



# GATHERED TO WORSHIP

# SCATTERED TO SERVE

Dear Beloved of Trinity,

This election has been a time of great weight and importance. I'm writing this as we wait for the results of the presidential election. Many are feeling anxiety and uncertainty. Our nation has been through a lot this last year. There has been division and strife. It is easy to lose hope when the world around us seems to be crumbling.

As Christians, we turn to God when we are feeling helpless. Scripture speaks to us. God's word is steadfast and faithful. Here these words, my friends.....

From the Old Testament book of Exodus when Moses returns from Mount Sinai with the 10 Commandments. The very first commandment is "I am the Lord your God, you shall no other gods." Luther's Small Catechism gives us the explanation to the first commandment, "We are to fear, love and trust God about all things." Trust God that he will provide. Trust God that he protects. Trust God that he loves us unconditionally.

and Proverbs 19:21 "We humans keep brainstorming options and plans, but GOD's purpose prevails." Yes, God will prevail.

We live in an uncertain world in uncertain times. What a crazy ride 2020 has been. But I know that the thing that hasn't changed is God's love for his people. I put my trust in Him above all things.

My friends, we are the body of Christ and together we move forward into the future. We are called to love, to serve and to worship.

My prayer for you today is to feel God's presence. Breathe in His peace.

Join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 10:30 as we live stream on our Facebook page or tune in later on our YouTube channel (TeaTrinityLutheranChurch). We are also in person at 8:00 and 10:30 on Sundays and 6:30pm on Wednesdays.

Peace be with you, my friends

*Deacon Christie*

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**Sunday—11/8** In-Person 8am & 10:30am Worship, 9:15am In-Person and On-Line Sunday school, On-Line worship at 10:30am, 9:15am 5th Grade Milestone, 6:30pm FPU, 7pm Men's Chorus

**Tuesday**—6:30am Men's Breakfast, 8:30am Preschool, 7pm Boards, 8pm Church Council meets

**Wednesday**—Veterans Day—Church office Closed, 8:30am Preschool, 6:30pm Worship, 7:15pm 5th grade KFC, 7th Grade Confirmation On-Line, 8th Grade In Person, Bell Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm Sr. High

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

**Sunday—11/15** In-Person 8am & 10:30am Worship, 9:15am In-Person and On-Line Sunday school, On-Line worship at 10:30am, 9:15am 5th Grade Milestone, 11:30am New Member Orientation In Person and On-Line, 6:30pm FPU, 7pm Men's Chorus

## SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade In-Person – Chapel at 9:15.  
5<sup>th</sup> grade Milestone – Fellowship Hall 9:15.

Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>: Kindergarten In-Person – Chapel at 9:15  
5<sup>th</sup> grade Milestone – Fellowship Hall 9:15.

Just a reminder, the one scheduled In-Person Sunday School is the kids' only opportunity to participate in the Christmas Program video we are putting together. This has been going very well and is turning out to be a cute program with the classes we've had so far! We can't wait to see the first graders on Sunday!!

## MILESTONE MOMENT

5<sup>th</sup> grade First Communion classes will be held November 8, 15, 21. Celebration will be on Sunday, November 22 and on Wednesday, Dec 2.

## SQUEALER'S BINGO FUNDRAISER

On Sunday, November 15, from 2-5, we are hosting a fundraiser for the Food Pantry. Come play Bingo - \$10 for 10 cards.

We are in need of 3 volunteers to work the event – 2 to sit at the door greeting and 1 to call the numbers. If you'd like to help, please get ahold of Deacon Christie [christie@teatrinity.org](mailto:christie@teatrinity.org)

## FAMILY SERVICE PROJECT

Is there a family who would be willing to come to the church and do some raking? There are some leaves just begging to be bagged up. The leaves are around the church building. We will provide the bags. Please call the church office if you are willing.



## BLOOD MOBILE at Trinity on Thursday, Nov. 12th

Call the church office if you would like to make an appointment to give blood.

## Weekly Update

Friday, November 6, 2020  
Trinity Lutheran Church Tea, SD

## South Dakota Synod Day – November 7

This Saturday, you are invited to participate virtually in our first Synod Day. We are so excited to gather as God's people (virtually) across the South Dakota Synod.

After the cancelation of the 2020 Synod Assembly, the synod staff and assembly planning committee wanted to create a space for us to still gather in a synod-wide event. We will do so virtually, trusting that the Holy Spirit knows no bounds and will unify us as the Body of Christ even when we are physically apart.

Synod Day will begin at 11 AM CT/10 AM MT with worship live-streamed from Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. Worship will be followed by a State of the Synod address by Bishop Constanza Hagmaier where we will launch the new vision of the South Dakota Synod. Later in the day, you will have the opportunity to engage with three speakers from across the ELCA as we commemorate the 50 years of Ordained Women, 40 years of Ordained Women of Color, and 10 years of the full inclusion of our LGBTQIA+ siblings into the ministry.

Synod Day will close with honoring our rostered ministers who have retired, those celebrating a milestone anniversary, and we will also celebrate new rostered ministers and seminarians assigned to South Dakota.

During Synod Day worship, we will celebrate both of our sacraments. We want to make worship as accessible and welcoming for you.

**Here are ways you can fully participate in this worship service.**

**For Thanksgiving for Baptism**, worshipers are invited to collect a dish of water, which they will use to mark the sign of the cross on their foreheads.

**For Holy Communion**, we invite you to come to the church, if you would like, and pick up our individual sealed communion cups if you'd like to participate in Holy Communion during Synod Day worship. Please contact Deacon Christie to arrange it.

## Attendance Records

There have been some inquiries about our in-person worship attendance so we are including the statistic in the newsletter. The Board of Worship has determined the Sanctuary can hold 200 people with social distancing.

Date	8:00	10:30	Wed 6:30
Nov 1	75	54	72

## CHURCH FINANCES

Month of October	Week of Nov 2nd	
\$40,000	\$10,000	Weekly Total Operating Expenses
<u>\$30,292</u>	<u>\$ 6,207</u>	Actual Weekly Total Giving
<b>\$9,708</b>	<b>\$ 3,793</b>	

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 Pol-  
lema. **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 November is St Dysmas Prison Ministry**

# 8am & 10:30am Worship

Sunday, November 8, 2020

Trinity Lutheran Church, Tea, SD

Teatrinity.org – 605-498-2343



## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

### GATHERING

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Opening Song - Video

#### 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.

#### Prayer of the Day

L: Loving Lord,

**C: You bid us stay alert and active in the work of your kingdom. Keep us focused on things which matter, awaiting your return with eagerness and longing. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

### WORD

**First Reading – Amos 5:18-24**

## Psalm 70

L: Be pleased, O God, to deliver me. O LORD, make haste to help me!

**C: Let those be put to shame and confusion who seek my life.**

**Let those be turned back and brought to dishonour who desire to hurt me.**

L: Let those who say, 'Aha, Aha!' turn back because of their shame.

C: Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. Let those who love your salvation say evermore, 'God is great!'

L: But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!

**Second Reading – I Thessalonians 4:13-18**

**Gospel Reading – Matthew 25:1-13**

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Sermon** Pastor Tom Opoien

**Sermon Song** "Be Thou My Vision"

**Apostles' Creed**

**Offertory**

**Prayers of the People**

### MEAL

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.

**Holy Communion**

**Words of Institution**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Distribution**

**Communion Blessing**

**Blessing**

### SENDING

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L: God is good.

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

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude** "Good Good Father"