

# TRINITY TIMES

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. 7 And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. 8 He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. (Is 25:6–8).

“For the LORD has spoken” (v 8) is our focus this month. In fact, it is the focus of our entire Christian life together. Although the verses above contain a wonderful picture of what life will be like after Christ returns, the words themselves are just words. They don’t have any power or even much of a promise without the knowledge of Who has said them and without knowing whether or not they will be fulfilled. But “the LORD has spoken,” this tells us the power of these words. The amazing imagery they fill our hearts with is based on our trust and faith in the LORD our God. He is the person backing up this promise. He is the one giving these words power. He is the very reason our existence and reality even exists. His words WILL be fulfilled. Many people, might scoff at a Christian saying we must take the truth of these words on faith, but in reality, our faith isn’t based on thin air, but on the living breathing God Himself. Jesus Christ is the anchor of our faith. His life, death, and resurrection give us someone to trust in. His words were fulfilled and His words are why and how we have faith in the words of the Bible. His words are what bring us to the mountain of the LORD. His words are how we KNOW for a fact that in this new earth death will be swallowed up forever. His words are our comfort. Because through Him we know that the LORD of hosts loves us and has prepared a feast for us. “Behold, this is our God” (Is 25:9a)!

God’s Blessings,  
Pastor Scheele

### **Elders**

The Elders have made huge efforts to contact most of the congregation to check in on everyone. If they missed you let us know so we can get you on our radar! Head Elder Mark Johnson at [goosejohnson@gmail.com](mailto:goosejohnson@gmail.com).

The current Elders can be reached at the numbers below:

Mark Johnson	570-7639
Burt Ramsey	565-3086
Bryan Baumgartner	562-4701

### **Council**

Please join us on November 8th after service for the Annual Voter's Meeting. At this time, we have 2 items pending.

#1 Voting on the new Proposed Budget for 2021.

#2 Voting on the new Proposed Nominations for our Church Council Positions for 2021.

To assist you, attached are 2 documents. The first is a [two page](#) sheet showing the current 2020 Proposed Budget and the budget that has been proposed for 2021. If you have budget questions prior to the meeting please email Carol Sperling at [trinitychurchtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:trinitychurchtreasurer@gmail.com). The [second](#) is the Proposed Nominations, people who have expressed interest in taking a position on the council. Thank you to both the outgoing and incoming volunteers!! If you have questions about the nominations please email Mark Johnson at [goosejohnson46@gmail.com](mailto:goosejohnson46@gmail.com).

At this time we are still required to follow the Colorado State Covid guidelines and there have been flareups in this part of the state.

The council has approved the contract for the roofing project to be completed by Christmas on the Fellowship Hall and two classrooms that are in dire need. Please pray for the safety of the crew as our work to be good stewards of our Lord's house.

A new committee was mandated by the Council. The new Evaluation Committee will fall in line with the Nominating and Budget Committees. They will be forming a framework to use to evaluate our paid employees. This will also provide direct feedback to our Pastor allowing him to best serve our congregation. Council and Pastor Scheele all feel that this will

be a great way for us to communicate. They are just at the beginning so no work has been done on it yet.

### **Virtual Worship**

Pastor Scheele has been testing out a virtual worship opportunity with some of our shut-in church population for the past couple months and he’d like to let the rest of the congregation know about it as well.

We will continue to do in-person worship and I emphasize it is my desire for everyone to attend in-person worship, but I also recognize the reality of the issues surrounding this ongoing pandemic. Therefore, if you can’t join us for in-person worship, then for the worship & bible study, I’m using a [free website](#) that allows us to host a large group conference call/video chat. You have multiple options to access it, via a regular telephone (or cell phone), a smartphone mobile app, a tablet, or a computer. Please try one of the methods below at any time to test how it works (keep in mind, if you’re the only one connected, then it will connect you, but you’ll hear hold music or just silence until someone else connects).

1. Dial-in number (US): (425) 436-6358; Access code: 367780#  
Or

2. Join the online meeting on your computer, smartphone, or tablet by going to this [link](#) and downloading the app to allow for the video features: <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/trinitylccortez>  
Online meeting ID: trinitylccortez

I normally start the conference call about 15 mins before our 9 am worship and turn it off about 5-10 mins after worship. For Bible Study it normally gets turned on 1-2 mins before we get started and turned off 1-2 mins after we finish. Since we aren’t doing communion every Sunday we normally get started with Bible study earlier (~10:15) on non-communion Sundays (2nd & 4th Sundays) and later (~10:45) on communion Sundays (1st, 3rd, & 5th). However, if you call in early, just leave your phone or computer connected and it will start the live stream once I connect as the “host.”

I try to eventually post the recordings of these videos on our [youtube page](#) as well, but since the priority is on doing it

live, I haven't been keeping any type of schedule or deadline on when I get the recordings posted.

Please join us for worship in whatever manner you are the most comfortable with.

