Let us give thanks...” is an invitation to give thanks, which the congregation does when it responds, “it is truly meet, right, and salutary so to do.” This responsory was also used in the Jewish morning prayer of Shema (the recitation of Deuteronomy 6:4) instead of saying “Amen.” It also may have been used in Jewish table prayers, which is fitting because the Lord’s Supper is a meal shared together (1 Corinthians 11:33). Taken together whenever the Lord comes among his people to give his gifts, we should give thanks because he has answered our prayer to come and have mercy upon us. For this reason, many Christians call the Lord’s Supper “the Holy Eucharist.” In Greek, eucharistia means “giving of thanks.”

In the Middle Ages, not only the preface, but nearly all the communion liturgy had developed so that it was spoken or sung entirely by a priest, usually in a whisper. Imagine going to church and having no idea what was being said! This was troublesome because it turns the congregation into audience, who watches in mystery, and usually confusion. It would be comparable to inviting the children to the table just to watch the adults eat. The Scripture says the congregation is the body of Christ who is gathered and prepared to receive the Lord’s Supper! Though we’re well past the Middle Ages, similar heartbreaking problems can arise with this understanding in our own time. Some may think the Lord’s Supper is a good work of our own doing, instead of God’s. When this is believed, we totally miss the point! This is the Roman Catholic church’s understanding of the Lord’s Supper: it is a sacrifice; something offered to God instead of a gift God gives to us. It can be helpful to remember Holy Communion is the Lord’s Supper, not the Christian’s supper, even as it is always is a supper given to Christians. The Lord is host, the head of the family, the body, and it is the Lord who serves (Luke 22:27). The Lord Jesus chiefly desires that we gladly receive His body and blood which he has prepared for us for the forgiveness of our sins and to strengthen us for Christian living.

You may be asking, “And just what happens at those three dots when the pastor prays all those words we can’t see?” This is the proper part of the Preface. It is the part of the prayer that is proper or fitting for the liturgical season. The words of the proper preface are also thanksgiving. This seasonal thanksgiving culminates with “therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven...” The Proper Preface culminates with the whole Christian Church on earth and heaven singing the Sanctus, the great song of heaven based on Isaiah 6:1-8. All of heaven and earth, laud and magnify the glorious name and works of God and worshipping the Lamb once slain who now lives eternally (Revelation 5:6-14).

In Christ Jesus,


Rev. Joseph M. McCalley

Celebrating our Life Together

"Celebrating God's work among us."

This “new” section about church life is intended to highlight and celebrate blessed events and times of fellowship in the past month, as well as any planned for the upcoming months.

While we received no submissions for this August edition, we welcome all submissions for content in this area. Suggestions include content regarding:

- **Worship Highlights**
- **Special Services**
- **Baptisms**
- **Confirmations**
- **Weddings**
- **Fellowship Events**
- **Congregational Celebrations**
- **Recognition Events**
- **Photo Gallery**

Thank you in advance for helping us to fill the newsletter with your submissions!

Christian Education

Children's Ministry

Sunday School



SUMMER BREAK EXTENDED

The Sunday School staff has met and decided to change the return to Sunday School to coincide with the change in the church service* scheduled for **Sunday, September 13**.

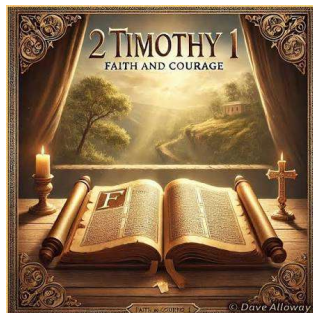
(* Please see the 'Announcements' in the 'Looking Ahead' section of the newsletter for more information on the Sunday schedule change *).

Adult Bible Studies



Pastor will hold the last scheduled session of this topical Bible study: *Ars Moriendi: Dying Well in Christ* on **August 5th, 4:00 PM**. (Future sessions may be scheduled with Pastor McCalley "as needed").

