



Dear beloved of Trinity,

I've just returned from a wonderful trip to Slovakia to visit our daughter and her family upon the birth of our new grandson. I was able to travel to Europe through a medical exemption.

I had the privilege of taking care of our other 2 grandsons while our daughter and son-in-law crossed the border into Austria to have the baby. Because of Covid and the border crossing, our son-in-law stayed in Vienna with our daughter, which ended up to be a blessing as our little grandson was transferred to a NICU at a neighboring hospital then again to a cardiac hospital.

So I got to stay with the two other little boys which was an extreme blessing for me. My husband and I usually travel together but because we wanted to extend our time of helping them, I went for the first 2 weeks and Phil went for the next two weeks.

Prior to birth, we knew he had a serious heart defect so there was worry and anxiety not knowing if he would need open heart surgery upon birth. I give God thanks that he gives those particular skills to doctors so they can perform open heart surgery on a human who is so tiny.

Many of you were praying for a safe delivery, for peace of mind, for uncomplicated traveling. Prayers were answered and, in that power, God's fingerprints were evident everywhere. Thanks be to God! Little Magnus is tolerating his heart defect and will probably have open heart surgery this summer when he's a little bigger and stronger.

Chapter 6 of the Gospel of John 6 is a loaded chapter. It has the familiar story of Jesus feeding the 5000, Jesus walking on water and Jesus giving the bread of life discourse - stories of the provision of God. After Jesus's discourse on eating his flesh and drinking his blood, many followers misunderstood and took his words literally, causing them to leave. Jesus turns to his disciples and asked, "do you want to leave, also?" Peter responds, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life." Yes, where do we go in times of confusion and uncertainty? We turn to Jesus because

Jesus speaks life. Jesus speaks spirit. He is our source of comfort and strength.

Our family has felt those words of life and spirit. Thank you for lifting us up on the power of prayer. Thank you for your kind words, for sharing in my tears, for believing that God can perform miracles. As I held little Magnus, I watched his heart beat in his tiny chest. I was overwhelmed as I felt like I was witnessing a miracle. We serve a steadfast God who loves us beyond belief and will never leave us.

When you find yourself filled with worry or facing uncertainty, say these words out loud, "Jesus speaks life. Jesus speaks spirit into my life."

As I've said many times, we are a praying congregation who believes in the power of prayer. Let us come to God with our whole heart, confessing and proclaiming. Lent is an opportune time to recommit our devotion to God. Create a space to talk to Him everyday. Be intentional and committed. God wants to be in relationship with us.

In faith, Deacon Christie

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday—2-28 In-Person 8am & 10:30am Worship, On-Line worship at 10:30am, 9:30am Adult Sunday School. Sunday School

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

Wednesday—8:30am Preschool, 9am Quilters, 6:30pm Lenten Worship, Confirmation with Mentors, 7:15pm KFC 5th grade in person, Sr. High

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

Sunday—3-7 In-Person 8am & 10:30am Worship, On-Line worship at 10:30am 9:15am 6th Grade Milestone, 9:30am Sunday School, Adult Sunday School.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:30am

February 28th: 2nd Grade in-person

The Board of Education is putting together a committee to help with Vacation Bible School this Summer. We are planning to **meet Monday, March 8th** in the fellowship hall. If someone is interested in joining this committee, they can email myself at brooke.boots@k12.sd.us or Angela Curtis at a.curtis22211@gmail.com

Milestone Moment

In March, I will meet with the 6th graders as we learn the books of the Bible. Lessons are March 7 and 14. We will celebrate on Wed, March 24 at 6:30 OR Palm Sunday, March 28 at both services.

Svens in Slovakia

Trinity Lutheran is a supporting congregation for Ånna (Phil and Christie Meier's daughter) and Kyle, ELCA missionaries in Slovakia.

Dear family in Christ,

We are overjoyed to announce the birth of our son, Magnus Philip Svennungsen, born on the 9th of February 2021. The meaning of Magnus' name is "great" or "mighty", and he has lived up to the name in light of being born with a heart defect. He has been stable here in the hospital and can't wait to go home and eventually meet his big brothers. They are continuing to closely monitor him at this time, but we know that he will require extra care and surgery at some point in the future. Ånna is recovering well. Your prayers and support mean the world to us, and we are forever grateful.