### Sunday Fellowship Guidelines

Hosting Fellowship at Trinity during Covid is a little more challenging for home cooks and bakers, but we encourage you to give it a try! Here are some hints:

--snack items should be individually wrapped OR purchased from a commercial kitchen. Home-made treats are considered more risky, so try to come up with options from the grocery store. For example: pre-packaged and individually wrapped snack bars, snack crackers or snack cakes, individually wrapped muffins, small packages of peanuts or raisins, small containers of yogurt, applesauce, doughnuts and cookies from the in-store bakery, etc.

--if you want to serve commercially baked doughnuts, cupcakes, cookies, etc, you may. However, please serve them yourself with a tong, and set them far enough back on the table that small people can't reach out and touch them. Try cutting doughnuts in half in the church kitchen first, or offering commercially baked cookies with a tong. Then keep an eye on the table...again, the food should only be touched by the host (with the tongs) and the person who is going to eat it.

--be sure to start the big coffee pot and warm up the coffee-maker before the service if possible. If you haven't hosted before and aren't sure how it works, ask Priscilla, Joyce, Carol, or Sharon for an introduction.

--if you would like reimbursement from the church's Fellowship account for your purchases, please mark the date and your name on the receipts, and give them to Priscilla or Carol.

### The Treasurer

Thanks again to each of you who have faithfully supported Trinity Lutheran Church during 2020, and special thanks to those who have also contributed to Trinity Lutheran Preschool. This has been a challenging year for everyone and our dedicated support and prayers are important. So far, we are keeping up with expenses with just a little extra left over!

The committee will be placing envelopes in the hallway for families that want to consider memorial donations. There are also envelopes for preschool donations that used to be in the foyer but they have all been moved to the hallway by the coat racks to allow for a more inviting church entrance. Anyone considering a memorial donation to Trinity Lutheran Church can email treasurer, Carol Sperling for more information at [ttrinitytreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:ttrinitytreasurer@gmail.com).



### Trustees

Completed projects around the church campus include updating breaker boxes and other electrical sources, complete seasonal outdoor maintenance, and conducting tours for possible roofing contractors. Thank you to volunteers for

helping in this process. A variety of Trinity Preschool projects have been completed both outside and inside including gutter repairs, carpet maintenance, lighting updates, and repairing playground equipment.

The 2020 trustees are:

Dave Sperling (Head)	Jim Broderick
Kyle Riddell	Jerry Wittwer
Dale Cumpton	Andrew Riddell
Brian Rose	Ben Wolcott

Please let any of these folks know if something is out of order or any facilities questions. Repair request forms are posted on the bulletin board by the upstairs restrooms between the narthex and the fellowship hall.

### Social Concerns

The Preschool received over \$1,000 in contributions towards their supply drive. I would like to thank everyone who contributed. The Preschool is looking for 4 child size rocking chairs. Check your basements and attics and see if you could help. We have found one at this time. They are also asking for lots of small pumpkins. If you have questions, please call Rita Robinson, Preschool director at 565-3166.

Please remember Renew and the Good Samaritan Center also during these difficult times.

Since the church is not participating in Christmas Child this year, maybe some of you have ideas on something we could do or participate in locally. Please call me with your suggestions. Beth McCabe. 759-6950.

### Trinity Preschool

Parent-Teacher Conferences have been occurring this month and Picture Retakes happens October 23, 2020. There is a trip to Giesen's Pumpkin Patch planned the last week. Topics for the month include Fall and changing of seasons, balls, how things move, and various letters and numbers.

If you have a child-sized rocking chair that you no longer want, please consider donating it to the Preschool. 565-3166

### Sew 'n' Sews

The Sew 'n' Sews are now meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month from 9 a.m. to noon. We are completing quilts from tops that were sewn during the early months of the pandemic. We don't require precise skills and we will show you the simple steps.

If you would like to sew a quilt top, arrangements can be made for you to pick one up. There are kits for the 60" x 80" quilt tops made from 10.5" squares of fabric. If you would like to use your own fabrics, please do. For any questions, check with Shar Short.

*These may be subject to change depending on Colorado Coronavirus guidelines.*

#### Dates to Remember

Oct 14, 2020 – Sew 'n' Sews @ 9 a.m.  
Oct 18, 2020 – Worship Service @ 9 a.m.  
Oct 18, 2020 – Bible Class @ 10:15 a.m.  
Oct 25, 2020 – Worship Service @ 9 a.m.  
Oct 25, 2020 – Bible Class @ 10:15 a.m.  
Nov 1, 2020 – Worship Service @ 9 a.m.  
Nov 1, 2020 – Bible Class @ 10:15 a.m.  
Nov 8, 2020 – Worship Service @ 9 a.m.  
Nov 8, 2020 – Voters Meeting @ 10:15 a.m.  
Nov 15, 2020 – Worship Service @ 9 a.m.  
Nov 15, 2020 – Bible Class @ 10:15 a.m.  
Nov 26, 2020 – Thanksgiving Day  
Dec 2, 2020 – Advent begins

### Newsletter and Website

You can sign up for the monthly newsletter by sending your e-mail to Shar @ [shortstuff1950@gmail.com](mailto:shortstuff1950@gmail.com).

The Trinity website is also current with Church information and Calendar. If you would like to post something on the website you can contact Shar as well. The website is [www.trinitylutheranchurchcortez.com](http://www.trinitylutheranchurchcortez.com).