

The first call issued again went awry; however, the second one to the Reverend Norman Heimsoth brought a favorable response, and he and Mrs. Heimsoth and son Martin arrived early in July, 1959. From then on events moved rapidly. An opportunity presented itself, and the old church and parsonage were sold. Lots were purchased on North Monterey and El Rio Drive, the congregation resolved to build a new church, an architect, Mr. Joseph Wilson, was engaged, building plans were approved, and a loan from the First National Bank was arranged. Although the first bids were disappointingly high, various adjustments soon had the project underway again.

Don Wuckert, with the assistance of his father Herman and brother Edward, rendered invaluable assistance by supervising the construction and finding special building materials at reasonable prices through the Home Lumber Company. The chief contractor was the Kiechel Construction Company, whose owner Charles Kiechel took great pride in his workmanship so that even small details were beautifully executed. To list all the individuals who contributed funds, furnishings, and untold hours of wageless labor is beyond the scope of this history, but it should be said that the enthusiasm, good will, and cooperation of the members were such that not one serious disagreement or hitch appeared in the entire project, and this can be said of nearly the entire history of the congregation.

Finally the great day arrived. On January 15, 1961, the congregation assembled to dedicate its beautiful new house of worship to the glory of God, who has showered His blessings upon this gathering of faithful believers and had sustained them during the vicissitudes of the first 42 years. Former pastors Niermann and Klattenhoff returned to share the joy with the worshipers, and, once again to preach of God's love and kindnesses. Pastor Heimsoth served as liturgist and led the dedicatory rites. Rev. Carl Hiller spoke words of humility, praise, and encouragement at the festival banquet attended by nearly the entire congregation. Altogether, nearly 600 attended the various services, and many more local citizens and friends from near and far visited the facilities during open house.

The total cost of the structure was somewhat over \$75,000. Of this, some \$30,000 was immediately available, and the remainder was borrowed on a long-term basis. However, the renewed enthusiasm of the members under the quiet, unassuming leadership of Pastor Heimsoth quickly showed itself in larger contributions and a considerable increase in church and Sunday School attendance and total membership.

In spite of additional local costs, the congregation resolved not to decrease its support of synodical enterprises. In fact, synodical contributions have gradually risen. By 1964, the Sunday School rooms were found to be too small and an addition was built. Thereby, the floor space was nearly doubled, and the kitchen was remodeled for more room and improved equipment. The cost of the addition was about \$20,000. Since building the new church, two lots have been purchased across the street to provide for off-street parking. In memory of the late Herman Wuckert, an electronic carillon was donated by his family and many friends. The name of the church in large metal letters was placed on the exterior wall of the building as a memorial to Mr. Anton Nielsen, Mrs. Anna Gray, and Mrs. Lydia Divine. A new church piano was purchased honoring Mrs. Amanda McDonald, George Graf, and Ben Pearson, with memorial funds supplemented by Mrs. McDonald's daughter, Mrs. Robert Bradshaw, and the Women's Missionary League. The lounge area of the educational unit received more furnishings as a memorial to John Casper.

Pastor Heimsoth faithfully carried out his duties as hospital chaplain, comforting patients with the Word and Sacrament, and notifying pastors of other churches when their parishioners were hospitalized. Among students he worked diligently, but the response was often disappointing.

At his request, Pastor Heimsoth was accorded a peaceful release by Trinity Lutheran Church in January, 1968. Again, it was a sad occasion when he and Mrs. Heimsoth departed for Grover, Colorado and Pine Bluffs, Wyoming. They had earned the love and respect of everyone.

As the congregation begins its second half-century, it looks for leadership to energetic young Pastor William Traugott, formerly instructor at Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Illinois, who arrived early in July, 1968. An auspicious beginning has been made with a vigorous mission effort and intensified work with youth and college students. May his ministry be attended with blessings from on High!

During these 50 years, Trinity has had many financial worries. For only a few years was it ever without capital debt, and even then, it was often necessary to borrow for current expenses. But with God's help, all obligations were honorably discharged except perhaps those accruing from tremendous sacrifices made by pastors and teachers. Indebtedness of the new church and school now stands at \$23,457.50, but interest and capital payments are made regularly and on time.