In Christ, Pastor Kyle & Ånna Svennungsen

ATTENDANCE

Date	8:00	10:30	Wednesday
Feb 21	46	112	157

Board of Education is excited to host three canvas paint events. We will hold an adult Paint & Praise night (ages 13 & up) on Friday, March 12th. Then, on March 13th, we welcome kids! The events are limited to keep with social distancing guidelines, and the kid events are designed to have an adult assisting. Find more information on the posters shown and sign up at: <https://forms.gle/jnWfG9tkWKAAY3TN9> or call the church office.

Join us for an evening of fellowship and fun while painting a scenic winter landscape with acrylic paint on canvas! All supplies included. The class will be led through each step, but participants are welcome and encouraged to take creative leaps as well!

Your safety is important to us, so the following COVID-19 Safeguards will be in place—class size will be limited to 20 painters, all art materials will be sanitized, the space will be set up to social distance family units and masks will be required. The chocolate will be individually packaged and sent home with each artist.



Only \$25!

To register visit our website at teatrinity.org or call the church office at (605) 498-2343.

Learn step-by-step how to paint a snowman or penguin on canvas using acrylic paint. Kids 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Parents are welcome to join and paint with their child, but it's not required. All supplies included.

The following COVID-19 Safeguards will be in place—class size will be limited to 10 students (20 total with parents), all art materials will be sanitized between classes, the space will be set up to social distance family units, and masks will be required. The cookies will be individually packaged and sent home with each artist.

To Register:
Call the church office at 605-498-2343 or
Visit online at www.teatrinity.org

Lots of fun!

CHURCH FINANCES

Week of Feb 22

\$10,625 Weekly Total Operating Expenses

\$ 6,627 Actual Weekly Total Giving

\$ 3,998

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 at 321-3057. **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 February Globe offering goes to the Teddy Bear Den

“Table of Lent”

MID-WEEK HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER SERVICES

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

March 3	Testing Table—Temptation and Trials, Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10:12-13
March 10	Table of Forgiveness, Scripture: Matthew 6:14-15
March 17	The Wide Table, Scripture: Acts 11:1-18
March 24	The Adaptive Table, Scripture: Mark 2:13-17

8am & 10:30am Worship

Sunday, February 28, 2021

Trinity Lutheran Church, Tea, SD

Teatrinity.org – 605-498-2343



Second Sunday in Lent

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (from Philippians 3)

L: Brothers and sisters, join in imitating Jesus, and observe those who live according to the example He has in us.

C: Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ

L: He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory

C: Therefore, as brothers and sisters stand firm in the Lord in this way, We are beloved!

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

All: Amen.

Song

Confession

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

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: God of mercy,

C: Jesus was faithful even in the face of death, yet we so often fail you in day to day living. Our commitment is shaky, our promises are unreliable, and our actions are questionable. We quit when discipleship becomes difficult and complain that we don't get enough credit. Forgive us our neglect of your mission and our lukewarm devotion and wake us up to the urgency of your gospel.

P: God is gracious and pardons all our shortcomings. May the giver of life forgive us our sins and restore us to the joy of discipleship and service, for the sake of Jesus our faithful Lord.

All: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Merciful God,

You long for your people to bear the fruits of mercy and repentance. Tend and guide our growth into a faithful nation who serves you and the people you love, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

WORD

Psalm 122

L: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

c: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

L: Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.

C: To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

L: For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David.

C: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

L: Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers."

Gospel Reading – Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Sermon Deacon Christie Meier

Sermon Song

Apostles' Creed

Offertory

Prayers of the People

We pray for members and friends of our congregation: Mike Westall, Steve Jelen's dad – Gene and brother – Jamie, Sarah Hilmo's uncle Fred Tidemann. Jerry & Dianne Werness's son in law – Doug Madetzke, Jami Atkin's dad – Kevin Roth, Jessica Boone's mom – Sue Meyer. Rosalie Gerdes's sister JoAnn Breitbach, Carol Ebel – Angie Hillestad's mom, Troy Smith and Ellie Cordie while in active duty.

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

SENDING

Sending

L: God is good.

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

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude