



Building His Body By
Reflecting the Son

May 2026

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am

Sunday School
For All Ages

Worship Service

10:00 am Sunday

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James Gilliam
Joel Grigar
Doyle Kornegay
Mark Romano
Tracy Schiller
Stephen Stuessel
George Wied



VBS

"Tropical Trek"
May 26 through May 28
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
each evening.

TRINITY TIDBITS

A monthly newsletter for the people of Trinity Lutheran Church of Sealy, Texas

It Does NOT Belong

There is a small bathroom in a business. It's quite a unique restroom. The room is a unisex bathroom. It is clean and sparkling, always upkept through every season. The walls are painted a dark tan color while the wall that the toilet is attached to is a dark gray tile from floor to ceiling. The floor is a cream-colored tile with the blocks being two feet by two feet. It has a handrail on all four walls for safety purposes. Even the trash can sitting in the corner by the door is shiny and clean.

The sink is always clean with the stainless steel faucets still sparkling from recently being scrubbed by cleaning supplies. The faucets, both hot and cold work well. And on the wall by the sink and mirror is mounted the paper towel dispenser that is almost always full. The floor, even around the trashcan is clean with no wet or dirty paper towels. Everything in this public bathroom is almost perfect. (As perfect as one can get being a public restroom.)

Yet the one thing that is odd about this place sits in the corner, close to the toilet. It is a lazy boy recliner. Yes, that's right, a lazy boy recliner. Why? That is a very good question, "Why is there a comfy, cozy chair sitting right next to the toilet in this public restroom? It's not there for safety reasons because if an older person were to sit in the chair, they probably would have a hard time getting up. It's not for looks or to take up space because, after all, it is just odd. The chair is out of place. It doesn't belong!!

Now, the next time you are in church and you see a guest, or someone you've never seen before, ask yourself one question: Did I make that person feel welcome or out of place like that recliner by the toilet? I pray that the question is answered rightly.

What about yourself? When you are in worship do you feel that you belong? Remember, that Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Even the Samaritan woman Jesus met at Jacob's well He welcomed. Jesus had a lengthy conversation about who He is and how He cares about all people! We are God's people in Jesus. We belong because our sins cast Jesus out into being put on trial. Our sins showed Jesus that He, the sinless Son of God, didn't belong in our sin filled world. We hung Him on a cross to die for the sins of the world. And now that He is risen and living forever the question of whether we belong or not is moot. We absolutely belong in Jesus' family and kingdom.

God bless you and your family. May He always remind You that because of Jesus, you definitely belong in His kingdom forever.

In Christ,
Pastor Ken

Happy Birthday!

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."
(Ephesians 2:10)

5/01 James Sneed
5/03 BRADI WILLEVER
5/05 Samantha Geysens (Guest)
5/05 Karen Naida
5/08 COLT SHUPAK
5/09 Robin Jacobson
5/10 David Hauschild
5/11 Brittany Foerster
5/11 CALEB KRUZEL

5/14 Sterling Schiller
5/15 Bonnie Reay
5/16 RYKER SPIVEY (Guest)
5/17 Geraldine Stuessel
5/18 Scott Stuessel
5/20 Elgien Konesheck Sr.
6/24 BRYCE JALLOWAY
5/24 Susie Toellner

5/25 Casey Picard
5/27 Viola Sebesta
5/28 Terry Hankins
5/29 Neil Johnston
5/29 Brody Schiller
5/30 Brittney Steinhauser
5/31 Bitsy Cobb
5/31 Lindsey Dziadek

Happy Anniversary!

"May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you."
(1 Thessalonians 3:12)

5/02/1992 Dean and Robin Jacobson
5/6/2016 Lowell and Andrea Coody
5/10/1969 Bill and Linda Blume

5/12/1979 Michael and Debra Ashorn
5/13/2000 Mark and Stephanie Koeppen
5/22/1993 Gerald and Lynlee Nixon

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Thank you for your Tithes and Offerings! Offerings may be dropped off or mailed to 402 Atchison, Sealy, TX 77474. Please use your church offering envelopes requested by Stewardship to ensure that you will be given credit for your contributions.