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.



Pattern of Sound Words, a basic introduction to the Bible and Christianity leading to communicant membership, will continue in August, **Tuesday evenings, 6:00-7:15pm** in the Fellowship Hall. The course will meet weekly for approximately 11 more weeks. This is a membership class, but all who would like a review of the Small Catechism are welcome to attend. Invite your friends!

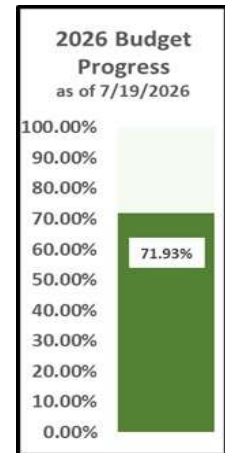
Leadership and Stewardship

Stewardship Report



The 2026 budget calls for donations of \$2,246 per week. For the first 29 weeks of the year, the budget receipts should be \$65,134.00. Donations were \$84,033.62 This is 16.18% more than what is needed or \$18,899.62 over for the year. Thank you to all who continue to give so generously.

Date	Attendance	Collections	Bible Study
6/28/2026	76	\$2,091.00	13
7/5/2026	70	\$4,285.00	13
7/12/2026	84	\$1,657.00	18
7/19/2026	67	\$2,640.30	16



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 regular meeting was held on July 9th @ 10:30 AM with all council members present, along with Elder Lonnie Williams and Pastor McCalley.

Pastor gave a written report. Both of his adult bible classes (New Hires Catechism and Ars Moriendi) are going strong. Pastor is working on an outreach program to SUU and has made contact and is in the planning stage of this program. An LWML grant is being sought to assist with campus ministry efforts.

Several who are attending classes will be brought into new membership soon. What a blessing!

The trustees are still working on figuring out the lawn care as well as removal of some of the grass. The air conditioning was recently inspected and was found in good working order. However, at a recent evening class, the unit appeared to not be kicking it. It was “HOT” in the fellowship hall. A second call has been made to our service provider. If any see anything that needs attention, please let a trustee or council member know.

Pastor McCalley and Diane Molnar are heading up a committee to recruit a 5-person committee to investigate the feasibility of adding on to the church. As we grow, more separated spaces are needed. If you're approached and asked, please consider this volunteer opportunity.

The new printer/copier has been installed. Implementation of a revised worship bulletin will begin in September.

Our next meeting is August 13th @ 10:30 AM.

- *Stacie Hehn, Recording Secretary*

Congregation Voices

- Member Articles
 - None submitted for August
 - Volunteer Recognition
 - None submitted for August
 - Mission Reports
 - None submitted for August
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Serving and Encouraging

Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)

Help is Needed

"The human spirit thrives on helping others"



As we have no scheduled meetings until Saturday, Sept. 5th @ 10:30, I thought I'd take this opportunity to re-run a previous article.

A little business first. On **Monday, August 3rd @ 10:00**

AM we will have a meeting for "Not Your Grandma's Bingo". This will be the last meeting before the event on August 15th from 1-4PM. Please bring your donations for the prizes and be ready to assemble the gifts. If you have questions, please see Diane Molnar.

At the Sat. Sept. 5th meeting, we have a secret elf who will be gifting us with a craft project after the meeting. At this moment in time, I have no idea what the project will be. Maybe it's best a surprise for us all??? I'd like head count on how many would like to stay for the craft. Please let me know.

While **April** is National Volunteer Month, a wonderful time to thank our many volunteers here at Trinity Lutheran Cedar City, any month is a good time to remember those who do so much.

