



Weekly Update

Friday, April 10, 2020
Trinity Lutheran Church Tea, SD

Dear friends in Christ,

Last night at the Maundy Thursday worship service we remembered Jesus' love for his disciples as shown through the last supper and were reminded of Jesus' gift of life and forgiveness in the sacrament of Holy Communion. As we prepare for Easter Sunday in a time of pandemic, I invite you to intentionally plan to celebrate Holy Communion in your homes. We will be following the guidance and instruction shared by Bishop Constanze Hagmaier, the Bishop of the South Dakota Synod. The following words come from her letter to the congregations of the synod.

"Following Martin Luther's directive, we believe that in times of emergency and pandemic, we can celebrate the sacraments (baptism and communion) in the privacy of our homes with those around us. Christ's promise of forgiveness of sins and new life will nourish us just like it does when we physically gather as the body of Christ. In Matthew 18:20, Jesus assures us that where two or three are gathered, he will be among us. This means that during this time of emergency, you may in good conscience deliver these Words of promise in your home and know that it is a valid delivering of Christ's promise of forgiveness, life, and salvation - just as you would hear in a regular church service. Detailed instructions can be found below."

Instruction for administering the sacraments: Place bread and wine or grape juice on your table. Feel free to use the recipe for unleavened bread found in this newsletter, or you may use bread that you already have. Gather at the table and use the following words.

Brief Order for the Lord's Supper:

*The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

*Recite the Lord's Prayer together

*Distribute the bread and wine to one another with the words: The Body of Christ given for you. The Blood of Christ shed for you.

*Bless one another with these words: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in faith.
Amen

Our tradition at Trinity is to receive Holy Communion weekly. I invite you to continue this practice in your home during this time of quarantine. When the emergency has passed, we will cease with this "Holy Home Communion" and return to our practice of communing together in person. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

May you be blessed by the promise of life and resurrection that comes from Christ, our Lord.

Peace and best wishes,
Pastor Tom Opoien

HOLY WEEK

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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Monday—4/13 Church Office closed, Board of Stewardship meets via Zoom

Tuesday—4/14 7pm Church Council meets via Zoom

Wednesday—4/15 7pm Sr. High meets via Google Meet

Sunday—4/19 10:30am Worship via Facebook Live

CONTACT US!

Pastor Tom and Deacon Christie have been having many meaningful conversations with members and friends of Trinity via phone and computer during these last few weeks. Please feel free to reach out to your ministers. We love you and are happy talk and pray with you in your joys and sorrows. Please let us know if:

*There is a hospitalization in your family

*There is a death in your family

*There is a birth or adoption

*Someone becomes homebound

*Someone becomes unemployed

*If you are experiencing financial distress

*There is a cause for sorrow or a cause for joy

Hospitals don't notify the ministers that a member is in the hospital, even if they ask your church membership when you arrive. So please let us know if you or a family member is in the hospital. Please do not hesitate to call Pastor Tom Opoien at 605-440-2784(cell) tom@teatrinity.org or Deacon Christie Meier at 605-521-5459 christie@teatrinity.org

Week of April 5

\$8,500 Adjusted Weekly Total Expenses

\$4,829 Actual Weekly Total Giving

-\$3,671

Thank you for your continued support of our Trinity ministry. Adjusted expenses are what it costs to operate our church during the current pandemic. It does not include costs for any benevolences or 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

BEST Unleavened Bread Recipe

Ingredients

- 3/4 cup scalded milk Scalded milk is to heat it to an almost boil You can do this in the microwave.
- 1 egg beaten
- 1/4 cup honey
- 2-1/2 cups flour
- 1/4 cup butter melted

Instructions

1. Beat milk, honey, and butter together
2. The, add the egg.
3. Gradually add 2 cups of flour and the salt. The dough will be sticky

Use a large 12x17 size parchment paper to roll out the dough . Flour the parchment paper Well and add the dough.

4. Make sure the parchment paper, rolling pin, and dough are floured well. Use the remaining 1/4 cup flour. Roll the dough to 1/4 thickness.
5. Place the rolled out dough with the parchment paper on a baking sheet 12x17 size
To fit in the baking pan
6. Prick with a fork.
7. Bake at 375 degrees for 15 or 20 minutes.