



Weekly Update

Friday, June 26, 2020
Trinity Lutheran Church Tea, SD

Dear friends in Christ,

My grandparents were born, raised, and lived most of their lives on farms in Lyons Township, Minnehaha County. It was probably obvious to them that their neighbor would be the 150 or so people who lived on the other farms in the township. Perhaps they could extend the word neighbor to the people of Baltic who all spoke with the same Norwegian dialect. But maybe it was a wider circle than I think. Grandpa's sisters moved to Seattle and Los Angeles. Did their neighbors become his neighbors too?

My definition of neighbor stretched last February when I visited my sister in College Station, Texas. I was happy that we attended Sunday morning worship with her in the Lutheran congregation that she has grown to love in that community. Since most of her neighbors were lifelong Texans meeting a South Dakotan was a little like meeting a unicorn. They liked us; we liked them. Did that make us neighbors, too? However, I don't think they truly became my neighbors until this week as I prayed for them.

College Station is one of the many communities in Texas that has seen a drastic spike in active COVID-19 cases in the last few weeks. Of course, I've been praying for my sister and my beloved nieces and nephews who live in that community. But I've also found myself praying for members her church, and members of the town. Before I knew it, I was praying for the people of Texas, then the people of the United States. Before I knew it, my prayer ended where God intended it in the first place – for all the people of the world.

When Jesus reminds his followers to "Love the Lord your God and your neighbor as yourself," he knew that we are prone to such narrow interpretations of who our neighbors are and how we should treat them. That has always been a problem. My prayer today is for neighbors living with fear, for those living with the sad realities of injustice. My prayer is for myself that I would be quicker to learn the names of the newcomers down the block and for a heart that sees the strangers on the news as people who are not strangers to God.

I often return to the wisdom of a little girl in a children's sermon here at Trinity a couple of years ago. When the question was asked, "Who should we love?" She responded, "All the people that God loves." The approving sigh that came from the congregation was part of the holy moment. Maybe that little child was a better Biblical translator than the scholars. What is the greatest commandment? To love the Lord your God with all your heart and to love all the people that God loves.

Peace and best wishes,

Pastor Tom Sporen

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday—6/28 8am Worship via Facebook Live, In Person Worship in the Sanctuary at 8am 9:30am Tailgate worship in the church parking lot

Tuesday—6:30am Men's Breakfast, 7pm Board of Outreach

Wednesday—6:30pm and 8:30pm Trinity plays softball in Lennox

Thursday—4-6pm Covid Food Giveaway

Friday—Church office closed for Independence Day

Sunday—7/5 8am Worship via Facebook Live, In Person Worship in the Sanctuary at 8am, 9:30am Tailgate worship in the church parking lot

PRAYER LIST

We pray for members and friends of our congregation: Jim Olson, 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, Jami Atkin's dad – Kevin Roth, Tara Johanneson's brother-in-law, Jesse, Troy Smith while in active duty. Condolences to Carrie Plucker and family for the loss of her Sister in Law—Gena Hembrae.

COVID-19 FOOD RESPONSE

We have had several successful food giveaways through our Covid-19 Food Response. We offer the giveaways on the first and third Thursdays of the month. Our next food giveaway will be Thursday, July 2nd from 4-6pm. We are happy to be partnering with Feeding South Dakota so we can have access to their commodity food boxes. Thank you for your faithful support for the Food Pantry and in particular, the Covid-19 Food Response. It fills a need for many families during this pandemic. To Register for a box, follow this link <https://forms.gle/zQnfA5bh3RJ2ZYma6>

Week of June 22

\$ 8,500 Adjusted Weekly Total Expenses

\$ 6617 Actual Weekly Total Giving

- \$1883

Thank you for your support of our Trinity ministry! Adjusted expenses are what it costs to operate our church during the current pandemic situation.

Please continue to utilize any of the following means of giving.

Online Giving: <https://teatrinity.breezechms.com/give/online>

Text Giving: (605) 777-7223

Envelopes: in-person offering, mail to the church, or slide under the door

8am & 9:30am Worship

Sunday, June 28, 2020

Trinity Lutheran Church, Tea, SD

Teatrinity.org – 605-498-2343



GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

L: Let us praise the Lord!

C: Who has heard us every time we cried.

L: What is there to give back

C: For all God has given to us?

L: Let us lift up God's name

C: So everyone can hear it!

Confession

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen**

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart: we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God forgives all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Song

All Are Welcome

Chorus: All are Welcome friend and stranger
At the banquet of the Savior
All are welcome, all are welcome here.

1 To the woman who comes crying Leaving tears at Jesus' feet.

To the one who knows the right way but cannot see. (*chorus*)

2. From the ones who feel forgotten, Those who sense their place is gone,

To the ones who live in hunger Here, you belong. (*chorus*)

3. Go into the streets and cities, to the farms and families.

Tell about the splendid table, God's Mercy. (*chorus*)

Prayer of the Day

L: O Lord,

C: You long for us to show mercy, compassion and welcome just as you do. Help us to open our hearts to all of your wayward and rejected children, even as we were welcomed into your kingdom of love, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

WORD

First Reading – Jeremiah 28:5-9

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

L: I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, ^{*}for ever;
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

**C: I declare that your steadfast love is established for ever;
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

L: You said, 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to my servant David:

**C: I will establish your descendants for ever,
and build your throne for all generations." '**

L: Happy are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance;

C: they exult in your name all day long, and extol^{*} your righteousness.

L: For you are the glory of their strength; by your favour our horn is exalted.

C: For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel.

Second Reading – Romans 6:12:23

Gospel Reading – Matthew 10:40-42

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Sermon Pastor Tom Opoien

Sermon Song "Rise Up, O Saints of God"

1. Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambition turn; Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.

2. Rise up, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame; as heirs of God's baptismal grace, the word of hope proclaim.
3. Rise up, O saints of God! His kingdom's task embrace; redress sin's cruel consequence; give justice larger place.
4. Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain; stretch forth your hand of healing now, with love the weak sustain.
5. Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod, and, quickened by the Spirit's power, rise up, O saints of God!

Apostles' Creed

Offertory

Prayers of the People

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Lord's Prayer

Blessing

SENDING

Sending Song

Go Now

Filled with the Holy Spirit Go now with God, go now with God
 Into the world as a servant Go now with God, go now with God

Chorus: Go now, go now, go now with God Go now, go now, go now with God

Offering a hand to a stranger Go now with God, go now with God
 Trusting in the risen savior Go now with God, go now with God **(Chorus)**

Waters of mercy have found us Go now with God, go now with God
 Grace on the journey surrounds us Go now with God, go now with God **(Chorus)**

Crossing every boundary, every nation Go now with God, go now with God
 Dancing in the gift of liberation Go now with God, go now with God **(Chorus)**

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!