

TRINITY TIMES

From the Pastor's Desk

Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. (Acts 2:22–23).

Behold the man! This Jesus whom WE crucified. Or maybe it's more accurate to say who was crucified because of our sins. He was true man so that he might be put to death for our sins. For the brokenness of this world. Without being true man, God could not die. That would defy the very logical definition of a God who is eternal. And yet, all the same, Jesus, the 2nd person of the Trinity did die. He did what a purely spiritual God could not do. He lived, he breathed, he suffered, he bled, and he died. We crucified the Lord of the universe! Why? Because of the plan and the foreknowledge of God. God knew that if He sent Jesus to be God in our midst that our sinful natures could not handle it. We could not be near a Holy God. We separated ourselves from God back when Adam and Eve took the fruit of that forbidden tree. Adam and Eve even immediately acted out that separation when they made clothes of fig leaves and hid themselves among the bushes so that they might not be in the presence of God. God, the Father, knew what would happen to His son. He knew that we could not tolerate perfection in our midst. This is why Jesus was ultimately sent to the cross by the hands of lawless men. He died at their hands and yet, his death was the very sacrifice we needed. We need a perfect man to fulfill the law. We needed a perfect man to perfectly follow our heavenly Father's will. We needed someone to pay the price for all the sins we have committed past, present, and future. We needed Jesus to be man so that he could die FOR US. Behold the man! Jesus our Lord and Savior. Jesus our God who was crucified and killed for YOU!

Your Servant, Pastor Scheele

Worship Opportunities

Here are the ways you can worship with Trinity Lutheran Church:

- In person with Colorado State Covid Health procedures in place.
- Teleconference: Dial-in number: (425) 436-6358; Access code: 367780#
<https://join.freeconferencecall.com/trinitylcortez>

- YouTube @ 6 p.m.

Remember, the web site always has the most current info on it, so if you have questions, [check it.](#)

Bible Class is now in person at 10:45 Sunday morning.

New Member class

Pastor's "Basics of the Faith" class is back for a new group of people. "Basics of the Faith" is a class designed for people who are curious about membership and to allow existing members a chance to refresh their Christian knowledge. We will be meeting in the basement of the Church on Friday, April 23rd from 6-8 pm and then finishing the next day, Saturday, April 24th, from 8:30 am to 1 pm.

This class **does NOT** commit someone to becoming a "formal" member if they don't want to, it just helps everyone

understand the basics of our Christian faith so they can decide if they want to be a formal member or not.

Pastor will be providing Friday Dinner, Saturday Lunch, and snacks for everyone who attends via a Thrivent grant.

Please send Pastor a final RSVP before April 16th so he knows how much food to buy and how many class booklets to prepare. Come join us for some good questions and discussions!

Elders

The Elders have made the effort 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!

The current Elders can be reached at the numbers below:

Bryan Baumgartner (Head)	562-4701
Mark Johnson	570-7639
Burt Ramsey	565-3086
Jerry Wittwer	560-2554
Marty Ruggles	565-4049

Fellowship

Fellowship has resumed on Sunday mornings with beverages and snacks that are packaged separately. This is a good step

forward in the quest for a more normal worship experience. There will not be an Easter Breakfast this year.

Council

Below are Council actions from the March 9, 2021 meeting:

1. Approved the reroofing project already discussed and approved last year with new contract awarded to Rick Presnell, RP Handiman Services LLC. Work to be done when contractor's schedule and weather permit. Total price depends on conditions discovered under the old roof, but is well within appropriated funds.
2. Approved a Marriage Manual for Trinity on a 3 year basis.
3. Approved publishing a new pictorial directory. Watch your email!!
4. Recommended a salary schedule for Pastor to the voters, who will act in May (date to be announced). It proposes a 3.23% increase beginning in mid-2021, with annual adjustments thereafter.

Trustees

- A variety of jobs for the Preschool were accomplished including plumbing, patching, repairing and installing around the campus.
- Met with roofing contractor on 2-27 regarding re-roofing project and received his proposal
- Replace emergency exit sign over main entrance with one that has battery backup and replace battery on the one at the AA door.

The 2021 trustees are:

Dave Sperling
Brian Rose
Kyle Riddell
Dale Cumpton
Jimmy Feltman
Chris Crowley

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.

Education

Are you interested in helping shape the minds of the children and youth in our congregation? The Education committee is looking for members. We will meet quarterly with the first meeting in February to make plans for 2021. Please reach out

to Nicci Crowley at nicci.crowley@gmail.com or 970-570-9372.

Flowers

Trinity is back to in-person Church worship services and flowers will once again be on the altar. If you would like to donate towards flowers, please sign on the flower chart in the narthex.

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

Dates to Remember

Mar 14, 2021 – Worship Service @ 9 a.m.
Mar 14, 2021 – Bible Class @ 10:45 a.m.
Mar 17, 2021 – Lenten Service @ 6 p.m.
Mar 21, 2021 – Worship Service @ 9 a.m.
Mar 21, 2021 – Bible Class @ 10:45 a.m.
Mar 24, 2021 – Lenten Service @ 6 p.m.
Mar 28, 2021 – Worship Service @ 9 a.m.
Mar 28, 2021 – Bible Class @ 10:45 a.m.
April 1, 2021 – Maundy Thursday Service @ 7 p.m.
April 2, 2021 – Good Friday Service @ 7 p.m.
April 4, 2021 – Easter Services @ 6:30 a.m. and 9 a.m.

Lutheran Hour Ministry

In 2020, LHM set out to show that even during uncertain times, **#HOPEABOUNDS**. All around the world, individuals are desperately searching for **hope**. Many people who previously did not want to know Christ are open to hearing the Gospel. This makes **#HOPEABOUNDS** even more timely since individuals around the world, both non-Christian and Christian, need to hear Christ's messages of **hope**, comfort, and love. To read more about this or to share a message about hope in your life, visit [here](#).

If you enjoy listening to pod casts, there is a weekly one from LHM called "Speaking of Jesus" with real people having a real conversation about life, Jesus, and what he means to them. To subscribe, visit [here](#).

Additionally, there are downloadable apps available for daily Bible Study and devotions that can be accessed [here](#). There are plenty of other LHM pages to visit as well and can be accessed at <https://www.lhm.org>.

Newsletter and Website

You can sign up for the monthly newsletter by sending your e-mail to Shar @ 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.