Think about the coffee that so many enjoy, who stocks it? Comes in early to make sure it's ready? Have you ever thought of giving them a heartfelt "[Thank you](#)". What about the kitchen? We have wonderful volunteers who supply fellowship each Sunday. Cook and **CLEAN** after each Sunday, whether normal fellowship or potluck. Seriously how many of us like to do dishes? Vacuum? Dust? Take out trash? Trims rose bushes, pick up seed pods, turn on lights or A/C? What about our Altar Guild? Who pays our bills, prints our bulletins. These are only a few things volunteers do here at Trinity.

Volunteerism is more than an individual act of kindness- it is a core American value. Volunteering is linked to both physical and mental health benefits, particularly for those over age 65. Think about asking "What can I do?" Ask a council member or anyone you see going above and beyond if you can help. Plus, you don't have to wait to be asked, just start doing and reap the rewards of volunteerism.

- *Stacie Hehn, Recording Secretary*

Choir

Choir practice will be held throughout the month of August on the following dates and times:

- August 1, 10:00AM
- August 8, 10:00AM
- August 15, 10:00AM
- August 22, 10:00AM
- August 29, 10:00AM

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild will meet on August 13th (Thursday) at 10:00AM.

Outreach

JULY JAMBOREE



We had a great day at the July Jamboree. It was a very hot day, but our booth was in the park this year, so we got to enjoy some shade. With thousands of people walking around, it was a good way to introduce Trinity Lutheran to our community. A big thank you to our members who helped man our booth and hand out information and talk to the passers-by.



Utah Food Bank



www.utahfoodbank.org/programs/mobile-pantry

The Utah Food Bank delivers 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 online calendar.

Looking Ahead

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 3rd – (Monday) – **LWML Planning Meeting** – 10:00AM

August 11th - (Tuesday) – **LWML Breakfast** – 9:00AM, Hospital Cafeteria

August 13th - (Thursday) – **Altar Guild Meeting** – 10:00AM

August 15th – (Saturday) - **Not Your Grandma's Bingo** – 1:00PM – 4:00PM

We will be having our annual bingo fundraiser to benefit our LWML and Youth Futures.

*** **September 13th – (Sunday) – NEW Sunday schedule; Sunday School starts** ***

September 19th – (Saturday) - **Trinity's 50th Anniversary Celebration**

We will be celebrating our church's 50th Anniversary with a picnic/cookout along with many fun games and other activities.

Volunteer Opportunities

We will need volunteers for all these events. Plan now to help any way you can! Please ask someone how you can help.

Announcements

***** **SCHEDULE CHANGE UPCOMING !!!** *****

Beginning **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**, our new Sunday schedule will begin on a trial basis.

Education Hour will begin at **9:30am** (Bible Study and Sunday School) and Divine Service will begin at **10:30am** with Fellowship Time to follow.

We pray the Lord will grant us wisdom to discern if this schedule helps strengthen the preaching and teaching of His Word in our congregation. As we adjust, please don't hesitate to submit feedback to Pastor and Elders as thoughts and concerns arise.

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<https://www.youtube.com/@trinitylutheranchurch4605>

Prayer Requests? The members of Trinity Lutheran Church are blessed to support one another through prayer. If you have a prayer request for yourself, a loved one, or someone in need, we encourage you to share it with Pastor McCalley.

Prayer requests may be submitted by contacting the church office (435-586-7103) or by email (pastormccalley@gmail.com).

Whether your request is for healing, comfort, thanksgiving, guidance, or any other concern, it is our privilege to join you in prayer.

Newsletter Information – Contact the newsletter editing team via email at newsletter@cedarlutheran.org for newsletter submissions, questions, or suggested improvements.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Choir Practice 10:00am
2 8:45am Bible Study 10:00am Divine Service + Communion Remi Jo Webb	3 10:00am LWML Meeting Michael Scott Len Silveri	4 11:00am Elders Meeting 6:00pm Bible 101 Class <i>Pattern of Sound Words</i>	5 8:00am Breakfast at Amber Kay's 4:00pm Bible Class - <i>Ars Moriendi</i>	6	7	8 Choir Practice 10:00am
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