**Don't forget to direct
Choice Dollars®**

Thrivent Choice Dollars April 9, 2026

Amount of Deposit \$837.00 Please call 1-800-847-4836 and designate your funds to Trinity Lutheran General Fund.

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Prayers for Nursing Home and Shut Ins

"For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding."
(Proverbs 2:6)

Joyce Meyer, Avir Nursing, 1401 Eagle Lake Rd. Sealy, TX 7747
Ellie Niemann, Avir Nursing, 1401 Eagle Lake Rd. Sealy, TX 77474
Larry Schulke Kruse Village, 1700 East Stone Street, Brenham TX 77833
Carol Pless, Arbor Hills Rehabilitation, Eagle Lake, TX 77434
Hilda Allison – Shut-In



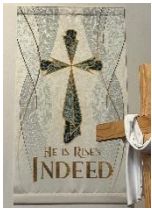
Sympathy for the family of Lorena Mueller who went to be with her Lord on April 15, 2026. Please keep her family in your prayers.



Thank You

EASTER LILLIES

The Altar Guild extends its sincere appreciation to all who purchased Easter Lilies to enhance the sanctuary's beauty.



EASTER BANNERS

The new Easter Banners hanging in the on each side of the sanctuary during the Easter Season was purchased by the Altar Guild.



PALM PROCESSIONAL

Thank you to all the children who carried Commadores (Palms) on Palm Sunday Processional and the beautiful flowers on Easter Sunday morning to be placed on the cross. This is a tradition for many years by the Altar Guild.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Join us for the Circle of Friends Luncheon on Wednesday, May 6 at 12:15 pm. All ages are welcome to join us for lots of fun. Thank you to all that have attended in the past and brought delicious desserts. Circle of Friends will pause for the summer and resume in September. Thanks, Mary and Johanna Buechmann

VOLUNTEERS



Looking for volunteers for VBS coming May 26, 27, and 28. We need crew members to help with decorating, snacks, crafts, or games. Please contact Nikki Vrabec, Kimberly Kornegay or the church office.

THE BLESSING BOX



Will meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm. See you on Wednesday, May 13th at 1:00 pm.



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Morning Bible Study is 10-11 am. We meet in the glass room by the church office, depending on how many are attending. Come join us each Wednesday!



LADIES AID BAKE SALE! WE NEED BAKERS TO HELP WITH OUR BAKE SALE!

Ladies Aid Bake Sale

Ladies Aid will have their annual Mother's Day bake sale on Friday, May 8th at Bill's Grocery, located at 333 Fowlkes. We will be set up and ready to go at 8:00 am, with a variety of sweet and savory items to sell. Be sure to get there early-sometimes we are sold out by mid-morning! If you would like to donate an item, please have it at the church Thursday afternoon or at Bill's early Friday morning. It would be awesome if you could let us know you are bringing an item and thank you in advance for doing so! We look forward to seeing you there!



HONORING OUR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES WITH A POTLUCK LUNCHEON



Please join us for the congregational Potluck meal on Sunday, May 3rd after the worship service to recognize and honor our High School and College Graduates with Potluck. Please come and attend the potluck with or without bringing a dish!

A space will be set up in the Gym for anyone that would like to place gift cards, greeting cards or a gift showing appreciation to these graduates. Graduates are Jade Barton, Noah Bryant, Avery Grigar, Jacie Kainer, Ryanne Meyer, Cadie Neu, Zachary Orsak, and Lillian Villalovoz. No one has reported to the office if anyone is graduating college.



Teacher Appreciation Week!

Preschool Parents, I want to let you know that **Monday, May 4th through Friday, May 8th** is Teacher Appreciation Week. Recognize your child's teacher for the vital role she plays in shaping, teaching and preparing your child for the next class. These teachers have a special gift and talent in teaching and loving children. They work very hard to make sure your child is prepared for the next class at Trinity and Kindergarten. All of you are special parents with a caring heart. You are greatly appreciated! Thanks to all who make these teachers feel important, blessed, and loved.



