

Dear Beloved of Trinity,

Since October is the anniversary of the Reformation of the Catholic Church that birthed the Lutheran church, I wanted to have a learning moment on Lutheranism. I'll call it Lutheranism 101.



WORSHIP

While some of the approaches to worship may differ from one ELCA congregation to another, we hold certain things in common.

1. Central to our worship life is the presence of God through word and sacrament.

The **proclaimed word** and the **sacraments** —Holy Baptism and Holy Communion — are called **the means of grace**. We believe that Jesus Christ is present in these means through the power of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes we describe worship as a “gathering around the means of grace.” In Lutheran worship, God comes down to us in the sacraments. We do not ascend to God.

2. There is also a basic pattern for worship among Lutherans.

We **gather**.

We encounter God's **word**.

We share a **meal** at the Lord's table.

And we are **sent** into the world.

But we do not think about worship so much in terms of what **we** do. Worship is fundamentally about **what God is doing** and our response to God's action. Worship is an encounter with God, who saves us through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

SACRAMENTS

In the Lutheran Church, we celebrate 2 sacraments - Holy communion and Holy Baptism.

A sacrament has 3 parts

1. it is something Jesus commanded us to do

2. it uses a physical element - something we can see, touch, and sometimes taste

3. It gives us God's grace, love and forgiveness.

Sacraments are visible acts of God's love. God uses them to deliver grace and goodness to us.

JUSTIFICATION BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH IN JC

Justified, grace, faith. Three important words to Lutherans. To be justified means to be made righteous with God or being made right with God. We are justified through grace, which God gives freely, even though we don't deserve it or could ever earn it. And this grace comes to us through our faith in Jesus. Faith isn't based on intellectual (having enough knowledge about God) nor emotional (how hard or sincerely one believes) instead, faith is relational! It is trust in God. It is knowing God. God wants us to be in relationship with us. So we gather, we learn, we study, we pray – all practices to help our faith grow.

Next week, we'll learn about being both a saint and a sinner and a little about Martin Luther.

Thank you, faithful people, for your support of the ministries of Trinity. I pray for you, love you and look forward to seeing you in safe and healthy ways. Do not hesitate to reach out. I'm a good non-judgmental listener.

Peace be with you,
Deacon Christie

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday—10/11 8am and 10:30am Worship in Sanctuary, Facebook Live worship at 10:30am, 9:15am 4th Grade Milestone, 9:30am Virtual Sunday School, 6:30pm Financial Peace University

Monday—Church office closed

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

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

Thursday— 8:30am Preschool, 1:30pm WELCA Bible Study—Holy Time, 5:30pm TOPS

Sunday—8am & 10:30am Worship, 9:15am 4th Grade Milestone, 9:30am Live Sunday school for 3rd graders, 9:30am Virtual Sunday school for other grades, 9:30am Semi Annual Meeting, 6:30pm Financial Peace University

Weekly Update

Friday, October 9, 2020
Trinity Lutheran Church Tea, SD

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

October 11 – Virtual Sunday School Live streamed at 9:30 a.m.

October 18 – 3rd grade In-Person Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Virtual Sunday School Live streamed at 9:30 a.m.

4th grade Milestone Lesson #2 – 9:15am in the Chapel

TURKEY SUPPER

Our November turkey supper is postponed until spring. due to Covid -19 We will re-evaluate then. Thanks for your patience and understanding. Spread the word !

WANTED: Tech Volunteers for Sunday Morning

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 or Deacon Christie christie@teatrinity.org

CHURCH FINANCES

Month of September

Week of Oct. 5th

\$40,000

\$10,000

Weekly Total Operating Expenses

\$35,005

\$ 3,019

Actual Weekly Total Giving

\$-4,995

\$ -6,981

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 October will go to Lutheran Campus Ministries

Trinity Collecting Medical Equipment

Global Health Ministries is an organization that was created about thirty years ago by Lutheran Medical Missionaries to partner with medical facilities in developing countries to provide good used and refurbished medical equipment. Over the last several months the church office has received a few



phone calls about places that could use medical equipment. We sent our first shipment of items to the GHM warehouse in the twin cities several weeks ago.

Since then three walkers, four or five bedrails and other items have been donated. If you have medical equipment that you no longer need, please contact Pastor Tom to see if it could be used. When we have enough gathered, we will fill a van and deliver it to GHM.

This is an important and meaningful ministry. To find out more please look at their website at www.ghm.org

MILESTONE MOMENT

In September, the 3rd graders met to learn Bible basics. They did a great job as they received their very own Bibles.

On October 11 and 18, the 4th graders will meet in the Fellowship Hall to learn about what God has to say about money. They will receive a Thrivent piggy bank.

On November 8, 15, 21 the 5th graders will meet for First Communion classes. Their Celebration of First Communion will be Sunday, November 22.

We will practice social distancing for all classes. Masks are recommended. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we bring Milestone Ministry back in the safest way possible. Deacon Christie

Proposed Amendment to the Trinity Lutheran Church Constitution

At the semiannual meeting to be held on October 18, 2020 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."

8am & 9:30am Worship

Sunday, October 11, 2020

Trinity Lutheran Church, Tea, SD

Teatrinity.org – 605-498-2343



19th Sunday After Pentecost

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 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" ELW 634
 10:30am "He Know My Name"

Prayer of the Day

L: Lord of hosts,

C: You constantly expand the boundaries of your kingdom. Make us joyful participants in your plan to redeem the world, that all people would be one in you. For the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORD

First Reading – Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalm 23

L: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

C: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

L: he restores my soul.*-He leads me in right paths*-for his name's sake.

**C: Even though I walk through the darkest valley,*-I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.**

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

C: Surely* goodness and mercy* shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Second Reading – Philippians 4:1-9

Gospel Reading – Matthew 22:1-14

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Sermon Pastor Tom Opoien

Sermon Song “Canticle of the Turning” ELW 723

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 Hilmoe’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, Clifford Mechels, Troy Smith and Ellie Cordie while in active duty

Offertory

MEAL

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

Blessing

SENDING

Sending Song 8:00 “All Are Welcome” ELW 641
10:30 “And All the People Said Amen”

Sending

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

C: Thanks be to God!