



¹³ No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it. 1 Corinthians 10:13

Dear friends in Christ,

One of the core practices of Christians living out their faith is regularly hearing the good news proclaimed from the pulpit. Why is it helpful to hear sermons week after week? An old minister once told me that listening to sermons is a little like eating a good, nutritious meal each evening. We don't remember most of the individual meals that we eat. Sometimes we'll remember an especially exceptional meal for a few days, but even then, the immediate taste and experience fades quicker than we think. However, imagine what would happen if we quit eating? We wouldn't last long.

That comparison of a sermon to a healthy diet that needs to be eaten regularly as a part of a person's overall health made it into my long-term memory. Hearing and experience the good news of God's faithfulness to us in Jesus never gets old. Last night after I went home from the Wednesday evening Lenten worship service, I felt like I had just left the table after an exceptionally good meal. The music was lovely. People young, old, and every age in-between were gathered online and (socially distanced) in person, and Deacon Christie preached a meaningful and interesting sermon on the passage from 1 Corinthians 10. In the sermon and in the scripture, we were fed. The Apostle Paul promised that we will face trials, that we will not be tested beyond our strength, that we will be provided a way out, and that we will be able to endure. That is honest good news and a solid meal for our souls.

If you haven't had a chance to join the Wednesday services yet, I invite you to do so. It will be well worth your time. One of the good things about the internet is that it is you can go back and listen to what you might have missed. You can find last night's worship service here: www.facebook.com/teatrinity/videos/276901550448537

Peace and best wishes,

Pastor Tom Oprien

CHURCH CALENDAR

Weekly Update

Sunday—3-7 In-Person 8am & 10:30am Worship, On-Line worship at 10:30am, 9:15am 6th Grade Milestone, 9:30am Adult Sunday School. Sunday School

Friday, March 5, 2021
Trinity Lutheran Church Tea, SD

Monday—7pm VBS Meeting

Tuesday—6:30am Men's Breakfast, 8:30am Preschool, 7pm Board Meetings, 8pm Church Council

Wednesday—8:30am Preschool, 6:30pm Lenten Worship, Confirmation with Mentors, 7:15pm KFC 6th grade in person, Sr. High

Thursday— 8:30am Preschool, 5:30pm TOPS

Friday—6pm Paint & Praise

Saturday—9am Church Council Retreat, 1pm & 3pm Let's Paint—Cookies & Canvas

Sunday—3-14 Daylight Savings Time begins, In-Person 8am & 10:30am Worship, On-Line worship at 10:30am 9:15am 6th Grade Milestone, 9:30am Sunday School, Adult Sunday School.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:30am

March 7th: 1st grade

March 14th: Kindergarten

March 21: No Sunday School - Spring Break

March 28th: Pre-K

The Board of Education is putting together a committee to help with Vacation Bible School this Summer. We are planning to **meet Monday, March 8th** at 7pm in the fellowship hall. If someone is interested in joining this committee, they can email myself at brooke.boots@k12.sd.us or Angela Curtis at a.curtis22211@gmail.com

Milestone Moment

In March, I will meet with the 6th graders as we learn the books of the Bible. Lessons are March 7 and 14. We will celebrate on Wed, March 24 at 6:30 OR Palm Sunday, March 28 at both services.

ATTENDANCE

Date	8:00	10:30	Wednesday
Feb 28	29	70	157

Board of Education is excited to host three canvas paint events. We will hold an adult Paint & Praise night (ages 13 & up) on Friday, March 12th. Then, on March 13th, we welcome kids! The events are limited to keep with social distancing guidelines, and the kid events are designed to have an adult assisting. Find more information on the posters shown and sign up at: <https://forms.gle/jnWfG9tkWKAAY3TN9> or call the church office.

Join us for an evening of fellowship and fun while painting a scenic winter landscape with acrylic paint on canvas! All supplies included. The class will be led through each step, but participants are welcome and encouraged to take creative leaps as well!

Your safety is important to us, so the following COVID-19 Safeguards will be in place—class size will be limited to 20 painters, all art materials will be sanitized, the space will be set up to social distance family units and masks will be required. The chocolate will be individually packaged and sent home with each artist.



Only \$25!

To register visit our website at teatrinity.org or call the church office at (605) 498-2343.

**Let's Paint!
Cookies and Canvas**

Saturday, March 13th
1:00-2:30pm and 3:00-4:30pm
in the TLC Fellowship Hall
Only \$25 per painter—Ages 7 to 14

Learn step-by-step how to paint a snowman or penguin on canvas using acrylic paint. Kids 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Parents are welcome to join and paint with their child, but it's not required. All supplies included.

The following COVID-19 Safeguards will be in place—class size will be limited to 10 students (20 total with parents), all art materials will be sanitized between classes, the space will be set up to social distance family units, and masks will be required. The cookies will be individually packaged and sent home with each artist.

To Register:
Call the church office at 605-498-2343 or
Visit online at www.teatrinity.org

= Lots of fun!

CHURCH FINANCES

Week of Feb 28

\$10,625 Weekly Total Operating Expenses

\$12,667 Actual Weekly Total Giving

\$ 2,042

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 Pol-
 lema 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 March Globe offering goes to World Hunger

“Table of Lent”

MID-WEEK HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER SERVICES

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

March 10 Table of Forgiveness, Scripture: Matthew 6:14-15

March 17 The Wide Table, Scripture: Acts 11:1-18

March 24 The Adaptive Table, Scripture: Mark 2:13-17

8am & 10:30am Worship

Sunday, March 7, 2021

Trinity Lutheran Church, Tea, SD

Teatrinity.org – 605-498-2343



Third Sunday in Lent

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

L: From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way.

C: So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

L: All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

C: So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

L: For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

L: We gather in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

All: Amen.

Song 8:00 You Are Mine ELW 581

10:30 One Thing Remains

Confession

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

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: God of mercy,

C: Jesus was faithful even in the face of death, yet we so often fail you in day to day living. Our commitment is shaky, our promises are unreliable, and our actions are questionable. We quit when discipleship becomes difficult and complain that we don't get enough credit. Forgive us our neglect of your mission and our lukewarm devotion and wake us up to the urgency of your gospel.

P: God is gracious and pardons all our shortcomings. May the giver of life forgive us our sins and restore us to the joy of discipleship and service, for the sake of Jesus our faithful Lord.

All: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Forgiving God,

You long for your lost children to return to you. Lead us homeward on the path of repentance, that we might be restored to you and to your community in Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORD

Psalm 119:167-176

L: My soul keeps your decrees; I love them exceedingly

C: I keep your precepts and decrees, for all my ways are before you.

L: Let my cry come before you, O LORD; give me understanding according to your word

C: Let my supplication come before you; deliver me according to your promise.

L: My lips will pour forth praise, because you teach me your statutes.

C: My tongue will sing of your promise, for all your commandments are right.

L: Let your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts.

C: I long for your salvation, O LORD, and your law is my delight.

L: Let me live that I may praise you, and let your ordinances help me

C: I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek out your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.

Gospel Reading – Luke 15:1-32

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Sermon Deacon Christie Meier

Sermon Song Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone

Apostles' Creed

Offertory

Prayers of the People

We pray for members and friends of our congregation: Mike Westall, 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, Jessica Boone's mom – Sue Meyer. Rosalie Gerdes's sister JoAnn Breitbach, Carol Ebel – Angie Hillestad's mom, Troy Smith and Ellie Cordie while in active duty.

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

SENDING

Sending

L: God is good.

C: All the time.

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

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude