

Dear Members of Trinity,

In an effort to stem the spread of the COVID-19 virus, our state government has mandated that no assemblies of more than 10 people can gather at one time. Our school is closed effective immediately. Teachers are working very hard to provide remote and virtual learning options for both students and parents.

All activities, groups and Bible classes are also cancelled until further notice: Sunday School, Ladies Aid, LWMS, Youth Group, Bible Information Class, to name a few.

This mandate also means that **we cannot conduct worship services as normal at this time.**

1. The Fourth and Fifth Commandments apply in a situation like this. We are to obey and respect the governing authorities as they carry out their God-given responsibilities, and we are to do all we can to protect our neighbors and keep them from harm.
2. At the same time God certainly desires that Christians gather together regularly for worship.
3. In limiting the size of worship gatherings, the government is not attempting to deny our freedom of religion. Rather, government authorities have issued mandates that they believe will protect citizens from harm.
4. We now have the opportunity to try to devise alternative ways for us to still worship and give praise to our God.

Please understand, things change almost by the hour. Our plan, moving forward, is to offer worship in a virtual format. Jesus has promised, "Where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

- Our Lenten worship service will be posted to our website and YouTube channel by Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Please gather around your computer, smart tv or phone and worship together as a family.
- Our Sunday worship service will be posted to our website and YouTube channel by Sunday morning. You will be able to worship in your own home.
- If we have access to the public library, we will continue to broadcast our worship services on our local cable access channel #978. If we are not granted access to the library, we will simply use our website.
- If you would like a DVD copy of a worship service, a printed copy of the sermon, or help figuring out how to access the worship service on our website, please contact the church office by calling 756-3738 or emailing tlc@trinitybrillion.org
- The church office will remain open during weekly business hours.

What Else Can We Do?

- Your pastors are currently exploring different ways to equip, encourage, and inspire you the members to continue to grow in your relationship with your Lord.
- We are already hard at work looking for ways to produce and disseminate Bible studies and devotions via email, Flocknote, Facebook, and by posting them to our website.
- We promise to keep you informed with any upcoming changes.

Your Offerings

Our church wishes to remain financially responsible to our vendors and called workers during this pandemic, and those gifts and donations are what aids us in doing so from week to week.

We encourage you to continue to remember the Lord's work with your offerings. Here are a number of ways that you can do that:

- You can drop off your offering at church. An offering plate, along with printed copies of the sermon, will be available in front of the office.
- You can mail your offering in.
- You can sign up for Electronic Giving. Go to our website: www.trinitybrillion.org There is a box marked: Donate. Click on it and it will walk you through. Or, you can call the church office and Cheryl Brazil will help you.
- If there is anything your pastors can do to assist you in any way, in keeping with our office, we stand ready to help.

Finally, remember, God is still in control. Lord willing, we will be apart for only a time. What a wonderful thing it will be when we will be able to once again gather in God's House to praise his holy name!