



Weekly Update

Friday, July 31, 2020
Trinity Lutheran Church Tea, SD

Dear Beloved of Trinity,

I love this Bible verse. I teach a Kindergarten Milestone on how to pray.



Praying is one of our primary practices of discipleship. It strengthens our faith; it brings us closer to God. It brings us closer to each other.

God desire that we pray for praying is talking to our Creator. He asks that we “talk” to him persistently and consistently.

There is a training for congregations called, Grounded in Prayer, by Brent Dahlseng. In it he says that when life gets difficult, we either turn to our faith or fall away from it.

These trying times can be a challenge to our faith.

Too many things are changing and what was normal is now in the past. But as Christians, we persevere and move forward. The catalyst to help us move forward is prayer. We come before the Almighty and ask for help; for guidance; for forgiveness; for mercy. And the Almighty hears us. He hears our every cry.

Friends, pray everyday. There is never a lack of topics to pray about. Maybe getting started is the hard part for you. I learned from a beloved colleague many years ago to approach prayer like this....all you need to do is remember ACTS.

A=adoration (Lord, you are above all things. You are holy and awesome) C=confession (I have sinned and am in need of a savior. Please forgive me for.....)

T=thanksgiving (thank you for my family, the beautiful sunset, my school, etc)

S=supplication (these are prayer requests for others and for yourself) Try it sometimes....it works.
A.C.T.S.

Faithfully yours,

Deacon Christie

Church Calendar

Sunday—8/2 8am Worship via Facebook Live, Sanctuary at 8am & 9:30am worship

Tuesday—6:30am Men's Breakfast, 7pm Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday—9am Quilters, 6:30pm and 8:30pm Trinity Softball in Lennox

Thursday—4pm—6pm Covid Food Giveaway, 6pm TOPS

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

Job Openings at Trinity

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

Congregational Survey—July 2020

Please don't forget to fill out our Congregational Survey by August 7th. The link came in your email box last Sunday 7/26 or enter this link into your browser: <https://forms.gle/CpyWgCtznJXyeLXT8>

Financial Update

Week of July 26

\$10,000 Weekly Total Operating Expenses

\$10,844 Actual Weekly Total Giving

\$ 844

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

8am & 9:30am Worship

Sunday, July 26, 2020

Trinity Lutheran Church, Tea, SD

Teatrinity.org – 605-498-2343



9th 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 "Come Thou Fount" ELW #807

Prayer of the Day

L: O Lord,

C: You feed us on the riches of your kingdom, then invite us to feed others in kind. Spread the impulse of your generosity far and wide, that this world may see a revival of your original vision for creation. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

WORD

First Reading – Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

L: The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**C: The LORD is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

L: The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

**C: The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.**

L: You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.

**C: The LORD is just in all his ways,
and kind in all his doings.**

L: The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

**C: He fulfils the desire of all who fear him;
he also hears their cry, and saves them.**

L: The LORD watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

**C: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and all flesh will bless his holy name for ever and ever.**

Second Reading – Romans 9:1-5

Gospel Reading – Matthew 14:13-21

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Sermon Pastor Tom Opoien

Sermon Song “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You” ELW #836

Apostles’ Creed

Offertory

Prayers of the People

We pray for members and friends of our congregation: Ron Seim, Steve Jelen's dad – Gene and brother – Jamie, Sarah Hilmoe'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.

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

SENDING

Sending Song "Lord I Lift Your Name on High" ELW #660

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!