



## Weekly Update

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Dear Beloved of Trinity,

In a recent 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.

### **Why did Jesus speak in parables?**

Jesus spoke in parables for probably 2 reasons. First of all, the parables used common themes/stories (seeds, farming, sheep). Since Jesus knows the hearts of all humankind, the parables were clearer to those with true hearts. The enemies were always trying to entrap Jesus so they could use his words and actions against him. The parables made it hard for them to understand so they could not use his words against him so easily.

Today, the parables' themes are not always as easy for us to understand as our culture is different from then but the truths of the parables remain the same.

<sup>34</sup> *Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing.* <sup>35</sup> *This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:*

*"I will open my mouth to speak in parables;*

*I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world."*

—Matthew 13:34-35

### **How do I know my name is on His list?**

There are many references to names being written in God's book. Revelation 20:12-15, Luke 10:17-20; Daniel 12:1; Exodus 32:31-33a; Philippians 4:3; Revelation 3:5, 13:8, 17:8.

There is only person has the authority and the power to write names in the Book of the Life and that is the Lamb of God, Jesus. It is not by our own merit or accomplishments but by faith. Believe that Jesus is Lord; believe in the resurrection; believe!

<sup>16</sup> *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.*

—John 3:16

**My old church said, “He will come again to judge the living and the dead” Why does Trinity not say “again”?**

First of all, a little background...a creed is a statement of faith, what we collectively believe. When we used the 1978 green hymnal, the Apostle’s creed included the word “again” but when our current hymnal came out in 2006, the words were updated to match the ecumenical texts being used across many traditions. It was meant to unite us in one common faith; other Christian sisters and brothers united in a confession of faith. The omission does not take away the belief that Jesus will return to earth. This is called the “second coming”. His first coming was as a humble babe in swaddling clothing; becoming fully human and fully divine. The second coming will be when he returns to judge all of mankind – the living and the dead.

Thank you for the great questions. There are still a few to go. It’s been good for me to delve into the answers; studying and reflecting. Thank you for the opportunity, my friends. I appreciate being in ministry with you.

Blessings to you,  
Deacon Christie

Attendance: Wednesday (10/13) 6:30pm—109; Sunday (10/17) 8am—66 & 10:30am—162

## CHURCH FINANCES

Week of October 17

\$10,625

Total Operating Expenses

\$ 6,229

Actual Total Giving

\$ 4,396

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 October Globe offering goes to Lutheran Campus Ministries Program Support**

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**Sunday— In-Person Worship 8am & 10:30am; 8am & 10:30am 4th Grade Milestone Celebration; 9:30am Semi-Annual Meeting; 10:30am Online worship & 2nd, 3rd & 4th Grades Sing; 9:15am Sunday School**

**Monday—8:30am Preschool; 7 pm Prayer & Listening Bible Study**

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

**Wednesday—8:30am Preschool; 5:45pm Band Rehearsal; 6:30pm Worship & Bell Chorus Rehearsal, 7:15pm KFC-5th Grade, Confirmation, High School Youth**

**Thursday—5:30pm TOPS**

**Friday—8:30am Preschool**

**Sunday— In-Person Worship 8am & 10:30am; 10:30am Online worship & Confirmation; 9:15am Adult Bible Study & Sunday School**



### TURKEY DINNER

**Saturday, November 6 from 4:00—7:00 pm**

Adults: \$12 | Children (6-14): \$5 | Under 5: FREE

Dine in | Carry out

Trinity Lutheran Church turkey dinner is back this year! Signup is available in the Gathering Space & online.

**Turkey Dinner Volunteer Signup:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4eaaa822a0fec25-turkey>

**Turkey Dinner Food/Items Signup:** <https://www.perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=VSNF9812>

**Turkey Dinner Sanctuary Entertainment Signup:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4eaaa822a0fec25-sanctuary>

## SEMI ANNUAL MEETING—Sunday, October 24 at 9:30am

Join us for our semiannual meeting in person or online. A zoom link will be sent out a couple of days before the meeting.

## OVER 55 MEETING & LUNCH

Blood pressure screening will take place at 9:30am with the meeting starting at 10 am and lunch to follow. This month Deacon Christie will be talking about Missionaries in Slovakia.



## WINTER GEAR DONATIONS NEEDED

The Board of Outreach is collecting new and gently used cold weather gear that is kept at the church and made available to the public. Trinity is currently collecting coats, jackets, snowpants, hats, gloves, and boots that will be made available to our neighbors in the community. Used items are accepted, but please launder before you drop them off. We accept new items as well. Simply drop off the items in the marked basket in The Gathering Space at church.



## MILESTONE MINISTRY

### 4th Grade Milestone—God and Money

Celebration: Sunday, Oct. 24 or Wednesday, Oct. 27

### 9th Grade Confirmation—Sunday, Oct. 31 at 10:30 am

### 5th Grade—First Communion

Lesson #1: Sunday, November 7

Lesson #2: Sunday, November 14

Lesson #3: Saturday, November 20

Celebration of First Communion - Sunday, November 21 or Wednesday, December 1



## TRINITY PRESCHOOL FIELD TRIP

Our preschool class took a field trip on Wednesday to Roger's Pumpkins. The kiddos learned a lot about pumpkins and were able to decorate them too!

## Prayer requests for members and friends of our congregation:

- Steve Jelen's dad –Gene & brother – Jamie
- Sarah Hilmoe's uncle – Fred Tidemann
- Jami Atkin's dad – Kevin Roth
- Melissa Jelen's mom – Janice Myrmoe
- Doug DeJong
- Jeff Olinger's grandmother—Diane Spear
- Marie Karnof
- Shirley Oltmann's sister—Linda Goulet
- Judy Junke's son-in-law, Laverle Stratman
- Judy Junke's daughter, Tara Davis
- Linda Stucky's cousin, Linda
- Stan Oltmanns