



# Trinity Episcopal Church

Live as apprentices of Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit, putting  
God first, following His word, and serving others.

# Welcome



We are excited that you are interested in learning about the people of Trinity Episcopal Church. We are praying for the right person to find us in our journey and your journey toward a new beginning. We have worked hard to prepare ourselves for this new chapter in our long life as a parish church.

Exploring our recent past, assessing our present, and listening to our congregation about what we envision for Trinity in partnership with a new rector has given us clarity in our search.

What we have learned about ourselves, our values, goals, and dreams are presented in our OTM and Profile. The hard work of reflection, awareness, and honest transparency has led us to the search we are now beginning. We welcome your discernment as we all seek God's guidance and direction into the future.



# Congregational Survey

The Vesty commissioned the Portfolio and Profile Committee to work with Holy Cow! Consulting group to survey our parish with their evidence-based Congregational Assessment Tool. The survey results indicate we are very comfortable with the transition to a new rector, and that the overall health of our church is stronger than it was before our former rector's resignation.

The results from the total parish show that one-third are satisfied with things in the church, and two-thirds can imagine a church with more vitality. People with tenure of 10 years or less are more satisfied than long-standing members. The critical success factors for improving contentment are excellence in worship and music, supporting those in ministry, greater tolerance of differences, and adapting worship to draw in new members.

Trinity has a high range of theological diversity, so we are searching for a rector who can lead, teach and preach to a diverse congregation. We are somewhat settled in our ways of doing things, so change happens best when incremental and with a well-communicated purpose.

Half of our members have attended for over 20 years. The assessment describes our parish culture as conservative and settled, with strengths in having a clearly defined faith and stable structure, a “family.” As perceived guardians of traditional practices, we can be resistant to change. However, those who have joined our church within the past 10 years, primarily younger families with children, make up a quarter of our membership and are more flexible, with a focus on what works now to connect faith to contemporary life experiences and social issues.



# Congregational Survey continued

In the recent past we have been very involved in interfaith projects such as Habitat for Humanity, and Simple Soup Suppers for Kids. We hope our future priest can maintain that valued tradition of community involvement. As a ministry-focused congregation, and with our recent autonomous functioning, we expect a pastor who respects and supports strong lay leadership and ministry. We also have families with children who seek a pastor who will support our strong Sunday school and Holy Communion, a monthly service for children and families.

We seek someone skilled in preaching, with the capacity to inspire, engage, and connect people to God's word. We respect a person with a strong sense of mission and vision, and capable of strategic leadership, yet mindful of our current work in ministry and valued traditions. Our survey results also indicate a longing for pastoral care, for empathy and support in times of need. And very importantly, we are looking for a priest with the skills to help us navigate our differences in creative and healthy ways.



# Our Ministries

Trinity Episcopal Church is a vibrant, ministry-centered parish where members serve God and one another in many ways. Our ministries reflect our commitment to worship, pastoral care, lifelong formation, and service within our church and the wider community.

**Sunday Service Ministries:** Acolytes • Chalice Ministers • Lay Readers • Greeters • Lay Eucharistic Visitors • Lay Pastoral Leader • Altar Guild • Altar Flowers Guild • Ushers • Wholeness Prayer Team • Coffee Hosts • Musicians

These ministries support our weekly worship and help create a welcoming, spiritually rich experience for all who enter our doors.

**Outreach & Pastoral Care:** Food Boxes • Meal Train • Lay Eucharist Team • Prayer Shawls • Pastoral Care Team • Wedding and Funeral Support • Outreach Team

Trinity has a long tradition of serving neighbors near and far, offering compassionate support and practical help.

**Parish Ministries:** Vestry • Finance Committee • Sunday School • Holy Communion (children's service) • Men's Fellowship • Women's Fellowship • Women's Summer Bible Study • E-pistle/Newsletter Team • Monday Night Bible Study • Thursday Bible Study • Thursday Healing Service • Daughters of the King • Trinity Writers • Creators Circle • Painters Group • Memorial Garden • Kitchen Crew

These ministries strengthen the spiritual life of our parish, support operations, and help members grow in faith and fellowship.

**Community Partners Using Our Space:** Wee Love Preschool • Narcotics Anonymous Meetings • Greeley Chamber Orchestra and Choir • Temporary home for the United Methodist Church

We are blessed to share our building with community groups whose work enriches Greeley.



# Our History

Trinity Episcopal Church has been woven into the story of Greeley from the city's earliest days. Greeley itself was founded in 1869, when more than 600 settlers answered the call of New York publisher Horace Greeley and agricultural editor Nathan Meeker to "go west" and build a new community on the northern Colorado plains. Their vision created Union Colony—a utopian settlement rooted in literacy, moral character, and the religious ideals of the temperance movement.



Trinity's first Episcopal service was held on December 11, 1870, and the parish was formally organized shortly thereafter. In 1875, the congregation built its first dedicated church—a simple red-brick structure near today's downtown. When Union Colony was renamed Greeley in 1886, Trinity continued to grow alongside the young city.