Pre-K Graduation! Everyone is welcome to attend the Pre-K Graduation, which will be held on Sunday, May 17, 2026, during the 10:00 am worship service. The children will wear preschool caps and gowns that should be returned afterward, but they'll get to keep their tassels as a gift. Each Pre-K student will also receive a keepsake gift bag to take home.

Pre-K parents are kindly asked to arrive with their children by 9:30 am so there is enough time to dress the students in caps and gowns and allow parents to take photos. After your child is ready, please head to the gym for pictures with your child, family, friends, and the graduation cake.

Most important, we would like all the parents to be out of the classrooms by 9:45 am so we can be ready for the ceremony.

Please come and take part in these children's lives and watch them graduate and move forward as they continue to learn and know that Jesus loves them. Remember to be here by 9:30 am on Sunday, May 17th for PRE-GRADUATION!



Here at Trinity Lutheran Preschool, we plant the seed having a relationship with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit teaching these children to grow in God's love. We teach these children to become more like Jesus and walk in His footsteps and use the Ten Commandments for a path in life as a guide. It is

this spiritual growth that becomes a birthmark of our faith!



Water Safety with Retired Trooper Gary Pflughaupt!

When the weather turns warm, everyone wants to be in or around the water. Hanging out at the pool or the beach on a hot day is a great way to beat the heat. Retired Trooper Gary Pflughaupt will be at the preschool on Thursday, May 7th at 10:00 am. Mr. Gary will talk to the children about water safety tips. Splashing, wading, and paddling must mean a great day in the water. Playing at the beach, at a water park, by a lake, or in a pool can be a real treat on a hot day. Swimming is a lot of fun, but Mr. Gary will tell us how to stay safe in the water.



Cinco De Mayo Celebration-

Trinity Lutheran Preschool will celebrate Cinco de Mayo on Tuesday, May 5th. The children will enjoy Nachos and make sombreros and maracas. This is a great multicultural lesson for children.



Wear Purple Day!

On Wednesday, May 6th the children may wear the color PURPLE to reinforce the color of the month.



Sunglasses Day!

On Friday, May 8th, the children may come to preschool wearing sunglasses! Hopefully the sun will be so bright we will have to wear sunglasses! Please label your child's sunglasses with their names. Hopefully we will have a beautiful sunny day to enjoy God's world through our sunglasses.



End of School Party!

Preschool will have their end of school Hot Dog Party on Wednesday, May 13th, 9:30 am-10:30 am. Please look for the sign-up list to help with games and refreshments!



All Color Day

The preschool will have a special day with all the colors God has created. All Color Day is on Friday, May 15th, which is also the last day of school. We would like all the children to wear as many colors as they can to reinforce the colors learned throughout the year!



Potty Training!

I would like to remind parents of two-year-olds that all children entering the three-year-old class this fall must be potty trained. If your child is not potty trained, they will not be able to join the three-year-

old class. Please note that pull-ups are not allowed; each child must wear underwear or panties.

Please support your child at home by guiding them as they learn to lower their trousers, seat themselves on the toilet, wipe, flush, and raise their trousers independently. By collaborating, we can establish the goal of enabling your child to manage toileting without assistance.

If your child has been sent home with clothing from Trinity, please make sure to return it by the end of the school year. Additionally, if your child outgrows underwear, tops, or bottoms, whether for girls or boys—Trinity can always use them as donations.



A Special Thank You! To all the parents thank you for volunteering with parties and other functions needed throughout the year. Thank you for sending your child to learn about our Lord and Savior,

Jesus Christ. Your heart shows love by your participation! From the bottom of my heart and the teachers, THANK YOU! I would like to say thank you to the Preschool Board, Church Council, Our Church Congregation, Elders and Pastor Ken Bersche for all the support and guidance for the school.

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” — Psalm 119:105

The past year may have had times of confusion, uncertainty, or tough decisions. Reflect on how

God’s Word guided your choices, comforted your heart, or gave direction when you felt lost.

Remembering His guidance strengthens faith.

From All of Us at Trinity Lutheran Preschool

Have a Great Blessed Summer

In Christ, Ms. Maggie

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 13, 2026

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council meeting was called to order by Jason Carr. John Vrablec presented the devotion.