A major difficulty has been the rapidly-changing membership. The turn-over of people moving in and out has been unusually large. Only a small core of members has persisted from the earlier years. A perusal of church minutes reveals hundreds of names of people who, at one time, were enrolled. Perhaps in this manner, blessings of Trinity Lutheran Church have reached far beyond its own boundaries.

Eight pastors, one candidate, and one vicar have served Trinity Lutheran Congregation. In return, it has produced at least four ministers, one missionary, two medical missionaries and one or more Christian day school teachers, who spent at least a part of their lifetimes here.

Special thanks are due to all the members who have contributed time and talent to the Christian education of children and youth as Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and week-day class teachers. Also, thanks are given to the organists, choir directors, and to those who have served as officers or labored to keep physical property in good repair. They too have served, and their names add up into the hundreds. Two women merit special mention— Mrs. Esther Meyer, for over 25 years as Sunday School teacher and almost that long as church organist, and Mrs. Esther Houser, as Sunday School Superintendent and teacher, for nearly the same number of years.

One organization has served as a faithful handmaiden since the very beginning, namely the Ladies Aid, later renamed the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Innumerable times they bailed out the congregation by paying interest or debts. For many years, they saw to it that the church and school were neat and clean by doing the work themselves. The list of items purchased for the church is long. Only a few of the major ones can be mentioned specifically. They took it upon themselves to provide the new church with an electronic organ and helped pay for pianos. They completed the equipping of the kitchen and above all, they regularly and

generously supported the missionary efforts of the Church-at-Large. The many hours of work that made all this possible will never be known. Nor will they be forgotten by Trinity.

The Walther League has had its ups and downs. During the late 1920s and early 1930s, it appears to have been very active, but official records are not at hand. It was at this time that a number of Lutheran nurses came to the hospital and infused life into the organization. Again, the name of Mr. Christian Wuertele becomes prominent, for he provided automobile transportation for numerous League events and encouraged the youth in a quiet, fatherly way. Much of the Walther League's contribution has been in the form of services such as preparing for Christmas, distributing Wheat Ridge Seals, and canvassing for subscriptions to religious materials. For the new church, they accepted responsibility for acquiring presentable hymnals. At this writing, they are active as a center for your activities.

More and more, Adams State College is having an impact on the congregation. First mention is made of the college as a possible place to hold the fifteenth anniversary service. In 1938, the first faculty member became a communicant member. Today, quite a few staff members and their families belong to Trinity. Only in recent years have students attended services in noticeable numbers. Today, a separate service is held each Sunday for them and other youth, and an informal group meets for recreation, refreshments, and discussion on Sunday evenings. They make more and more use of facilities during the week for study and recreation.

Trinity Lutheran Church members have been unusually active in community affairs. There has been at least one on the Alamosa City Council for many years and the congregation has been represented by a county commissioner. Others have been active in the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Kiwanis, and Lions Clubs. However, the largest community service was the founding, operation and maintenance of the Lutheran Hospital in 1937. At least three of the founders were also charter members of Trinity. The board is composed of five members of Trinity, and Elton Reese has served as administrator for over twenty years. Several women and mothers in the congregation first came to Alamosa as nurses to work in the hospital. Recently, an addition to the building was completed at a cost of two million dollars, raising the number of available beds to 108, and providing excellent surgical, emergency, laboratory, X-ray, administrative, kitchen, and dining facilities. The funds for the addition came from the Leon Estate, a government grant, hospital earnings, and a sizable loan.

Though it may present an unfair picture of the growth and development of Trinity Lutheran Church, a few comparative figures are quoted from the annual reports for 1920 and 1968.

	<u>1920</u>	<u>1968</u>
Baptized members	25 (est.)	232
Communicant members	15 (est.)	151
Total receipts	\$406.95	\$27,267.21
Total disbursements	\$401.66	\$26,482.75
Mission and charitable contributions	\$39.53	\$3,551.75

Let us all join our hands and hearts in joyful Thanksgiving to the Lord of All who has sustained Trinity Lutheran Church of Alamosa, Colorado, through the past 50 years. Let us here firmly resolve that the same faith, trust, and hope which motivated the founders and their successors, shall be our guide for the future also. Then we can confidently look to tomorrow – for another time of grace – perhaps another 50 years or more. We ask it in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR (as written in February, 1969)