By 1910, the parish had expanded significantly and constructed a larger sandstone church, where the first service was held in December 1911. For more than fifty years, this building stood as a steadfast place of worship, ministry, and refuge through the changing tides of the 20th century.

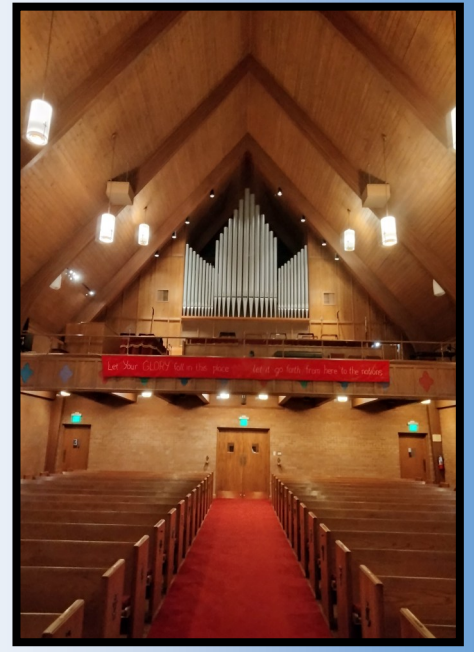


In 1963, tragedy struck when a massive explosion destroyed the downtown church. Although no one was injured, the building could not be saved. The Vestry chose to sell the property and rebuild on Greeley's developing western edge—now near the demographic center of the city. In 1966, Trinity completed its new blond-brick church, blending traditional and contemporary design elements. The building originally featured a dramatic phoenix sculpture symbolizing the parish's rebirth. The parish held its first service on Christmas Eve of that year.

# Our History continued

The sanctuary includes numerous stained-glass windows—some salvaged from the lost stone church—as well as brass and metal artwork by local artisans. The phoenix has since been replaced with a bronze sculpture of Christ ascending the cross.

Over the years, Trinity has continued to grow its campus and care for its sacred spaces. A chapel and expanded parish hall were added in 1983, and capital campaigns in the early 2000s supported further improvements, including an expanded narthex, facility updates, and debt retirement. In 2022, a special fundraising effort made possible the full cleaning and restoration of the Casavant Pipe Organ, installed in 1967 and cherished as a vital part of Trinity's worship life.



# Welcome to Greeley, Colorado

Trinity Episcopal Church serves the dynamic community of Greeley—home to about 115,000 residents and surrounded by the beauty and opportunities of Colorado's northern Front Range. Greeley and Weld County benefit from jobs in a diverse economy, not too dependent on any one industry or type of business. Our key target industries include: Agriculture, Energy, Manufacturing, Construction, Education, Healthcare, and Government. Just an hour from Denver and Denver International Airport, Greeley offers small-city charm with easy access to big-city amenities, mountain adventures, and vibrant cultural life.

## A Great Place to Live and Serve

Over 2,700 acres of parks and natural areas • 34 miles of walking and biking trails • Quick access to professional and collegiate sports, world-class hiking, fishing, camping, and rodeo events • Within two hours of multiple ski resorts Greeley sits near major highways and I-25, making it simple to reach destinations across Colorado and southern Wyoming—including Rocky Mountain National Park, just 40 miles away.



## Rich Landscapes and Local History

**Pawnee Buttes**  
**National Grassland**  
(193,000+ acres): Sweeping prairie views, 21 miles of trails, and bird habitat



featuring more than 250 species. Sites throughout Weld County share the story of the plains, homesteading, and the ancestral homelands of the Pawnee people.

**Dearfield** (30 miles southeast): A historic African American homesteading settlement and Colorado Registered Historical Landmark. Dearfield is also listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



## Arts, Culture, and Community Spirit

**Greeley Stampede:** a 12-day Fourth of July celebration with concerts, rodeos, carnival attractions, and Colorado's largest 4th of July parade

**Year-round festivals** including Blues Jam, Summer-long Friday Fest, Oktoberfest, and Cinco de Mayo

**Greeley Chamber Orchestra and Choir** with seasonal performances at Trinity Episcopal Church

**Greeley Philharmonic Orchestra, Greeley Chorale, Greeley Children's Chorale** providing performances throughout Greeley

**Union Colony Civic Center** hosting entertainment on national tours

**University of Northern Colorado Performing Arts** offering theater productions and music concerts

## Education and Lifelong Learning

Greeley schools offer a full range of K–12 options—elementary, K–8, middle, high, and charter schools—along with several nearby rural districts. The city is also home to the University of Northern Colorado and Aims Community College, enriching the community with academic and cultural opportunities.

## Recreation, Innovation, and Amenities

The Greeley Recreation Department offers programs for all ages, including an indoor ice rink, swimming pools, and multiple waterparks. The city's newest library, LINC, provides 3-D printing, laser and die cutting, a recording studio, sewing, a woodshop, and many other creative spaces.



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