Council members present:

- Jason Carr – President
- James Gilliam - Elder Chairman
- Pastor Ken Bersche
- Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer
- Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman
- John Vrablec – Trustee Chairman

- Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary
- Maggie Kent

Absent:

- Terry Hankins – Vice President
- Nikki Vrablec – Board of Education Chairman
- Karina Carr – Fellowship Outreach Chairman & Preschool
- David Novosad – Usher Chairman

The Minutes from the meeting held on March 9, 2026, were presented. Ruth Szymanski made a motion to accept the minutes. James Gilliam seconded the motion. All Council members approved and the motion passed.

Old Business:

- No old business.

Chairmen Reports:

Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer

- **March Report - As of March 31, 2026, the cash balance in the General Fund was \$66,507.75. The Building Fund balance was \$45,971.70 and the Designated Fund balance was \$92,896.60. The Total of All Funds was \$205,376.05. The total contributions for March were \$25,745.00 and total expenses for March were \$25,938.30. The total contributions for the year 2026 were \$70,418.00 while the total expenses for the year were \$77,216.54.**

Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman

- Special contributions for the month included:
 - \$5.00 for preschool.
 - \$695.00 for HVAC.
 - \$1,274.00 for Lent.
 - \$300.00 for gym rental.

Elders - James Gilliam

- Nothing to report.

Terry Hankins – Vice President

- No report.

Pastor Bersche –

- Monthly shut-in visits continue (currently there are 15 shut-ins).
- Bible Classes:
 - Sunday Morning Bible Class - The Life of Saint Paul (currently on 2nd missionary trip).

- Wednesday Morning Bible Study - Formal and Material Principles (What other Christian denominations believe and teach).
- Official Acts:
 - March 22 - Received as new member- Audie Jackson
 - April 5 - Holy Baptism - Beau Wrenly Willever

Nikki Vrablec - Board of Education Chairman (written report presented)

- We had over 1,300 Easter eggs for the Palm Sunday Egg Hunt. Thank you to everyone that donated and helped.
- Vacation Bible School “Tropical Trek” will be May 26 through May 28 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. each evening. Please reach out to Nikki Vrablec or Kimberly Kornegay if you are interested in helping with VBS. We still need volunteers to help decorate and/or help with the evenings of VBS.

Karina Carr – Fellowship Outreach Chairman (written report presented)

- Excellent Easter Breakfast - We fed close to 100 members and/or visitors.
- Confirmation and Graduation Potluck is scheduled for May 3rd.
- Stay tuned.... We are considering making pancakes for Mother’s Day Fellowship. ☺

John Vrablec – Trustee Chairman

- The sprinkler system is fixed. Grass seed and fertilizer have been distributed around the church lawn.
- The kitchen cabinet has been fixed.
- Work continues on several projects in and around the church.

David Novosad – Usher Chairman

- No report.

Karina Carr - Preschool (written report presented)

- Treasurer’s report -
 - Checking Account balance - \$77,549.59
 - Savings Account balance - \$50,709.84
- The “How much do you love your preschool program?” fundraiser now

totals \$5,377.00. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

- After pre-registration, enrollment numbers for the 2026-2027 school year are:
 - Two-year-old class - 4
 - Three-year-old class - 11
 - Four-year-old class - 6
- The state inspection of our preschool went well.

There being no further reports, James Gilliam made the motion to accept all reports presented. Ruth Szymanski seconded the motion. All Council members agreed and the motion passed.

New Business

- Last month there was discussion to search for options to redo some of the landscaping around the church. Some options were presented and after Council discussion, James Gilliam made a motion to start by removing two trees behind the church next to Security Financial. Ruth Szymanski seconded the motion. All Council members agreed and the motion passed.

There being no further business, Ruth Szymanski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Vrablec seconded the motion. All Council members agreed and the meeting was adjourned. Pastor Bersche led the Council in the Lord’s Prayer.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 11, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. and Kimberly Kornegay will have the devotion.

Jason Carr - President
Kimberly Kornegay - Secretary