



## Weekly Update

Friday, September 25, 2020  
Trinity Lutheran Church Tea, SD

Dear Beloved of Trinity,

Fall is many people's favorite time of year. Everything is sprinkled with pumpkin spice. As a shout out to Fall, I received this story many years ago but still find it to be humorous and fitting.

A woman was asked what it was like being a Christian. She replied, "It's like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, bring you in and washes all the dirt off you may have gotten in the pumpkin patch. Then he cuts the top off and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate greed, etc. Then he carves you a new smiling face and puts his light inside of you to shine for all the world to see. (passed on to me from another pumpkin)

Our God is a God of mercy and great love. The light inside of us? The source is not our own but that of God's son, Jesus the Christ. He is the light, shining hope and encouragement when we are feeling overwhelmed. This light radiates God's love.

*<sup>12</sup> Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."*

*John 8:12*

Be the light, my friends, shine God's love brightly.

In faith,  
Deacon Christie Meier



### Church Calendar

Sunday—9/27 8am and 10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary, Facebook Live at 10:30am, Celebration of 3rd Grade Milestone.

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

Wednesday—8:30am Preschool, 6:30pm Worship, 7:15pm KFC, 7:30pm Sr. High

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

Sunday—10/4 8am and 10:30am Worship in Sanctuary, Facebook Live worship at 10:30am 9:15am Sunday School begins, 4pm & 6pm 9th Grade Confirmation Retreat

## WANTED: TEACH VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAYS/WEDNESDAYS

We are looking for two groups of volunteers:

Camera operator for our livestreaming at 10:30am. (training provided)

PowerPoint operator – sit at the sound board and advance powerpoint slides during worship (8:00 or 10:30)

If you want to be part of the Tech Team on Sunday mornings, please email Maggie Saugstad [maggie.saugstad@gmail.com](mailto:maggie.saugstad@gmail.com) or Deacon Christie [christie@teatrinity.org](mailto:christie@teatrinity.org)

**NEEDED: NEW AND GENTLY USED WINTER GEAR** For many years the Board of Outreach has collected new and gently used cold weather gear that is kept at the church and made available to the public. Earlier this week when the first cold snap hit the office began getting phone calls asking about jackets. 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 make sure to launder them before you drop them off. If you are out shopping and see a good deal on new gear, we're happy to accept that, too. Simply drop off the items in the marked basket in The Gathering Space at church. Thank you.



## FINANCIAL REPORT—Week of September 20

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

**\$ 2257 Actual Weekly Total Giving**

**\$-7,743 (excluding online giving)**

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 September will go to Tea Area Backpack Program

## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Worship – 6:30pm

Confirmation – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders - will be offered virtually and in-person. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will meet alternately on Wednesday evenings beginning on Oct 7 (8<sup>th</sup> graders) and Oct 14 (7<sup>th</sup> graders). On the virtual night, students will zoom in to participate in the large group presentation then have a Google form with questions to fill out.

Register here....<https://teatrinity.breezechms.com/form/e144e36>

9<sup>th</sup> graders – information will be coming to you soon about a mini retreat on Oct 4th. Confirmation Sunday is October 25. We will offer 2 services in the afternoon of the 25<sup>th</sup> at 1pm and 2:30pm.

Register here....<https://teatrinity.breezechms.com/form/b64340>

KFC – this youth group is for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. They meet on alternating Wednesdays beginning Sept 30 at 7:15pm. A parent meeting night is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept 23 at 7:15pm at the church.

High School – this youth group is for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. They meet on Wednesday evenings after worship.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO TRINITY LUTHERAN'S CONSTITUTION

At the semiannual meeting to be held on October 18, 2020 at 9:30 in the Sanctuary, the following amendment to Trinity Lutheran church's constitution will be presented.

"Be it resolved that Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church amend the Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions by addition of C10.08 of the Model Constitution for Congregations, stating:

**C10.08** This congregation may hold meetings by remote communication, including electronically and by telephone conference, as long as there is an opportunity for simultaneous aural communication. To the extent permitted by state law, notice of all meeting may be provided electronically."



## SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Adult Bible Study on Revelation will begin during the education hour beginning October 4th. Meet us in the Bethlehem room at 9:15am.

## WELCA BIBLE STUDY

Circle Bible Study meets Thursday, October 15 at the church at 1:30pm. The study is entitled, "Holy Time, the Holy Now" recognizing and responding to God's Kairos time.

