



## Weekly Update

Friday, June 12, 2020  
Trinity Lutheran Church Tea, SD

Dear friends,

Last week, we added a few hail dents to our vehicle. We were in Rapid City to help our son celebrate his birthday, and of course the Black Hills shared a little ice from the sky. Locals in the hills say there are only two types of cars for Black Hills residents, "Those with hail damage, and those that don't have hail damage, yet." We will live with a few dimples on the hood, but I was very saddened when I saw an old, rusty car with a handicapped parking tag on the mirror and a smashed rear window. Quite sure they did not have full coverage and a broken window was the last thing they needed.

I was not surprised by the storm, but I was surprised by the completely undamaged "storm chasing" vehicle that parked next to me later that evening in the motel parking lot. The truck with New York license plates was wrapped with blue and white storm clouds and lightening. The windows had extra steel mesh, and there was a mobile weather station on the roof. Not only was the vehicle flashy, it was also obviously expensive. What was the surprise? When I looked closely at the hood and sides of the truck, there were absolutely no hail dimples. I was looking at a carefully designed weather rig that had never been in a storm...yet.

As we begin face to face gathering for worship with social distancing inside and a big congregational reunion in the parking lot, I've been thinking about the variety of individual stories that will be on people's minds. The pandemic and social storms of the last few months have battered the lives of some, leaving gaping emptiness and loss. Others have weathered the times with a few dings, and yet others came through March, April, May, and June with nary a scratch.

My prayer as we regather is that we can experience the greatest commandment to love the LORD our God and our neighbor as ourselves with gentleness and love, not knowing the full story of the person sitting six feet away but recognizing that God is bringing us through the storm together. Christian community is a gift that binds up the broken-hearted and nurtures loving empathy in those who are feeling whole.

I praise God that Trinity Lutheran Church has begun the next stage of regathering. I will be so happy to see your faces again. No matter what your story has been or will be, know that none of us experiences the hail alone.

Peace and best wishes,

Pastor Tom Opoien

## PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER

We are having our annual Trinity Preschool Fundraiser sale on July 29 from 9 to 6 . If you are willing to donate items we will take children's clothes, housewares and toys. I will be at the church on Monday June 15 from 5 to 6 pm if you would like to drop them off! If this doesn't work for you, please call the church office to arrange another drop off time!

## CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday—6/14 8am Worship via Facebook Live, In Person Worship in the Sanctuary at 8am, 9:30am Tailgate worship in the church parking lot

Tuesday—6:30am Men's Breakfast

Wednesday—Blood Mobile at Trinity, 6:30pm Trinity plays softball in Lennox

Thursday—4-6pm Covid Food Giveaway

Sunday—Happy Father's Day 6/21 10:30am Worship via Facebook Live, In Person Worship in the Sanctuary at 8am 9:30am Tailgate worship in the church parking lot

## PRAYER LIST

We pray for members and friends of our congregation: Jim Olson, Ron Seim, Steve Jelen's dad – Gene and brother – Jamie, Sarah Hilmoe's uncle Fred Tidemann. Jerry & Dianne Werness's son in law – Doug Madetzke, Jami Atkin's dad – Kevin Roth, Tara Johanneson's brother-in-law, Jesse, Troy Smith and Erin Fink (Tonya Pfeifer's niece) while deployed.

## BLOOD MOBILE AT TRINITY ON JUNE 17th

Trinity Lutheran Church will be hosting the blood mobile on Wednesday, June 17th from 10am—1pm and 2:30pm—6pm. To register online, please use the following link.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/teacommunityblooddrive> Thank you for saving lives!

### Week of June 8

\$ 8,500 Adjusted Weekly Total Expenses

\$ 7,854 Actual Weekly Total Giving

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Thank you for your support of our Trinity ministry! Adjusted expenses are what it costs to operate our church during the current pandemic situation.

Please continue to utilize any of the following means of giving.

Online Giving: <https://teatrinity.breezechms.com/give/online>

Text Giving: (605) 777-7223

Envelopes: in-person offering, mail to the church, or slide under the door

# 8am & 9:30am Worship

Sunday, June 14, 2020

Trinity Lutheran Church, Tea, SD

Teatrinity.org – 605-498-2343



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

### GATHERING

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Call to Worship

L: Let us praise the Lord!

**C: Who has heard us every time we cried.**

L: What is there to give back

**C: For all God has given to us?**

L: Let us lift up God's name

**C: So everyone can hear it!**

#### Confession

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen**

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

L: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart: we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God forgives all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

#### **Song** "We Are Called" ELW 720 Verses – solos Chorus – all

Come! live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God!

Chorus - We are called to love tenderly. We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!

We are called to be hope for the hopeless, so all hatred and blindness will be no more!

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!

God will reign and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love!

## Prayer of the Day

L: Lord of the harvest,

**C: You have given us plenty of work to do while we wait for you to come again. Strengthen us in faith and commitment to doing what pleases you, for the sake of Jesus our savior. Amen.**

## WORD

**First Reading** – Exodus 19:2-8a

**Psalm 100**

L: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

**C: Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

L: Know that the LORD is God.

**C: It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

L: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him, bless his name.

**C: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures for ever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

**Second Reading** – Romans 5:1-8

**Gospel Reading** – Matthew 9:35-10:8

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

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**Sermon** Pastor Tom Opoien

**Sermon Hymn** "For the Fruit of All Creation" ELW 679

1 For the fruits of all creation, thanks be to God. For his gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God. For the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safe keeping, thanks be to God.

2 In the just reward of labour, God's will is done. In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done. In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God!

**Apostles' Creed**

**Offertory**

## Prayers of the People

### Lord's Prayer

### Blessing

## SENDING

### **Sending Song** – “Shout to the Lord” ELW 821

My Jesus, my Saviour Lord there is none like You All of my days I want to praise  
The wonders of Your mighty love My comfort, my shelter Tower of refuge and strength  
Let every breath, all that I am Never cease to worship You Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing  
Power and majesty, praise to the King Mountains bow down and the seas will roar At the sound of  
Your name I sing for joy at the work of Your hands Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand Nothing  
compares to the promise I have In You

### **Sending**

L: God is good.

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L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**