



## Weekly Update

Friday, January 8, 2021  
Trinity Lutheran Church Tea, SD

Dear beloved of Trinity,

The events of Wednesday, Jan 6, were groundbreaking and incredibly sad. Lives were lost. We gathered for worship while it was still playing out. We gathered with heavy hearts as we watched the events play out in Washington DC.

A Bible verse came to mind.

*“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” Ephesians 4:3-6*

Only God can bring the changes we so desperately need. So we trust and we pray.

Dear Heavenly Father,

Hear our prayer for unity that we may all love each other as you first loved us. May we act with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience toward one another. We need you so desperately now and in the days to come. May we lay down our swords, set aside our grievances and forgive each other as you have forgiven us. Lord, lead us to take what you’ve given us – love, mercy, grace, forgiveness – and spread those in this world. Soften hearts, calm the anger and help us see our commonalities. Turn your people back to you. Draw others to come to know you. We thank you that you are always with us, and never let go of us.

In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Jan 6 was also Epiphany, a day in the church year when we recognize and celebrate the a-ha moment that Jesus is the Christ, the Savior of the world. The a-ha moment came with the arrival of the wise men to the Holy Family, initiating God’s word to the Gentiles (non-Jewish people). Jesus came to save us all!

Moving forward into the new year, let us be beacons of light to a broken, darkened world. “Christ be our light, shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness. Christ be our light, shine in your church, gathered today.” (ELW hymn #715)

People of God, may God bless your new year and may the Holy Spirit move in and through you.

In Faith,

Deacon Christie

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**Sunday—1-10** In-Person 8am & 10:30am Worship, On-Line worship at 10:30am, 9:30 Sunday School, Adult Sunday School and Kindergarten Milestone.

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

**Wednesday—**8:30am Preschool, 6:30pm Worship, 7:15pm KFC 5th grade in person, Confirmation 7th grade in person, Sr. High

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

**Sunday—1-17** In-Person 8am & 10:30am Worship, On-Line worship at 10:30am 9:30am Sunday School, Adult Sunday School and Kindergarten Milestone.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:30am

Sunday – Jan 10 – 2<sup>nd</sup> graders in person in the chapel

Sunday, Jan 17 – 1<sup>st</sup> graders in person in the chapel

Sunday, Jan 24 - Kindergartners graders in person in the chapel

## ATTENDANCE

Date	8:00	10:30	Wed
Jan 3	45	68	78

## CHURCH FINANCES

Week of Jan 4      \$6930                      Actual Weekly Total Giving

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 January is Lutherans Outdoors

## MILESTONE MOMENT

We begin the new year with our **Kindergarten Milestone**. We meet on Jan 10 and 17 for our lessons in the Fellowship Hall and on Jan 24 for our celebration in worship. We will also celebrate on Wednesday, Jan 27 in worship. Registration link –

<http://bitly.ws/b3Q4>

**First graders** will meet on Jan 24 and 31 for our lessons and Sunday, February 7 or Wednesday, February 10 for our celebration. Registration link -

<http://bitly.ws/b3Qf>

I look forward to seeing you either in person or on-screen. Please use the links to register so I know how many will be in person and how many will be live streaming. Thank you,

Deacon Christie

**Our 2020 Annual Meeting will be held on 1/24/21 at 9:15am in the Sanctuary. If you prefer to attend via Zoom—the link is [shorturl.at/muKX6](https://shorturl.at/muKX6)**

# 8am & 10:30am Worship

Sunday, January 10, 2021

Trinity Lutheran Church, Tea, SD

Teatrinity.org – 605-498-2343



## Baptism of our Lord

### GATHERING

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Call to Worship

L: Prepare a way for the Lord!

**C: Clear a pathway!**

L: The valleys and mountains will be leveled,

**C: Everyone will see it.**

L: Prepare a way for the Lord!

**C: Clear a pathway!**

L: We gather in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

**All: Amen.**

#### Song

#### Confession

L: We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

L: God of light,

**C: You light a fire within us and ask us to shine, but we are quick to hide and make excuses. We shrink from challenges, avoid responsibility, and deny the goodness of your creation. We seek hollow praise and then don't believe it. Forgive us for hiding our God-given light and remaining self-absorbed.**

L: Children of God, never fear, for you have always lived in the mercy of your creator. Hear the words of absolution and believe them: you are forgiven, you are made whole, you are restored to God. Hallelujah!

**All: Amen.**

#### Prayer of the Day

**God of truth, Through John you challenged your people to repent. Move us also to put aside the things that get in the way of truly serving you, for the sake of Jesus our savior. Amen.**

### WORD

**Psalm 51:6-17**

L: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart  
**C: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow**  
L: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice  
**C: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**  
L: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.  
**C: Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.**  
L: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.  
**C: Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.**  
L: Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.  
**C: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.**  
L: For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt-offering, you would not be pleased.  
**C: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

### **Gospel Reading – Luke 3:1-22**

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**

We pray for members and friends of our congregation: Ron Seim, Steve Jelen's dad – Gene and brother – Jamie, Sarah Hilmoie'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, Jessica Boone's mom – Sue Meyer. Rosalie Gerdes's sister JoAnn Breitbach, Joy Schuers and Gale Dannen's mother, Marjo; Morris Mechels, Troy Smith and Ellie Cordie while in active duty.

### **MEAL**

**Holy Communion**

**Words of Institution**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Distribution**

**Communion Blessing**

**Blessing**

### **SENDING**

**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!**

**Postlude**