



## Weekly Update

Friday, September 4, 2020  
Trinity Lutheran Church Tea, SD

Dear friends,

Years ago, my friend Arley introduced me to a helpful phrase when we were talking about that sinking feeling that we often had when waking in the middle of the night. Perhaps you know what I'm talking about. That feeling at two or three in the morning when the volume of our worries is amplified. Arley said that the Swedes call that early morning hour, "the hour of the wolf." It feels like the wolf is prowling close. Strangely, the same problems don't seem as frightening or insurmountable once the sun comes up and we have a chance to face our worry in the light of day. But what to do when the wolf feels close?

For me, prayer helps. My most transparent prayers often come in the moments when my guard is completely down, and quite often God provides peace. The other night, when I was having one of those moments and began to pray, the beloved hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" wrapped by thoughts. The second verse became my prayer. Over and over again, I sang the words to myself,

*Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer.*

When I awoke in the morning, my first thought was of the song. And it was a comfort.

It is good news that God indeed provides for us in our strength, but we also teach that God is especially close in our weakness. That is why the cross is part of God's story. We are not abandoned in trials. Just the opposite, it is at those times that God is especially near.

God bless you all as you enter your weekend. May you know the comfort of God be like a soft pillow.

Peace and best wishes,

Pastor Tom Opoien

## Church Calendar

Sunday—9/6 8am Worship via Facebook Live, Sanctuary at 8am & 9:30am worship

Monday—Labor Day—Church office closed

Tuesday—6:30am Men's Breakfast, 8:30am Preschool, 7pm Board Meetings, 8pm Executive Bd.

Wednesday—8:30am Preschool

Thursday— 8:30am Preschool, 6pm TOPS

**Sunday—9/13 8am and 10:30am Worship in Sanctuary, Facebook Live worship at 10:30am**

## Globe Offering

We will begin collecting for our Globe Offering ministries this Sunday and beyond. These are important ministries that have been put on the back burner during this Covid pandemic. The Globe Offering container will be placed in the gathering space by the coffee serving counter. Please add your donation at any time prior, during or after worship. Thank you for your generosity.

## SAVE THE DATES

**September 13 – return to Sunday worship times** at 8:00 and 10:30am, Facebook Live worship will begin at 10:30am.

3<sup>rd</sup> grade Milestone – lesson 1

Milestone Online Registration at—<https://teatrinity.breezechms.com/form/32f43e>

**September 16 – Wednesday Worship begins** at 6:30pm

We will use the same safety protocols that we use for Sunday morning worship: pews and surfaces are sanitized before and after worship, masks are recommended, no passing the offering plates, social distancing in the pews (every other pew), no candle lighting at this time.

**September 30 – Confirmation registration opens.** There will be more information available later. Confirmation will be offered either in-person or virtually. Safety protocols will be observed.

**October 4 – Sunday School begins.** Please register for either in-person or virtual Sunday School. <https://teatrinity.breezechms.com/form/e144e3> More information will be sent out as we get closer to the date. Safety protocols will also be observed.

## Week of August 16

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

**\$ 8,294 Actual Weekly Total Giving**

**\$ -1,706**

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**

# 8am & 9:30am Worship

Sunday, September 6, 2020

Trinity Lutheran Church, Tea, SD

Teatrinity.org – 605-498-2343



## 14th 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** “Shout to the Lord” ELW #821

#### Prayer of the Day

L: Merciful God,

**C: You have forgiven us a world of transgressions. Make us likewise gracious to those who are in debt to us, showing them the mercy which you offer to all. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

### WORD

**First Reading** – Exodus 12:1-14

## **Psalm 119:33-40**

L: Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

**C: Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.**

L: Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

**C: Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.**

L: Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.

**C: Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.**

L: Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.

**C: See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.**

## **Second Reading – Romans 13:8-14**

## **Gospel Reading – Matthew 18:15-20**

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Sermon** Deacon Christie Meier

**Sermon Song** “Bind us Together”

## **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 Goulet, 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. Sympathy to Marlys Bergjord and family for the loss of her brother-in-law – LeRoy Ebbling,

## **Lord’s Prayer**

## **Blessing**

## **SENDING**

**Sending Song** “Lord, I Need You”

## **Sending**

L: God is good.

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

**C: Thanks be to God!**