NOTE – our **November Turkey Supper** is postponed until spring, due to COVID. We will re-evaluate at a later date. Spread the word! Thanks for your patience and understanding.

## THANK YOU TO DIANE LARSEN



We want to extend a special thank you to Diane Larsen for being an accompanist for the last 20 years. She remembers beginning two decades ago when her daughter was in High School and we had a youth band. Most recently Diane has been playing for our Wednesday night worship. She worked with our youth vocal band members, adding her beautiful piano playing. She was a good sport when Deacon Christie frantically mouthed, "we need an offertory or distribution song". Thank you, Diane, for your hard work and dedication. You will be missed.

## THANK YOU FROM THE ROTHS

Thank you for all the cards, thoughts and prayers at the time of the loss of my sister. Your acts of kindness gave us great comfort.  
Diane and Myron Roth

## **Sunday School Coordinator**

We are so grateful for the gifts Patti Goehring has brought to the position of SS Coordinator. She has handed in her resignation after 5 years of service. Thank Patti when you see her.

The new position will be a 10 hour a week position. (see attached position description)  
Closing date for this position is September 30. Please send resumes to Deacon Christie at [christie@teatrinity.org](mailto:christie@teatrinity.org).

## **Sunday School Coordinator Job Description**

### **Introductory Statement:**

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church seeks to engage all people in meaningful educational opportunities. The Sunday School Coordinator will be the lead staff person in ensuring quality education.

### **Qualifications:**

The Sunday School Coordinator must see this position as a ministry to and with the people of God known as Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. Commitment comes from an understanding of God's love for us and God's desire for us to continually expand our understanding of the Bible, Lutheran theology, and how God's work is integrated in our daily lives. A willingness to grow in faith and in this position as the educational life of Trinity evolves is a requirement.

### **Description of Responsibilities**

#### **The Sunday School Coordinator will:**

1. Plan, organize, execute and evaluate Trinity's Sunday School program in coordination with the Pastoral staff and the Board of Education.
2. Coordinate all recruitment efforts for Sunday School teaching positions.
3. Be a member of the Board of Education and attend all BOE meetings.
4. Develop Sunday School curriculum and create a master schedule of curriculum topics.
5. Coordinate the integration of music into the Sunday School education schedule.
6. Coordinate with rostered staff, the BOE, Family and Youth Ministry on the integration of Faith milestones into the Sunday School curriculum schedule.
7. Collect receipts from teachers for reimbursement of supplies in coordination with the office manager.
8. Communicate at least monthly with rostered staff as to the progress, evaluation and any other pertinent information regarding Sunday School activities.

### **Accountability:**

The Sunday School Coordinator will be responsible to Deacon Christie. Opportunity for review and goal setting will take place periodically. An annual review will be given and goals will be reviewed and set for the coming year.

# 8am & 9:30am Worship

Sunday, September 27, 2020

Trinity Lutheran Church, Tea, SD

Teatrinity.org – 605-498-2343



## 17th Sunday After Pentecost

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### 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** 8:00am “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” 10:30am “Word of God Speak”

#### **Prayer of the Day**

L: All-knowing God,

**C: You desire purity of heart and integrity of word. Empower us by your Spirit to say what we mean and act according to your ways, in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

### WORD

**First Reading** – Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

## Psalm 25:1-9

L: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**C: O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.**

L: Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**C: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.**

L: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

**C: Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

L: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love **remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!**

**C: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

L: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

## Second Reading – Philippians 2:1-13

## Gospel Reading – Matthew 21:23-32

L: The Word of the Lord

**C Thanks be to God**

**Sermon** Pastor Tom Opoien

**Sermon Song** “Peace Be Still” by Lexi Lekander

**Apostles' Creed**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Milestone Celebration**

**Offertory**

**Prayers of the People**

We pray for members and friends of our congregation: Joann Olson, 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 Goulet, Jami Atkin's dad – Kevin Roth, Tara Johanneson's brother-in-law, Jesse, Jessica Boone's mom – Sue Meyer. Rosalie Gerdes's sister JoAnn Breitbach, Troy Smith and Ellie Cordie while in active duty.

**Lord's Prayer**

**Blessing**

**SENDING**

**Sending Song** “Waymaker”

**Sending**

L: God is good.

L: All the time.

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

**C: All the time.**

**C: God is good.**

**C: Thanks be to God!**