Dr. William T. Meyer presently is on the faculty of Adams State College in Alamosa, Colorado. He has served in varied positions of responsibility at the college during his tenure on the faculty. His contributions to the community of Alamosa have been numerous. Of special note is his service to the citizens of the San Luis Valley as a member of the Board of Directors for the Lutheran Hospital Association. Trinity Lutheran Church, however, especially remembers him for his years of dedicated service and of leadership in the congregation. His parish activities have been spread from menial tasks to serving as an elder of the congregation. He and his family have been faithful members of Trinity Church for many years, and the congregation now acknowledges, with gratitude, this additional service in writing a history of God's grace through Trinity Church, to which Dr. Meyer has contributed many years of faithful service.

Bulletin notices from 1954 & 1955:

- 11/14/54: Jim Gray appointed treasurer
 - 12/24/54: Christmas story in picture and verse by SS classes of Esther Houser and Paul Houser.
 - 1/9/55: Preliminary plans for proposed merger of ALC and three other Lutheran bodies.
 - 2/20/55: It has been decided that married women members of the congregation take their turn alphabetically at church cleaning.
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The next 25 years of TLC's history was written by Dr. Gordon E. Gillson in 1994 for the 75th anniversary of TLC. At that time, Gordon was retired as Professor of History after 31 years of teaching. Due to his passing on October 7, 2018, the last 25 years will not be blessed with his wisdom and information. Following is his forward address as written in 1994:

Twenty-five years ago, Dr. William T. Meyer, distinguished Professor of Psychology at Adams State College and respected member of our congregation, wrote an interesting historical account of the first half century of our beloved church, entitled, "Trinity Lutheran Church, 1919-1969." Significant changes and additions have taken place during the quarter century since 1969. My own brief narrative should be considered a continuation and update of Dr. Meyer's excellent work. The author requests the reader's understanding and forgiveness for not mentioning more names in the following pages when so many members of the congregation have contributed vast amounts of time, talent, and treasure. The author expresses profound appreciation to all of you who provided memories and materials necessary to make this factual compilation as accurate and complete as possible. Above all, he thanks the Lord for direction and inspiration.

Let us all celebrate! Trinity Lutheran Church, by the grace of God, is celebrating its 75th anniversary. For three quarters of a century, members of Trinity congregation have worshiped the Lord joyfully and respectfully.

Among the blessings bestowed upon our church has been the leadership of a number of outstanding pastors who answered divine calls to come to Alamosa and serve this congregation with vigor, dedication, and humility. For the past 25 years, Trinity has been blessed by the ministry of four pastors. The pastorate of Dr. William Traugott, 1968-71, was notable particularly for increasing efforts to attract Adams State College students. Special worship services were conducted Sundays for these students. Pastor James Troyke was called to Trinity in 1972, and won the deep affection of the congregation during his seven-year ministry. Trinity Lutheran Church was blessed again late in 1980 when a divine call was answered by Pastor John-Paul Meyer, whose distinguished six-year ministry is fondly remembered in 1994. Pastor Meyer's powerful and inspirational leadership soon brought increases in congregational membership and church attendance.

Then came Pastor Dave, Reverend David Bloedel, answering a divine call, assuming responsibilities at TLC in December, 1987. Six years later the congregation sees God's hand in Pastor Bloedel's decision to be with us and to lead us. Certainly our pastor has provided instruction and inspiration, but it is his caring for people which has become most memorable and most indelible. Members of the congregation (and many others as well) can be assured that when strength and consolation are needed, Pastor Dave will be there with a smile, a prayer, and some words of encouragement.

Commencing in the 1980's, the congregation and the pastor have been assisted by an office secretary. For nearly six years, Mrs. Maxine Kline has taken charge of secretarial duties three days each week, handling church correspondence and answering the phone while putting out newsletters and the weekly bulletins. Available for use by the secretary and the parish school are a large Tandy computer, a large Canon copier, and three typewriters.

Congregational membership has been remarkably stable during the past quarter century. Many cherished members have transferred out, but many other cherished members have transferred in. A great blessing for Trinity has been those members who drive considerable distances to attend worship services. Residents of Forbes Trinchera, Baca Grande, Moffat, San Acacio, Antonito, La Jara, South Fork, Center, Monte Vista, Mosca, and even La Veta, are with us regularly. For the benefit of shut-ins and those who may be ill, worship services now are recorded each Sunday.

