



GATHERED TO WORSHIP SCATTERED TO SERVE

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 1 Corinthians 12:27

Dear friends in Christ,

Even though we refer to the building where we gather to worship as “church.” We know that the church as scripture describes us is not made of bricks and mortar. According to Paul, the church is nothing less than the body of Christ in the world. The church is you! And the great gift of being this church is that each of us individuals serve others in Christ’s name. For many of you, serving your neighbor in large and small ways has become such a part of who you are that you don’t even notice the good that you are doing.

To highlight these wonderful acts, 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. **Here is your call to action:**

In a short video of thirty seconds or less tell about an act of kindness, compassion, generosity, or service that you witnessed in someone you know. Don’t use his or her name but tell us the story. Be specific in your description of the event. We’ll be sharing these stories in worship and on social media to highlight good stewardship. When you’ve completed the video (it doesn’t need to be perfect) forward it through Facebook Messenger on the Tea Trinity Facebook page. Or, you can write your story in one or two paragraphs and send it to Pastor Tom through email tom@teatrinity.org or drop it off at the church office.

Here is an example from me. “Each winter I deeply appreciate the city workers who plow the street in front of my house. They are working in difficult conditions to help the neighborhood. I also appreciate my neighbor who does the detail plowing with his snowblower at our bank of mailboxes so we can easily get to the mailboxes. He doesn’t need to do this, but he does it as an act of kindness. This is good stewardship.”

This neighborly snowplowing event may not seem like a giant act of kindness, but it is to me. These are the types of stories we hope to gather. Thanks for participating. It will be a fun project, a way to show our gratitude, and a chance to see the many ways that we are scattered to serve.

The Board of Stewardship would also like to thank you for your financial generosity during this pandemic. You, the members of the congregation, have been very faithful and intentional in your financial support and the service ministries we provide. It makes a difference and is deeply appreciated.

Peace and best wishes,

Pastor Tom Groen

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday—10/18 In-Person 8am and 10:30am Worship, 9:30am Semi Annual Meeting, On-Line worship at 10:30am, 9:15am 4th Grade Milestone, 9:15am In-Person and On-Line Sunday School, 6:30pm Financial Peace University, 7pm Men's Chorus

Monday—7pm Chocolate Bible Study

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

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

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

Sunday—10-25 In-Person 8am & 10:30am Worship, 9:15am In-Person and On-Line Sunday school, On-Line worship at 10:30am, Confirmation Services at 1 & 2:30pm, 6:30pm Financial Peace University, 7pm Men's Chorus

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

10.18.20 – 3rd grade In-Person Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)
On-Line Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
4th grade Milestone 9:15 a.m. (Lutheran Lounge)

10.25.20 – 4th grade In-Person Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)
On-Line virtual Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Milestone Ministry

Youth and Family hosted the 3rd grade Milestone in Sept and in October, I met with the 4th graders as they learned about being good stewards of all God has given us.

Mark your calendars - First Communion classes for 5th graders will be held November 8, 15, 21. We will celebrate their first communion on Sunday, November 22.

Deacon Christie

CHURCH FINANCES

Week of Oct. 12th

\$10,000 Weekly Total Operating Expenses

\$ 6,008 Actual Weekly Total Giving

\$-3,992

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

Weekly Update

Friday, October 16, 2020
Trinity Lutheran Church Tea, SD

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
Oct 4	46	70	80
Oct 11	45	81	70

Fresh Evergreen Christmas Décor



Our Trinity youth will be selling fresh evergreen Christmas wreaths, crosses, door swags and other evergreen choices this Fall. Orders are due on October 26 and will be delivered to the church for you to pick up approximately on November 19. All proceeds will help fund their confirmation and youth camps for the Summer of 2021. There will be a table in the gathering space where you can place your order on Sundays and Wednesdays beginning October 14 and going through October 25. You can also contact your favorite youth directly. Any questions, please contact Laura Stewart at 310-7896 or at lenandlaura@iw.net or the church office.

New member orientation to be held on November 15

An orientation for people interested in joining Trinity Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, November 15 at 11:30 in the fellowship hall. This event will be held in-person in a socially distanced setting with an option to join online via Zoom.

If you would like to find out more about life and ministry at Trinity through this event, please email Pastor Tom at tom@teatrinity.org

Thank you to the Board of Outreach for hosting this gathering.

Food Pantry Donations

The Tea Area Food Pantry is doing Thanksgiving boxes this year. They are asking Trinity for two items to help complete the boxes... Boxes of Jello (any flavor) and Olives (green or black). Please put your donations in the labeled basket in the Gathering Space before November 8th. Thank you!



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 18, 2020

Trinity Lutheran Church, Tea, SD

Teatrinity.org – 605-498-2343



20th 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 "The Church of Christ in Every Age" ELW 729

10:30am "Dance With Me"

Prayer of the Day

L: Royal One,

C: Your kingdom is not of this world, and yet we must make our home here. Give us your guidance and wisdom to make good choices and live faithfully as your people on earth. Amen.

WORD

First Reading – Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalm 96:1-6

L: O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

C: Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

L: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous works among all the peoples.

C: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.

L: For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

C: Honour and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Second Reading – I Thessalonians 1:1-10

Gospel Reading – Matthew 22:15-22

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Sermon Deacon Christie Meier

Sermon Song “Majesty”

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, Ray & Joanie Kelly’s niece Becky Preheim. Troy Smith and Ellie Cordie while in active duty.

Offertory Kendra McKinney-piano solo

MEAL

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

Blessing

SENDING

Sending Song 8:00 “Lord of All Hopefulness” ELW 765

10:30 “Go, Make Disciples”

Sending

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

C: Thanks be to God!