



Building His Body By
Reflecting the Son

August 2026

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am

Sunday School
For All Ages

Worship Service

10:00 am Sunday

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Rally Day
September
13th

TRINITY TIDBITS

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

From the Desk of the

PASTOR

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

That statement we hear almost every Sunday at the close of our worship. We hear the blessing God gives to His people, but do we really listen? Maybe we don't pay close attention to the words. Maybe we are thinking the words are simply saying, "The End", as in, "This is the end of our worship." But that is not what is being stated. That's not what it is saying at all!

These words are a blessing which God gives to us, His people. He blesses and keeps us in His care. How fitting these words come at the end of our worship. We hear them right before we leave the "sanctuary" and walk out into the sin-filled world with all its hazards and traps. When we leave the church service we are walking into a world filled with evil. So as God's people, we are blessed by Him as we venture through life until we meet again.

Living life in the world is sort of like a picture I've seen recently. The picture shows a sign on the chain-link fence. It reads, "Children's Play Area-Children Must Be Supervised". Yet the sign is not what would strike your attention. What lies beyond that sign grabs your focus. You would expect there to be playground equipment such as a slide or a swing or some form of play structure. But on the other side of the sign was a disorganized construction site. There were two-by-fours scattered throughout the area along with some splintered sawhorses. In plain sight was some old lumber with rusty nails protruding through them. Then also lying around were some power tools strung here and there. Obviously, this would not be a "safe" area for children!

This sign and play area resemble the world we Christian's dwell. The world is inviting us all to come but what the world really offers is a trap and temptation that might cause us doubt, distraction, and even death. What the world puts forth as "good" sometimes is the exact opposite.

So, the next time you hear those words in worship, remember that God loves you and blesses you. You are about to step out of His safe sanctuary and walk into a dangerous world for us physically and spiritually. So, listen closely to the words which God speaks to us:

The Lord bless you and keep you!

*In Christ,
Pastor Ken*

MEETING

Parent Confirmation Meeting is
Sunday, August 30th at 11:00 am.

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)

8/04 Carson Bryant	8/12 Patsy Romano	8/16 Shea Orsak	8/24 ZABEIN ALLEN
8/05 Melissa Niemann	8/13 Steven Cobb	8/17 BARRETT STONE	8/23 Jason Kruzel
8/05 John Vrabec	8/13 Lee Allen Palm	8/17 Jason Carr	8/24 Blair Konescheck
8/06 Norma Pavelka	8/15 RYANNE MEYER	8/17 Karleigh Wilkerson	8/27 Rob Emshoff
8/08 HAHN WALKER	8/15 Carol Pless	8/18 Patrick Johnston	8/27 Stephanie Koeppen
8/09 Krisha Langton	8/15 James Schmidt	8/18 Alton Kveton	8/29 Tara Johnston
8/11 Tara Hobbs	8/15 Jennifer Sullivan	8/21 Pat Buechmann	8/29 Marvin Pless
8/11 Cheryl Steinhauser	8/16 Lane Hahn	8/22 Dean Jacobson	

Happy Anniversary!

"May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you."

8/1/2015 John and Nicole Vrabec	8/11/1973 Johnny & Joan Griffin
8/2/1969 Charles and Bev Ekarius	8/13/1977 Robert and Suzanne Bozeman
8/7/2010 John and Nichol Fullen	8/24/1968 Pastor Gilbert and Beth Franke
8/9/2025 Andrew and Lauren Schmidt	8/30/1980 Charles and Barbara Havemann

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.

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CHOICE DOLLARS

Thrivent Choice Dollars July 15, 2026
Amount of Deposit is \$76.00. Please call 1-800-847-4836 and designate your funds to Trinity Lutheran General Fund.

The Blessing Box

NEXT Blessing Box Group will NOT meet in August.
Blessing Box will resume on
Wednesday, September 9, 2026.

Circle of Friends

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS COMING!
Wednesday, September 2, 2026!
Call Mary Buechmann if you have any questions.
979-885-2730 or cell 281-728-0973

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 77474

Lorrene Schiller - Avir Nursing, 1401 Eagle Lake Rd. Sealy, TX 7747

Larry Schulke Kruse Village, 1700 East Stone Street, Brenham TX 77833

Carol Pless, Arbor Hills Rehabilitation, Eagle Lake, TX 77434

Hilda Allison - Shut-In

Lee Allen Palm - Shut-In

Geraldine Stuessel - Shut-In



Congratulations to Maggie Kent, being a great grandmother! Cody Bradford and Tara Hobbs gave birth to Athena Desiree Bradford in Pueblo, Colorado at 11:18 pm on July 27, 2026, weighing 6 lbs. 11 ounces and 20 inches long.

are no dues collected....no requirements other than just showing up and enjoying each other's company.

Our meeting is very brief but always includes a short devotional by one of our members. After the meeting, we always go to a restaurant and enjoy lunch together. This is a great time to get to know each other and make some new friends.

Our main purpose is serving a light lunch to the family and friends of our congregation after a funeral service. It is a privilege and an honor to help in this simple way.

Our only fundraiser is our annual bake sale, which always sells out very quickly. The money that we collect is donated to local non-profit organizations.

To find out more, please contact Janice Wied at 979-865-5357 or any Ladies Aid member. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, August 6 at 10:30 in the gym area.



THE SEALY CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY

Please help by collecting plastic bags that can be used to bag canned items. If you would, please save your re-usable shopping bags and bring them to the church to be used to bag canned goods. There is a container next to the elevator to place them into.

Parents of the Acolytes!



Start looking at the September – December Calendar for your child to acolyte. I will email the list to begin signing up on Sundays that best fits your schedule. These students need to be praised for helping Pastor to make sure the candles are lit, or any other instructions Pastor may have them do during special services. Thank you for your commitment to this important role.

LADIES AID GROUP

Come Visit Thursday, August 6th at 10:30 am and Check Us Out!



Ladies ----- come join us!! Ladies Aid is looking for more members to join our group. We meet every other month (six times a year) on the first Thursday of the month at 10:30. Everyone is welcome.....whether you are a lifelong member of Trinity or you have just started visiting our church. All ages are welcome! This is a “no string attached” group.....there



CHURCH MINISTRY

Being director of this wonderful loving preschool program has always made my heart full since day one and of course very protective of what God has built through the hands of many of you. After thirty years of directing the preschool program and eighteen years of being your church secretary, you as a congregation were the ones trusting me to teach and share the love of Jesus to every child and not only preschool but all the children in the church and the ones that crossed my pathway.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES July 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
- Terry Hankins – Vice President
- Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer
- Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman
- James Gilliam - Elder Chairman
- Pastor Ken Bersche
- Nikki Vrablec – Board of Education Chairman
- Karina Carr – Fellowship Outreach Chairman & Preschool
- John Vrablec – Trustee Chairman
- David Novosad – Usher Chairman
- Preschool - Pam Epperly

Absent:

- Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary

The Minutes from the meeting held on June 8, 2026, were presented. Terry Hankins made a motion to accept the minutes. Nikki Vrablec seconded the motion. All Council members approved and the motion passed.

Old Business:

- Short discussion regarding sponsorship for Christian City Fellowship “Faith, Family and Fireworks” community event for next year.

Chairmen Reports:

Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer

- June Report - As of June 31, 2026, the cash balance in the General Fund was \$51,324.96. The Building Fund balance was \$46,251.70 and the Designated Fund balance was \$104,336.60. The Total of All Funds was \$201,913.26. The total contributions for June were \$21,287.00 and total expenses for June were \$25,442.17. The total contributions for the year 2026 were \$147,057.81 while the total expenses for the year were \$157,179.95.

Through all the changes, I depended on God to get me through each day and year. There were years of hardship whether it be parents, teachers, children or church members, or whatever situation arises, and through it all made me strong. And there is joy that fills my heart with love, goodness, peace, support and dedicated people who always believed in me and stayed by my side.

My job (ministry) is to begin each morning with prayer for each teacher, child, parent and for anyone that walks through the front doors each morning. I thank God each day for Pastor Bersche the way he opens the door every morning for the preschoolers and the parents. I know his heart IS preschool. He shows it by spending a little time with the preschoolers at snack time. He spends every Wednesday spreading the love of Jesus by taking time to lead chapel with the preschoolers. Pastor Bersche is there for anyone that needs to vent and prays over some of our silly and serious situations that are brought to him.

Throughout the years, everyone who had their hands in preschool decision makings, the Congregation, Preschool Board, Church Council, Elders, Sunday School, and all the organizations of this church were for the best interest of the preschool program and church. With God’s blessings, guidance and prays to make difficult decisions always lead to what the needs were for the program.

God is easing my heart with perfect peace knowing I will be entering the next stage of my life. My protection and concerns were for the preschool program. Thirty years ago, only one church member that I really admired asked me to take care of God’s gift, the preschool. I promised I would do my best and with God’s help, every child that walks through the preschool doors will know God’s Son, Jesus.

The next few years will be many changes in my life. Do I retire at sixty-five? Probably not. What about when I turn sixty-six? Don’t know. What about sixty-seven and a half? Yes.

In Christ, Ms. Maggie

Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman

- Special contributions for the month included:
 - \$200.00 for HVAC.

Elders - James Gilliam

- Spoke with Concordia regarding health insurance supplement plan. James wants to keep Pastor, Melissa and Maggie covered. Hope to have all quotes/numbers to present at the August meeting.
- Elders approved Pastor's mileage at the last meeting.

Terry Hankins – Vice President

- Nothing to report.

Pastor Bersche –

- Monthly shut-in and recovering visits continue for 15 members with the addition of Carol and Linda.
- Bible Classes:
 - Sunday Morning Bible Class - The Life of Saint Paul the Apostle (Third Missionary Journey).
 - Wednesday Morning Bible Study - will resume in September with the study of selected Psalms.
 - Confirmation will start with a parent's meeting on Sunday, August 30 and the first seminar will be on Wednesday, September 2nd.
- Official Acts:
 - July 8 - Funeral for Milton Beckendorff

Nikki Vrabec - Board of Education Chairman

- Maggie Kent has volunteered to be a Sunday School teacher.

Karina Carr – Fellowship Outreach Chairman

- The New Member Potluck Luncheon on June 28 was a success.

John Vrabec – Trustee Chairman

- A toilet busted in one of the preschool classrooms and flooded the gym and preschool classrooms. The toilet is fixed.

- The front water sprinkler was broken and spewing water up but is now fixed.
- A/C went out in the sanctuary before the Beckendorff funeral. Refilled freon and it worked. A/C went out again before the Rabius wedding rehearsal that same week. A/C guy and John stayed late Friday night and got it cooling. Both units are still leaking freon. Blown fuse in disconnect was fixed. One leak was found but not the other. A/C guys will be back to check this week.
- New soap dispensers need to be installed.
- The pothole in the driveway needs to be filled.

David Novosad – Usher Chairman

- Nothing to report.

Karina Carr - Preschool

- Treasurer's report -
 - Checking Account balance - \$74,746.88
 - Savings Account balance - \$50,761.62
- Interviewed two teachers. One for the four year old class and one for the curriculum coordinator/floater position. There will be another interview on Wednesday the 15th for the three year old class.

There being no further reports, Nikki Vrabec made the motion to accept all reports presented. John Vrabec seconded the motion. All Council members agreed and the motion passed.

New Business

- Budgets were distributed. Everyone on the council was asked to review their budgets and provide feedback at the August meeting. Council will vote on the proposed budget in September so it can be presented to the congregation in October.

There being no further business, John Vrabec made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ruth Szymanski seconded the

motion. All Council members agreed and the meeting was adjourned.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, August 10, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. and Janice Wied will have the devotion. Pastor closed the meeting with prayer.

Jason Carr, President
Kimberly Kornegay, Secretary

Calling All Sunday School Children and Adults!

**Sunday School Rally Day
Kick Off**

for EVERYONE!

Join Us

Sunday, September 13th.

8:30 am

Morning Fellowship Breakfast

9:00 am

**Pastor Will Have a Congregational Bible
Class for Rally Day!**

10:00 am

Worship



SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL AGES

Morning Fellowship is before Adult Bible Study and children's Sunday School. Everyone no matter your age is welcome at 8:30 am to sit down and enjoy each other by drinking coffee, juice, chocolate milk, water with donuts and a few other breakfast items. We Adult Bible Class starts promptly at 9:00 am. Please come and join us for the Fellowship and Bible Study each Sunday morning. If you would like to help with morning fellowship, please contact (Karina Carr) at 512-468-4190 to be placed on the schedule to help.



Begin Your Sunday's This Fall

With Morning Prayer

8:30 am Fellowship

9:00 am Adult Bible Class

9:00 am Sunday School

For All Ages

10:00 am Worship

