

Weekly Update

Friday, June 19, 2020 Trinity Lutheran Church Tea, SD

Dear Beloved of Trinity,

This Covid-19 pandemic is exhausting, isn't it? We've been socially distanced since mid March, we have been diligent about using hand sanitizer (or as one of our grandkids calls it, "hanitizer") and we've gone without our normal markers of spring and now summer. I hear from some of you about frustrations and worries.

Psalm 46:5-7 says "God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns."

This whole Psalm is a comforting reassurance that God is our refuge and strength. God is in the midst of all this. He is present.

I take comfort in this Psalm when I feel overwhelmed. Phil and I have been cautious but we are beginning to ease into some normalcy. We have seen our sons and their families (our daughter lives in Europe), which has brought great joy but I have not seen my 89 and 90 year old parents, nor my sister since Christmas. That has been hard. Sure, we talk many times a week but it's just not the same. Maybe some of you can understand where I'm coming from.

I think we need a little boost, so I turn to the Bible.

Deuteronomy 7:9 Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

God keeps his promises to a thousand generations. Have others in our past experienced frustrations and worry? Have they persevered? Of course! Because God is steadfast and loving....always.

Our frustrations and worry will turn to joy. We need God and we need each other. My friends, my door is open and my phone is always within reach if you need to talk. Reach out, let me know how you are doing. I care about you and your families. Also, reach out to each other. Check on your neighbor, asking questions like, "what is your greatest worry and what is your greatest joy right now?" Mark these Bible verses in your Bible so you can find easily when you need them. We are in this together and we are Trinity strong together.

Faithfully,

Deacon Christie

P.S. Please pray for our school leaders and our Sunday School leaders as planning is in full force as to the safest and best way to reopen.

PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER

We are having our annual Trinity Preschool Fundraiser sale on July 29 from 9 to 6. If you are willing to donate items we will take children's clothes, housewares and toys. Please call the church office to arrange a drop off time!

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday—Happy Father's Day 6/21 8am Worship via Facebook Live, In Person Worship in the Sanctuary at 8am 9:30am Tailgate worship in the church parking lot

Tuesday—6:30am Men's Breakfast, 9:30am Blood Pressure Screening, 10am Over 55 meets, 7pm Executive Board Mtg Wednesday—7:30pm Trinity plays softball in Lennox

Sunday—6/28 8am Worship via Facebook Live, In Person Worship in the Sanctuary at 8am, 9:30am Tailgate worship in the church parking lot

PRAYER LIST

<u>We pray for members and friends of our congregation:</u> Jim Olson, 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, Jami Atkin's dad – Kevin Roth, Tara Johanneson's brother-in-law, Jesse, Troy Smith while in active duty.

A THANK YOU FROM THE BLOODMOBILE

Awesome drive!! We had 31 lifesaving donations given!!! Helping 93 patients and their families!!! Thank you!!! Thank you so much for all your hard work organizing the drives!! You ARE the difference in the lives of local patients!!!!!

SMALL GROUPS

Various small groups within the congregation are filtering back to the building. If you are part of a small group Bible study or another group that is wanting to begin meeting in person again, feel free to contact Pastor Tom or Deacon Christie to discuss social distancing and sanitizing modifications that have been put into place. Currently, we are beginning to reintroduce groups that have about 15 people or fewer people. Again, please have a conversation with one of the ministers before you begin meeting.

Week of June 15

\$ 8,500 Adjusted Weekly Total Expenses

\$11,025 Actual Weekly Total Giving

\$ 2,525

Thank you for your support of our Trinity ministry! Adjusted expenses are what it costs to operate our church during the current pandemic situation.

Please continue to utilize any of the following means of giving.

Online Giving: https://teatrinity.breezechms.com/give/online

Text Giving: (605) 777-7223

Envelopes: in-person offering, mail to the church, or slide under the door

8am & 9:30am Worship

Sunday, June 21, 2020 Trinity Lutheran Church, Tea, SD Teatrinity.org – 605-498-2343



GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

L: Let us praise the Lord!

C: Who has heard us every time we cried.

L: What is there to give back

C: For all God has given to us?

L: Let us lift up God's name

C: So everyone can hear it!

Confession

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen**

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Most merciful God, C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart: we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God forgives all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Song

You Are Holy, You Are Whole

You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more Than we ever understand. You are always at hand.

Blessed are you coming near. Blessed are you coming here To your church in wine and bread, Raised from soil, raised from dead.

You are holy, you are wholeness; you are present. Let the cosmos praise you, Lord! Sing Hosanna in the highest, Sing Hosanna Sing Hosanna to our God! (Sing twice)

Prayer of the Day

L: Mighty God,

C: You ask a lot of your disciples. Strengthen us to stand up for your truth, even when it is difficult or uncomfortable. Encourage us by the example of your son Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORD

First Reading - Jeremiah 20:7-13

Psalm 69:7-10

Second Reading - Romans 6:1b-11

Gospel Reading – Matthew 10:24-29

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Sermon Deacon Christie Meier

Sermon Song

YOU ARE MINE

I will come to you in the silence. I will lift you from all your fear You will hear My voice I claim you as My choice Be still, and know I am near

I am hope for all who are hopeless. I am eyes for all who long to see In the shadows of the night, I will be your light Come and rest in Me

Chorus: Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name Come and follow Me I will bring you home I love you and you are mine

I am strength for all the despairing. Healing for the ones who dwell in shame All the blind will see, the lame will all run free And all will know My name (chorus)

I am the Word that leads all to freedom. I am the peace the world cannot give I will call your name, embracing all your pain Stand up, now, walk, and live (chorus)

Apostles' Creed (8:00 only)

Offertory

Prayers of the People

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Lord's Prayer

Baptism (9:30am)

Olivia Marie Hostetler, daughter of Shane & Keena Hostetler
Cora Renae Sutherland, daughter of Barry & Nicole Sutherland
Raelynn Grace Edgington, daughter of Marcus & Whitney Edgington

Blessing

SENDING

Sending Song -

Baptized

Chorus

Baptized into the death of Christ and raised again to new life. (repeat)

Down, down, I was sinking deep in sin; Killing me, killing me from deep within. He put me to death that day and the family of God stood up to say: 1-2-3-(chorus)

Down, down, down, in the water, down I went; lifted up in a brand new covenant.

They made a sign on my brow and I'll do it again to remember now. 1-2-3-(chorus)

Sing, sing, sing, to the ones who have not heard. We've been washed in the water and the Word. We'll sing with every breath. We will share his life like we've shared his death. 1-2-3-(chorus)

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!