



Trinity Tidings

May 2021 Newsletter

Faith...Family...Friendship



Worship Begins 9:30am

We now offer three options for worship on Sundays:

1. Worship at church in the sanctuary.
2. Worship at church using the drive-in option(100.1)
3. Worship at home.

For everyone's safety, masks are required when entering and worshipping in the sanctuary at this time.

Who Should Attend?

Healthy persons with no COVID-19 related symptoms. Please know that in any gathering with other people during the pandemic, you are at risk for being infected with COVID-19. You must determine what level of risk you are comfortable with.

Who Should NOT Attend:

Those with COVID-19 related symptoms or those who have recently tested positive for the virus.

Those who have had close contact with another person diagnosed with COVID-19.

Those who are immune compromised or have other underlying conditions that would make them especially vulnerable to the virus.

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From the Pastor's Study...MAY 2021

A woman named Edna Butterfield writes about her husband, Ron. Ron is a special education teacher; he works with teenagers who are mentally challenged. For a lot of them, all of their lives they've been told that they can't do what other kids do. But Ron tries to get them to see that if they have faith... they can.

So, Ron (focusing on their abilities rather than their limitations) took them into the industrial arts room of the school. That's where the electric saws and power tools were. The kids had always been told they could not use electric saws and power tools. Ron gave them the faith to see that they could. First, he taught them how to restore furniture. Then he began teaching them how to repair home appliances: toasters, blenders, electric mixers... that sort of thing.

Ron says he knew that he'd succeeded in giving them faith in their abilities one morning when a student named Bobby walked into the room. In one hand Bobby was carrying a broken toaster... and in the other hand he was carrying a loaf of bread.

Ron asked him why he'd brought the bread along with the broken toaster.

Bobby smiled such a huge smile. He tried hard to form the words, and slowly he said, "Mr. Butterfield, if you say I can fix it, I can fix it! Just say the word!"

Young Bobby sounds an awful lot like the Roman Centurion that asked Jesus for a miracle in Luke's Gospel (7:1-10). Assigned to the Judean garrison, the Centurion must have carried out Caesar's orders to harshly tax the Jewish people. He knew that he had no right to ask anything of the Jewish Messiah.

But a servant whom he loved was deathly ill. And even though he was a Roman army officer and a Gentile, he had faith in the power of Christ. So, he sent friends to ask Jesus to heal his beloved bond-servant.

The ancient historian Vestigius tells us that centurions were forbidden to marry. But it was a common practice for them to have unofficial wives; often one of their bond-servants. Any children they had would also be bond-servants. It is quite likely the sick man was the Centurion's son out of wedlock. We don't know for certain. What we do know is that the Centurion was humble. He knew that if Jesus, a faithful Jew, entered his house then He would be ritually defiled. So, hearing that Jesus was heading to his house, the Centurion sent his friends back to Jesus with another message.

“Lord, you don't have to bother coming here. I have faith that your word has power. Just say the word, and my servant will be healed.”

Oh, Lord, let us echo the Centurion's prayer in our own lives. Say the Word, Lord, and your love will prevail in power.

Say the Word, Lord. Say it into the heart of that person lost in addictions or compulsions or needs that they can't seem to control, and your Word will have power to deliver them from their darkness.

Say the Word, Lord. Say it into a marriage where the only communication left is yelling and name calling and anger, and your Word will have power to restore their relationship.

Say the Word, Lord. Say it in the hospitals and the clinics, and no matter what sufferings we face... you will give us strength to endure.

And say the Word even in the funeral homes and the cemeteries, that if we close our eyes in death clinging to You in faith... we will most certainly open our eyes again into eternal life with You.

Say the Word, Lord into whatever situation we call to You from. Say it again and again in the world and in our hearts, because your Word has power.

Say the Word, Lord, and we will live...

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Mike



Tithes & Offerings

We have a convenient option for online giving on our church's website. It is an easy way to make financial contributions to Trinity Lutheran Church. If you would like to use this new option to donate to church, please go to the church website at

<https://www.trinitylutherannc.org/donate>. There is no cost to you or the church for using this service. Donations can also be mailed to the church at P.O. Box 497, East Flat Rock, NC 28726. Tithes & Offerings.

May Birthday: Carol Martin(1),

Phil Behm(3), Jim Kresge(30)

May Anniversaries: None

Jesus said, “blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Church Happenings

May 12 is the luncheon for the Trinity Women In God's Service, T.W.I.G.S. The Women will meet at the Flat Rock Wood Room restaurant at 1:00 PM. Below is a picture of the women who met at Pisgah Inn for the April T.W.I.G.S. luncheon.



May 27 is the morning breakfast for the Men Under God's Sovereignty, M.U.G.S. at 9 AM at the Mills River Diner.

Blessing Box: A heartfelt thank you to all in our Trinity family who generously donate funds or bring items to re-stock the blessing box, and to those faithful servants who refill it twice every week. You are ministering to those in our community who are struggling to meet the basic needs of their families: "Truly I say to you, as you did to one of the least of my brothers, you did unto me." (Matthew 25:40). May the Lord bless you richly as you honor Him with your gifts.

Veterans Healing Farm: Thank you for you all for your generous contributions for the April mission to the Veterans Healing Farm in the amount of \$402.00. The check will be mailed to them this week. We know they will put it to good use in their ministry with veterans.

The Mission Offering for the month of May will go to the Black Mountain Home for Children in Black Mountain. Their website states: "Our mission is to glorify God by caring for children and families. Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth & Families is a private, 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. We are not owned, managed, or governed by the state, except as licensing and other laws apply. After their homes are deemed unsafe or unhealthy, children are placed in our care by the court system and Department of Social Services in their home county. We serve children from birth through college age and beyond. Many of our children have been abused, abandoned, or neglected. Some may stay with us for only a few weeks, while others may spend a considerable part of their childhood in our care. In 2019, Black Mountain Home served more than 150 children from Western North Carolina."

Tore's Home

Please remember the residents of Tore's Home during this quarantine time with a card or note. We are making a difference in their lives!

Tore's Home
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**Next Council Meeting: Thursday,
May 20, 2021 @3:00PM**

I said a prayer for you today....



Prayer List

Shawn, Kathy, Bailey, Ana, Brianna, Ellie, Crystal, Dave, Ronald, Evelyn, Steve, Tom, Katheryn, Gale, George, Connie, Robert, Emma, Susie, Joe, John, Bob, Sharon, Sarah, David, Madelyn, Julie, Sonia, Mikayla, Pat, Ryan, Caden, Alex, Shari, Arlene, the residents of Tore's home, the staff at Tore's home, all caregivers; for all who suffer from the SARS-Coronavirus-2;

Our Call Committee
Police Officers
First Responders

Health Care Professionals
Military Personnel
Fire & Rescue Workers

Lord of Grace, we pray for all those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit. We pray especially for those on the prayer list of our Congregation, and for all those we name before you now. In your loving kindness meet their needs, we pray. HEAR US, O LORD...

Prayer Warrior Team



Who Can You Call On For HELP?

Trinity has a team of Prayer Warriors that will intercede on your behalf to lift physical or spiritual needs to God. When things seem the darkest or most urgent, we are here to help. "We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us." (Philippians 4:13)

Please notify Pastor Mike if you or someone you know is in need of prayer. It can be added to our prayer list, kept private, or we can start the prayer chain for immediate needs.

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**To sign up for worship assistant
please use the sign up sheet at the
back of the church.**

