



GATHERED TO WORSHIP SCATTERED TO SERVE

Dear friends in Christ,

This letter is an invitation. On Sunday, November 22 from 11:45 to 12:30 Deacon Christie and I will be serving Holy Communion in a “drive-through” setting. If you would like to receive Holy Communion, simply drive to the south entrance of Trinity and we will be set up to serve you in your vehicle. We will both be wearing masks and will sanitize our hands between each car.

I know that many of you have missed taking part in Communion at the church building, so this may be an opportunity for you to consider.

Why participate in Holy Communion? Martin Luther explains the benefits in the Small Catechism. He writes, “The words ‘given for you’ and ‘shed for you for the forgiveness of sin’ show us that forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation are given to us in the sacrament through these words, because where there is forgiveness of sin, there is also life and salvation.”

It also seems appropriate that we will be receiving this meal in the same location that we have been distributing food to the community for our COVID Food Response. Our Lord indeed feeds us in both body and soul.

There is no need to preregister, but if you have any questions feel free to contact us.

Peace and best wishes,

Pastor Tom Sporen



CHURCH CALENDAR

Weekly Update

Friday, November 13, 2020
Trinity Lutheran Church Tea, SD

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, 2pm Food Pantry Bingo Fundraiser at Squealers, 6:30pm FPU, 7pm Men's Chorus

Tuesday—6:30am Men's Breakfast, 8:30am Preschool, 6:30pm BeFrienders

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

Thursday— 8:30am Preschool, 1:30pm WELCA Bible Study ("Called to Serve") 5:30pm TOPS

Saturday—9am 5th Grade Milestone

Sunday—11/22 In-Person 8am & 10:30am Worship, 9:15am In-Person and On-Line Sunday school, On-Line worship at 10:30am, 6:30pm FPU, 7pm Men's Chorus

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

On-Line Sunday School Live streams each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

November 15th – Kindergarten In-Person at 9:15 in the Chapel

November 22nd – Pre-K In-Person at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall

MILESTONE MOMENT

Fifth Graders are currently meeting for First Communion instruction. We have met on Nov 8 and will meet again on Nov 15 and 21. We will celebrate on Nov 22 or Dec 2. If you have missed the first lesson or know you will miss a lesson, please let Deacon Christie know and she will make up the lesson for your child. This is an important Milestone and I will either meet in person or Zoom a lesson with your child.

The Milestone schedule for 2021, as of now, will continue as originally scheduled. Emails and flyers will be sent out for each upcoming Milestone. Peace to you, Deacon Christie

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.



A Response to the Board of Stewardship's "Call to Action"

Trinity's Board of Stewardship would like to help you give a compliment to someone you saw doing a meaningful act of service. We don't want to use names, but in November we'd like to share some of these stories in print and video to remind us what Christian stewardship looks like.

"We want to share a story of stewardship. We know of a Tea family that has faithfully been preparing a complete meal, once a week - on a specific day of the week, for an elderly homebound couple. They may have been doing this prior to the pandemic and have continued through it." From Sandy and Ray Cheney

If you have a short example to share for the newsletter, please email it to tom@teatrinity.org

GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is an opportunity to give to those children who may not otherwise receive gifts. There are tags available in the Gathering Space for those who wish to pick one up but also there is a Sign Up Genius to choose a tag. Use this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B48AAA623A2F94-giving>

Please return unwrapped items to the church by December 15th.

Thank you for your generosity.



ATTENDANCE

Date	8:00	10:30	Wed 6:30
Nov 8	85	54	70

CHURCH FINANCES

Week of Nov 9th

\$10,000	Weekly Total Operating Expenses
<u>\$ 8,090</u>	Actual Weekly Total Giving
\$ 1,910	

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 Dismas Prison Ministry

Based on the new CDC recommendation for community mask wearing and in support of the #MaskUpSoDak campaign, we strongly recommend and ask all those who enter our church building to wear a facemask. This small effort can help protect our staff and all vulnerable people within our congregation. Adult and child size masks are available on the welcome desk should you need one. #MaskUpTLC

For your reference, here is the CDC article published on November 10, 2020:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/more/masking-science-sars-cov2.html>



8am & 10:30am Worship

Sunday, November 15, 2020

Trinity Lutheran Church, Tea, SD

Teatrinity.org – 605-498-2343



24th Sunday After Pentecost

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Song Video “Build Your Kingdom Here”

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: God of hope,

C: You expect good things of us. Guide us to use well what you have given us, and follow your example of mercy and goodness. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

WORD

First Reading – Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Psalm 90:1-8,12

L: Lord, you have been our dwelling-place* in all generations.

C: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

L: You turn us* back to dust, and say, 'Turn back, you mortals.'

C: For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

L: You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;

C: in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

L: For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed.

C: You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

L: So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

Second Reading – I Thessalonians 5:1-11

Gospel Reading – Matthew 25:14-30

L: The Word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God**

Sermon Deacon Christie Meier

Sermon Song "Well Done" video by the Afters

Apostles' Creed

Offertory

Prayers of the People

MEAL

We pray for members and friends of our congregation: Alma Gors, Ron Seim, Steve Jelen's dad – Gene and brother – Jamie, Sarah Hilmo'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 Breitbart, Clifford Mechels, Troy Smith and Ellie Cordie while in active duty. Condolences to Myron Roth and family for the loss of his brother—LeRoy.

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

Blessing

Sending

L: God is good.

L: All the time.

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

SENDING

C: All the time.

C: God is good.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude