



## Weekly Update

Friday, August 28, 2020  
Trinity Lutheran Church Tea, SD

Dear Beloved of Trinity,

I've been reading a lot about leadership lately as we continue with Covid restrictions and look towards our fall programming and worship. This is what I've learned.

Crisis throws everyone and everything off balance, and it's easy to forget what you're truly gifted at and excel at as a result. This is true for individuals and for us as a church.

Every leader has a sweet spot, and every church has a sweet spot, as well. I am one who sees the value in evaluating programs to see where we have successes and where we can improve. It's good to have personal feedback, also. It's good to ask and accept honest answers.

I believe the more you can align your gifting and passion with how you spend your time, the more effective you will be. The more you spend doing what you're best at, the more you will love what you do and consequently be effective at your job, whether it is a job outside the home or within.

So, as we look at our church, what are we good at? What is our sweet spot? These aren't rhetorical questions but ones that I seek answers to. I'd love for you to text or email me your thoughts.

I believe Trinity Lutheran Church is a leader in the community. How do we continue to be a leader? Is it providing meaningful worship? Is it serving our neighbor? I believe it is "yes". In other words it is both of those – worship and serving and perhaps many more.

Our fall theme is "Gathered to Worship, Scattered to Serve". This theme helps us focus on our strengths both as a church and as individuals as it is you, the members, who are out in the world: working, going to school, shopping, watching your kids' sports and more. Let's explore this fall what it means to be a disciple in God's world today. Join us either in person or on-line to celebrate God's grace and mercy as He prepares us for His mission.

We are better together than we are apart.

Faithfully,

Deacon Christie

## Church Calendar

Sunday—8/30 8am Worship via Facebook Live, Sanctuary at 8am & 9:30am worship

Tuesday—6:30am Men's Breakfast, 8:30am Preschool

Wednesday—8:30am Preschool, 9am Quilters

Thursday— 8:30am Preschool, 4pm Covid Food Giveaway, 6pm TOPS

Sunday—9/6 8am Worship via Facebook Live, Sanctuary at 8am & 9:30am worship

## Globe Offering

We will begin collecting for our Globe Offering ministries this Sunday and beyond. These are important ministries that have been put on the back burner during this Covid pandemic. The Globe Offering container will be placed in the gathering space by the coffee serving counter. Please add your donation at any time prior, during or after worship. Thank you for your generosity.

## SAVE THE DATES

**September 13 – return to Sunday worship times** at 8:00 and 10:30am

3<sup>rd</sup> grade Milestone – lesson 1

Milestone Online Registration at—<https://teatrinity.breezechms.com/form/32f43e>

**September 16 – Wednesday Worship begins** at 6:30pm

We will use the same safety protocols that we use for Sunday morning worship: pews and surfaces are sanitized before and after worship, masks are recommended, no passing the offering plates, social distancing in the pews (every other pew), no candle lighting at this time.

**September 30 – Confirmation registration opens.** There will be more information available later. Confirmation will be offered either in-person or virtually. Safety protocols will be observed.

**October 4 – Sunday School begins.** Please register for either in-person or virtual Sunday School. <https://teatrinity.breezechms.com/form/e144e3> More information will be sent out as we get closer to the date. Safety protocols will also be observed.

## Week of August 16

**\$10,000 Weekly Total Operating Expenses**

**\$ 8,448 Actual Weekly Total Giving**

**\$ -1,552**

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.

## 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 Globe Offering for August will go to ELCA Disaster Response**

# 8am & 9:30am Worship

Sunday, August 30 2020

Trinity Lutheran Church, Tea, SD

Teatrinity.org – 605-498-2343



## 13th Sunday After Pentecost

### GATHERING

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Call to Worship

L: Come to us with your steadfast love, O God,

**C: that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

L: Praise to the blest and holy Trinity, one God,

**C: who gives us life, salvation, and resurrection.**

L: Let us enter worship with thanksgiving and praise.

**C: We gather in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen**

#### Confession

L: We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

L: Patient God,

**C: You have taught us all we need to be your faithful people. And yet we persist in going our own way, doing our own thing, and minding our own business when we ought to be about the business of your kingdom. Forgive our selfish neglect of others and bring us back into wholeness with our brothers and sisters. Amen.**

L: God is merciful, patient, kind and forgiving. We have been pardoned for all that we have done, and all that we have overlooked. May we give now as we have received: generously and extravagantly, in the way of our loving teacher, savior and Lord. Amen.

**Song** "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song" ELW #808

#### Prayer of the Day

L: Faithful God,

**C: You make your disciples bold to proclaim your name. Show us how to preach the truth in our words and in our lives, for the sake of Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

### WORD

**First Reading** – Exodus 3:1-15

**Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b**

**L:** O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

**C: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**

**L:** Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

**C: Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.**

**L:** Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered,

**C: O offspring of his servant Abraham,\* children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

**L:** Then Israel came to Egypt; Jacob lived as an alien in the land of Ham.

**C: And the LORD made his people very fruitful, and made them stronger than their foes,**

**L:** whose hearts he then turned to hate his people, to deal craftily with his servants.

**C: He sent his servant Moses, and Aaron whom he had chosen.**

**L:** that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws.

Praise the LORD!

**Second Reading – Romans 12:9-21**

**Gospel Reading – Matthew 16:21-28**

**L:** The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Sermon** Pastor Tom Opoien

**Sermon Song** "Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said" ELW# 667

Solos on verses 1 and 3, Congregation sings verses 2 and 4

**Apostles' Creed**

**Offertory**

**Prayers of the People**

We pray for members and friends of our congregation: 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, Shirley Oltmann's sister, Linda Goulet, Jami Atkin's dad – Kevin Roth, Tara Johanneson's brother-in-law, Jesse, Linda Stucky's Cousin – Linda Ash, Troy Smith and Ellie Cordie while in active duty.

**Lord's Prayer**

**Blessing**

**SENDING**

**Sending Song** "Cornerstone"

**Sending**

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

**C: Thanks be to God!**