Strong male leadership has been traditional at Trinity Lutheran Church. Special attention now must be directed at the increasingly vital participation by skilled and dedicated congregational women. The numerous responsibilities accepted with enthusiasm in the past, women today frequently are lay readers, active at voters' meetings, and they serve on the Parish Planning Council. The oldest member of the congregation, a member since 1929, is Mrs. Esther Houser, age 93.

Beautifying worship services each week of the year is music from our impressive pipe organ, a gift to the church in 1979. Mr. Randolph Jones, choir director at Adams State College, and at that time a member of the congregation, donated a used 13-rank organ in memory of his parents. The organ, after being refurbished and upgraded, was installed in the church balcony

with considerable effort because of its 800 pipes. The enlargement of the balcony, which was necessary to accommodate the organ, significantly improved the sanctuary by allowing additional space for the organist, the choir, and the congregation.

Church organist since 1952 has been Mrs. Esther Meyer, whose dedicated service deserves special recognition. The magnificent music we hear each Sunday (and frequently more often) requires hours of rehearsal—and we have enjoyed Esther's music for more than four decades.

Special recognition must also be extended to Mrs. Phyllis Gillson, Trinity choral director for three decades. The choir, at times, is quite small and practice is severely limited, but members are intensely loyal. Sunday after Sunday, Mrs. Gillson's choir has strengthened worship services with appropriate and inspiring anthems.

The general appearance of TLC has changed somewhat during the past quarter century. The streets, sidewalks, lawn, and parking areas have all been improved. In the sanctuary, green fabric now covers the pews, replacing the old red fabric. The extension of the balcony was mentioned earlier. Baptismal candles and a processional cross now reside in the chancel. The most remarkable change in the appearance of the sanctuary has been in the window area above the chancel. Extensive wood paneling and clear glass have replaced the original black and yellow windows. This redesign has markedly reduced the glare confronting the congregation, and also provides some solar heat. The parish hall has been effectively renovated recently to create additional classroom space for the parish school and more privacy for the pastor and the secretary.

TLC is active in many facets of the Lord's work. Trinity continues to encourage missionary projects in this country and abroad. Contributions regularly are sent to the Good Shepherd Lutheran Home and Lutheran Family Services. Locally, assistance is given to San Luis Valley Christian Community Services and La Puente, among others. A modest Ministerial Scholarship Fund has been established to help those who may choose to study for the ministry. At the San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center, our pastor is the "chaplain on call" and also serves as the Director of Chaplaincy Services. Area ministers have become a team of volunteer chaplains to provide hospital patients spiritual assistance, consolation, and friendly encouragement. Our Vacation Bible School enrolls more than 60 young people each August, and Sunday School classes continue their educational progress throughout the year. The Sunday morning Adult Bible Class remains well attended.

Significant church work is being done by the Aid Association for Lutherans, a fraternal insurance company which has gained national recognition. The AAL at Trinity, Branch 2103, has been designated a Gold Star branch as a reward for its frequency of meetings as well as its benevolent and educational endeavors. Fund raisers have been held to support Christian schools, to aid people who are ill or accident victims, and to present community educational programs which include Smart (retirement planning), Waste Wise (environmental protection), and Just Say No (drug prevention), and valuable health care information. The Mitten Tree at Christmas project seeks contributions of mittens and gloves as well as scarves and caps to help the needy. The Trinity AAL joins the Monte Vista branch in sponsoring the annual summer church picnic, and assists our young people with the Easter breakfast each year. Currently, the AAL is asking for small contributions (change) in its efforts to raise \$1600.00 to purchase furnishings and stained glass windows for the new chapel at the San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League has been called "the right arm of the church." Its constant vitality is explained by its motto, "Serve the Lord with gladness" (based upon Psalm 100:2). An indispensable service by LWML is altar care by preparing for communion services, placing flowers and providing beautiful handmade paraments. The LWML also cares for the kitchen, keeping it clean and acquiring needed equipment and supplies. The church library, open to all, has long been an LWML contribution. The ladies also activate their "prayer chain" whenever a member of the congregation appears to require special help. Following church funerals, the LWML provides the bereaved either a meal or refreshments. An exceptional 75th anniversary project has produced the attractive new bindings on our hymnals in the sanctuary.

