



Weekly Update

September 24, 2021
Trinity Lutheran Church
Tea, SD

Dear Beloved of Trinity,

In my recent sermon, I talked about how when Jesus predicted his suffering, death and resurrection, the disciples usually didn't understand what he was talking about. In one particular prediction, scripture says they were afraid to ask. Sometimes that happens with us also. We are afraid to ask questions of faith as we do not want to seem uneducated or naïve. In my sermon, I invited you ask questions and we'd tackle them together. I don't have all the answers but together we can learn and grow in faith.

I'll post them in the weekly newsletter.

Question: **What are all the Jewish feast that Jesus attended and what did they stand for?**

There were 3 main feasts or festivals that were established in the Law of Moses (Exodus 23:14-17 & Leviticus 23:1-44) and Jesus, being a devout Jew, celebrated these festivals.

1. The Festival of Unleavened Bread, also called Passover

This feast (Deuteronomy 16:9-10) recognized when God saved the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. (Exodus 12:1-20) Moses asked the Pharaoh to "let my people go", he refused and God sent plagues each time the Pharaoh rejected the plea. Finally the last plague took the lives of the first born and Pharaoh's son died causing him to relent and let the people go free. The Israelites were already warned by Moses to be ready to flee. Kill a lamb; use the blood to put on the doorposts, prepare the lamb meat with herbs; do not use yeast in the bread as there will be no time to let it rise; have your sandals on and be ready to go. When the angle of death came, it "passed over" the doors with the sacrificial lamb's blood. God saved his people! It is celebrated mid March-med April. Jesus was celebrating the Passover with his disciples at the Last Supper. Festival of First Fruits happened at the end of this festival and into the next, (Numbers 28:26) to honor God with the first fruits of harvest.

2. The Feast of Weeks, which includes Pentecost

This feast was established to celebrate the final harvest season (wheat in late May or early June) which fell 50 days after Passover. (Exodus 34:22) It became known as Pentecost (pentekonta means 50 in Greek). We also know Pentecost as the event in which the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples after Jesus' resurrection. (Acts 2:1)

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3. Festival of Tabernacles, Shelters or Booths

This festival marks the time after Israelites escaping from Egypt and wandered for 40 years before being brought to the land God had promised them. They had no permanent homes and pitched their tents or tabernacles or temporary shelters wherever they found sufficient water or grazing for their livestock. It also commemorates the harvest of olives and grapes which took place in late September or October.

Recognizing these Jewish festivals of the Bible (our Jewish friends still celebrate these and more yet today) help us see God's redeeming work in the world through his son, Jesus.

Thank you for the great question. Peace be with you, my friends,

Deacon Christie

Attendance, Sunday—270

CHURCH FINANCES

Week of September 19

\$10,625

\$ 8,472

\$ 2,153

Total Operating Expenses

Actual Total Giving

This one number represents all expenses including staff costs, benevolences, supplies, outreach, and our mortgage payment. If you have questions regarding the budget, please contact Tommy Pollema at 321-3057. **Ways to Give:** Online Giving: <https://teatrinity.breezechms.com/give/online>
Text Giving: (605) 777-7223 Envelopes: In-person or mail to the church

Our September Globe offering goes to Feeding South Dakota Backpack Program Support

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday—Celebration Sunday: In-Person 8am & 10:30am Worship; Online worship at 10:30am; 9:15am 3rd Grade Milestone, Adult Bible Study & Sunday School; 11:45am Potluck, Inflatables, Live Music and Fellowship

Monday—8:30 am Preschool

Tuesday—6:30am Men's Breakfast; 9am Blood Pressure Screening; 10am Over 55 Meeting and Lunch

Wednesday—8:30am Preschool; **Celebration Wednesday:** 5:30 Potluck; 6:30pm Worship, 7:15pm KFC-5th Grade, Confirmation Orientation, National Youth Gathering Information Meeting

Thursday—5:30pm TOPS

Friday—8:30am Preschool

Sunday— In-Person Worship 8am & 10:30am; 8am & 10:30am 3rd Grade Milestone Celebration; 10:30am Online worship; 9:15am Adult Bible Study & Sunday School

2021 FRESH EVERGREEN CHRISTMAS DECOR

Our Trinity youth will be selling fresh evergreen Christmas wreaths, crosses, door swags and other evergreen choices this fall. Orders are due on Oct. 20 and will be delivered to the church for you to pick up approximately **mid November**.



There will be a table in the gathering space where you can place your order on Sundays and Wednesdays through October 20. You can also contact your favorite youth directly.

Any questions, please contact Laura Stewart at 310-7896 or at lenandlaura@iw.net or the church office.



Thrivent Live Generously T-shirts available in the Gathering Space!

(Limit 1 per person)

New Member Orientation

Not a member? Are you interested in becoming a member? If so please contact the office to sign up.

**New Member Orientation
Oct. 3 at 11:45am – 1pm**

Questions?: Please contact Janita Holman at info@teatrinity.org for any office related questions.

OVER 55 MEETING AND LUNCH

Over 55 will be meeting this Tuesday, September 28th. Blood pressure checks starting at 9:30 and the meeting beginning at 10:00. This month we will have a representative from Meals On Wheels coming to talk to us about their program currently taking place in the Tea Community. The previous plans of going to the Japanese Gardens has been cancelled, instead we will have a potluck meal at the church following our meeting.

MILESTONE MINISTRY

3rd Grade Milestone lessons – Sunday, September 26, It's Bible Time! Come learn about what the Bible is all about. Receive and Bible and decorate a Bible cover. Meet Deacon Christie in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15am. Blessing Sunday is October 3rd.

Prayer requests for members and friends of our congregation:

- Stewart Franzen
- Mike Westall
- Steve Jelen's dad – Gene and brother – Jamie
- Sarah Hilmoe's uncle – Fred Tidemann
- Jami Atkin's dad – Kevin Roth
- Melissa Jelen's mom – Janice Myrmoe
- Doug DeJung