



Weekly Update

Friday, August 7, 2020
Trinity Lutheran Church Tea, SD

Dear friends in Christ,

Over half of the pages of the New Testament are dedicated to letters written to congregations and address their communal life together. Some of our most famous and beautiful Bible passages come from these letters. Here are a few.

- ◆ *But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Romans 5:8*
- ◆ *Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters, Colossians 3:23*
- ◆ *Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. 1Thessalonians 5:11*
- ◆ *And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19*
- ◆ *So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!*
- ◆ *Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6*
- ◆ *Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. 1 Corinthians 13:4-6*
- ◆ *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*
- ◆ *For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. Romans 8:14*

Even when the letter appears to be addressing an individual concern, it is most often written to the entire Christian community in a place. The letters discuss specific joys and concerns of a group of people who are trying to follow Jesus faithfully together. Surprisingly, these words written long ago in quite different situations still resonate with us today amid our joys and concerns.

As we all make our way into the change of seasons and make plans for fall, I encourage you to remember that you do not walk through these times alone. Of course, God walks with us, but so do our neighbors in the faith. When you say your prayers remember your brothers and sisters in Christ. We rarely know the depth of burdens that our neighbors carry, so pray for them.

Christian community is a gift, and even through that community may look somewhat different right now, it is still the dwelling place of the Body of Christ. Jesus is a work through us together! Praise be to God.

Peace and best wishes,

Pastor Tom Sporen

Church Calendar

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

Tuesday—**Pastor Tom's Birthday!** 6:30am Men's Breakfast, 7pm Boards, 8pm Council

Thursday— 6pm TOPS

Sunday—8/16 8am Worship via Facebook Live, Sanctuary at 8am & 9:30am worship

WANTED: SCHOOL SUPPLIES

If this still uncertain time, many needs have come to our attention. There are 3 ways you can give school supplies. These are great opportunities to help our neighbor.

The Faith in Action Committee is collecting school supplies for students in the Tea Area School District. Supplies can be expensive for a family and during the time of the pandemic, lightening this financial burden will help many families. Following is a list of the most needed supplies:

High School:

#2 sharpened pencils
3" x 3" post it notes
Adult size scissors
Lined note cards 3" x 5"

Middle School:

Graph paper
Black dry erase markers
Headphones
#2 sharpened pencils
Disinfectant wipes
Personal size hand sanitizer
Facial tissue

Elementary:

Glue sticks
Kids Fiscar scissors - pointed end
24 Crayola crayons
10 classic Crayola color makers (fat)
Black dry erase markers
Crayola colored pencils
Pink Eraser
#2 sharpened pencils
Wide ruled spiral notebooks
Elmers glue

Please drop the supplies off at the church, either inside or outside in the plastic tote by the office door. Thank you in advance for helping the students and their families.

Lutheran World Relief School Kits – grab a cloth bag with an attached supply list and return them to church, either inside or outside in the plastic tote by the office door.

Adopt a student – In conjunction with our local food pantry, this is a confidential ministry supplies the entire required school list for a child. Please contact Deacon Christie if you'd like to be a part of this ministry. Thank you for your generosity in living our your faith together as a body of Christ.

Job Openings at Trinity (resumes will be accepted until August 14)

Trinity Lutheran Church in Tea, SD is hiring a **Wednesday Night Ministry Coordinator**. The successful applicant will oversee the programming of our highly active Wednesday education program which includes working with the current ministry staff and volunteer leaders of several youth ministries with young people from 5th to 12th grade. This position is part-time at approximately ten hours per week. A full job description can be found at shorturl.at/dhJQ4

Trinity Lutheran Church in Tea, SD is hiring a **Communication Coordinator**. The successful applicant will oversee the consistency in the congregation's communication efforts of both internal and external communication. This position is part-time at approximately ten hours per week. A full job description can be found at shorturl.at/coAIW

If you would like to apply for either of these positions, please send a resume to:

Trinity Lutheran Church
c/o Pastor Tom Opoien
PO Box 37
Tea, SD 57064
tom@teatrinity.org

Financial Update

Week of August 2

\$10,000 Weekly Total Operating Expenses

\$ 6,858 Actual Weekly Total Giving

\$ -3,142

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



Thank you for all the donations to the Pre-school Fundraiser!

We also appreciate everyone who made it out to the sale. It was a success!

8am & 9:30am Worship

Sunday, August 9, 2020

Trinity Lutheran Church, Tea, SD

Teatrinity.org – 605-498-2343



10th Sunday After Pentecost

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

L: We call to you, come!

C: Come into our presence, Lord.

L: We praise you for your presence in our lives.

C: You love all that you created.

L: Let us enter worship with thanksgiving and praise.

C: For you are God alone and worthy of our praise.

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 "It Is Well With My Soul" ELW #785

Prayer of the Day

L: Loving God,

C: When we are tempted to be afraid your hand is right there to calm us. Show us that we have no reason for fear, as you have promised to be with us forever, for the sake of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

WORD

First Reading – I Kings 19:9-18

Psalm 85:8-13

L: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

C: Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

L: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

C: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

L: The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

C: Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

Second Reading – Romans 10:5-15

Gospel Reading – Matthew 14:22-33

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Sermon Deacon Christie Meier

Sermon Song “You Never Let Go”

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the People

We pray for members and friends of our congregation: Ron Seim, Steve Jelen’s dad – Gene and brother – Jamie, Sarah Hilmoie’s uncle Fred Tidemann. Jerry & Dianne Werness’s son in law – Doug Madetzke, Shirley Oltmann’s sister, Linda, 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.

Offertory

MEAL

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

Distribution Song

Communion Blessing

Blessing

SENDING

Sending Song “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” ELW #756

Sending

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

C: Thanks be to God!