Most church activities require some financial support, so LWML sponsors an annual bazaar each November and conducts a "mite box" program capable of turning pennies, nickels, and dimes into thousands of dollars. Bazaar money has been used here at Trinity to furnish curtains and shades for the pastor's office or to purchase books, toys, etc. for the parish school. Assistance has been granted locally to numerous organizations: Food Bank, La Puente, Hospice, Tu Casa, and others. The Prison Ministry donates gifts to children of prisoners at Christmas. Trinity LWML gives its Mite Box monies to support the international organization by the same name which provides generous contributions to extend missionary work at home and abroad.

Important to the church is Lutheran Youth for Trinity (LYFT), formerly the Walther League. LYFT has been active in national and district Youth Gatherings. In 1981, Trinity hosted a district Gathering, and many of our youth have attended National Youth Gatherings in San Antonio, Washington, D.C., Denver, and New Orleans during the past decade. For several years, Trinity youth and congregation hosted the Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ's New Years celebration. The OAFIC is comprised of Lutheran young people who go into various congregations to help with witnessing and to strengthen local youth organizations. TLC has hosted several "Servant Events." Servant groups of youth have come to Alamosa to work on a variety of projects, notably home improvement, to assist needy people throughout the San Luis Valley.

Trinity Lutheran School has been a great blessing to the children who have attended, beginning in 1982. Mrs. Eleanor Sanderson Patten, at that time a member of our congregation, deserves recognition for her determined efforts to organize Sunshine Lutheran Preschool, as it originally was called. Kindergarten was added to the school later, and first grade became a reality in 1988. From its inception, the school has stressed solid Christian education, aimed at bringing each child closer to God. Mrs. Deborah Simmang, our new School Director, and her excellent staff are committed to strengthening this emphasis. Mrs. Simmang states that "the mission of Trinity Lutheran School is to provide children with a strong spiritual and academic foundation so that each individual may develop as a total child of God." The school currently enrolls nearly 50 students and confidently expects an increase.

Let us all rejoice and join in the celebration! Trinity Lutheran Church, by the grace of God, has thrived, and we have been a part of its strength. The future appears bright; many of us can look forward to the great church centennial in the 21st century. As for now, we join together and repeat with enthusiasm and excitement, the anniversary theme: **"75 Years—To God Be the Glory."**

The following article written by Mrs. Alice B. Acheson was unearthed and felt worthy to be put into this history. It was written in 1964.

THE CHURCH THAT FAITH BUILT

The idea of the small congregation building a new church seemed preposterous. With only 25 families making up the congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church of Alamosa, Colorado, supporting a full-time minister and maintaining the tiny church and parsonage had been hardship enough. Why, then, talk of a new church?

But Miles Acheson, president of the congregation, presiding at the meeting five and one-half years ago, told them he believed, as did several others, that plans should be made to build a new church. To each person he gave a small, red brick from a toy building set.

“Take the little bricks home to remind you that with faith big things can be done, even by a small group such as ours,” he said.

The small congregation had other problems, including a vacant pulpit for four months of 1959. This situation was remedied when Rev. Norman W. Heimsoth accepted the pastorate.

The next hurdle was the sale of the old church and parsonage for \$20,000 to a local mortician. Then an Alamosa bank loaned the congregation \$45,000 at five percent interest.

The building committee consisted of Elton Reese, Chairman (also superintendent of the local hospital); Donald Wuckert, co-owner of a lumber company; Fritz Hammarstrom, an insurance adjuster; and James Gray, manager of a tire repair shop.

To help meet the financial burden of the building program, at least one-fifth of the church families tithed.

The new church was completed and dedicated in January, 1961, at a cost of about \$65,000. Now, three and a half years later, \$17,000 of this loan has been repaid with interest.

The main chapel of the old church was approximately 25 feet x 40 feet, and was crowded with 50 people. The new chapel is 30 feet x 60 feet, has a choir loft and cry room, and seats about 200 people.

When discussing the plans with the architect, Joseph Wilson, Pastor Heimsoth was asked if he thought a cry room was necessary. “A cry room makes the mother feel better,” he said, “but I would rather hear a crying baby than a snoring saint !”

The additional wing of the new building consists of a large room with sliding doors which divide it into separate sections for Sunday School classes. This wing is 32 x 64 and includes an office for the pastor and a small but modern kitchen.

The labor of the workmen and building committee seemed blessed with divine assistance. Building in the wintertime at the near 8000 foot elevation of Alamosa is considered foolhardy by many. The temperature often drops to 40 degrees below zero. In spite of this, work on the new church began in October, 1960, and was completed in January, 1961.

The main supporters of the ceiling in the new church are ten huge beams, 30 feet long, 24 inches wide, and 6 inches thick. The workmen were apprehensive when trying to raise the first beam into place with a crane because the wind was blowing fiercely. The beams had come from the west coast, and breakage of one would have caused considerable delay and expense. But as if in answer to unspoken prayers, the wind subsided and the workmen were able to anchor the beams into place.

Carl Hiller of the Denver Synod office was surprised when told the church had cost \$65,000. "It seems more like a \$125,000 building," he said. The congregation received full value for its money largely through the efforts and knowhow of the four building committee members. Wuckert and Reese checked progress of the building every day at noon, and again after work. Another weighty argument for the devotion of these two men was shown by their hauling of six tons of white decorative rock from New Mexico and unloading same by single shovelful along the front of the building.

The building contractor, Charles Kiechel, a non-Lutheran, showed his feeling for the efforts of the small congregation by donating \$1000 of his fee to the building budget.

The adult communicant membership at the time the building program was initiated was 60. Under the pastorate of Reverend Heimsoth, this membership has increased to 134. The Sunday School attendance has increased from 46 to 106.

Faith is again moving the congregation into action. The Sunday School rooms are filled to 'bursting' almost every Sunday. The foundation has been laid for a \$21,000 addition to the church building, which should be completed within 60 days.

The little blocks of five and one-half years ago accomplished much—proof that faith, if it is strong enough, can move any obstacles.

Following is the history behind the chancel and side windows of Trinity. The stain glass chancel windows were funded by an anonymous donor and installed March 4, 1996, at the cost of \$10,865.00.

CHANCEL WINDOWS

These two glorious windows work as one to lift our eyes unto the cross of Christ. Designed and constructed by Michael Shields and Matthew Durbin of Creative Stained Glass Studio of Lakewood, Colorado, the windows are meant to help us look into the presence of God in our lives.

Beginning at the top, the beautiful blues of our western skies announce “The heavens declare the glory of God.” (Ps 19:11)

Three descending rays of light flow from above to the place of our dwelling here in the San Luis Valley. We are filled with the light of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is the Name our congregation proclaims: TRINITY, the one eternal God.

The royal colors of purple and maroon mountains represent the Kingdom of God among us. They also connect us to our local Sangre de Cristo (Blood of Christ) mountain range which takes on these colors as the setting sun shines on them.

The Great Sand Dunes represent God’s presence through the flowing sands of time. We are also reminded of the uniqueness of God’s creation here in our valley. Beneath the surface of the earth, a deep blue reminds us of the rich abundance of ground water over which God has made us stewards. In John 4, Jesus invites us to drink of the Living Water which quenches all thirst and gives eternal life.

The Word and Sacraments given us by God are our connecting points with the Almighty. Through them we receive the Lord’s forgiveness, grace and faith by which to live.

Straight vertical lines in the lower center of each window may call to mind the Holy Scriptures which help us to know God and lead us, through faith, to life with God.

In the right window, a shell drips the life-giving water of Holy Baptism. Here the Holy Spirit claims and names us as children of God, drawing us into the Body of Christ, the church.

Stalks of wheat (bread) and a chalice (wine) in the left window remind us that through the sacrament of Holy Communion we are united with the body and blood of Christ as forgiven sisters and brothers. Truly we are rooted in and surrounded by God’s love!

The glass used in these windows came from the states of Utah and Virginia. It is one inch thick, with much of it faceted (chipped) to reflect the richness of light. Each piece is held in place by 5/8 inch of epoxy.

These windows are designed to be seen inside and outside the sanctuary. Their appearance changes with the light in each direction. The brightest effect comes from the sunlight we so often enjoy here. Warm colors then flood the chancel area and we are reminded of Christ, the