



## Weekly Update

Friday, April 3, 2020  
Trinity Lutheran Church Tea, SD

Dear Friends in Christ,

This Sunday is Palm Sunday. Typically, we would gather with palms waving, children following Pr Tom and I around while the congregation sings, "All Glory Laud and Honor". But we are well aware of the changes in the last month. In fact, a month ago, I thought for sure we would be together for Palm Sunday and Easter. My, how things change.

Change is harder for some people than others. "Social distancing" and "flatten the curve" are now familiar terms. Staying connected with loved ones and friends has become a virtual meeting on social media. Creative ways to keep kids busy and focused is a mutual endeavor. And we think of our students who were to wrap up their elementary, middle or High School years. It's ok to grieve that loss.

Jesus knows something about loss and grief. As we enter Holy Week, we are reminded that although Jesus entered Jerusalem in a triumphant parade, his last week on earth was filled with betrayal, denial and ultimately death. Jesus sees our efforts; He hears our prayers; He stand with us in our loneliness and frustration; He never leaves us. For that, we can shout Hosanna!

Matthew 21:9 says: The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Here are a few activities for you to do:

1. Find 5 reasons for joy in your life right now. Name them aloud and thank God for them.
2. Jesus went to the cross to forgive our sins. Now name 5 sins in your life right now. Enter into pray and ask Jesus to forgive your sins.
3. Shout "Hosanna!" (which means "save us")

Let us join in the parade and celebrate our Savior. Blessings and peace to you,

*Deacon Christie*

## HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday worship – Sunday, April 5 **10:30am** – Facebook live stream

Maundy Thursday – Thursday, April 9 **6:30pm** – Facebook live stream

Good Friday – Friday, April 10 **6:30pm** - Facebook live stream

Easter worship – Sunday, April 12 **10:30am**- Facebook live stream

All these worship services can be found the day after on Youtube.com under Tea Trinity Lutheran

Invite your family members to join you for virtual worship. Create a watch party on Facebook.

## TEA CRUISE NIGHT – APRIL 4 at 7pm

“We cruise, we care” You are invited to hop in your car and cruise the streets of Tea, keeping social distancing yet mingling with the community – honking and waving are encouraged. The route will be Main to Second Street, over to Poplar up to Brian and repeat.

This Saturday, we are collecting food for the Tea Area Food Pantry, in particular, the Back Pack Program, which will be hosted out of Trinity Lutheran. We will be at the city park in the parking lot. There will be totes for you to drop off the food. Food can be dropped off at the office doors of the church, also.

We are asking for foods that will be easy for children to access and prepare. Suggestions are: canned ravioli, SpaghettiOs, canned fruit, Easy Mac mac and cheese (microwavable), cookies, applesauce and crackers, like Goldfish.

## BLOOD MOBILE IN TEA

Thank you for taking the time on April 3rd to donate blood with the Blood Mobile. Because of your donation, and the help of the other volunteers, we were able to collect 30 pints of blood. Of course, the real winners are the patients in need of blood. Each blood donation can help save up to three lives. Your donation is truly appreciated by the blood recipients,

Financial Update for the week of March 29	Month of March 2020
\$ 8,500 Adjusted Weekly Total Expenses	\$34,000 Adjusted Monthly Total Expenses
<u>\$13,336</u> Actual Weekly Total Giving	<u>\$49,713</u> Actual Monthly Total Giving
\$ 4,836	\$15,713

Thank you for your generosity last week! In addition to higher online giving at the end of each month, many of you utilized our other methods to give.

Adjusted expenses are what it costs to operate our church during the current pandemic. It does not include costs for any programming we have paused. Without in-person plate offerings for the foreseeable future we ask you to find other ways to give.

- On-line Giving: <https://teatrinity.breezechms.com/give/online>
- Text Giving: (605) 777-7223
- Envelopes: Mail to the church at PO Box 37 or slide under the church office door