



## Weekly Update

Friday, August 14, 2020  
Trinity Lutheran Church Tea, SD

Dear Beloved of Trinity,

When I sit down and think about the last 5 months, I am filled with frustration, exhaustion yet also, filled with anticipation of what is to come.

This has led me to do a lot of reading and researching about what the church will look like in a post pandemic world.

Instead of looking at it with dread or as something that needs fixing, I'm refocusing my efforts to looking at it as an "opportunity."

Barna Group has put out their research on the future of the church. One particular piece of information that resonated with me was that 70% of regular attenders will return. In an age of virtual worship, many have found virtual worship to be their new norm. That can be discouraging, or it can be enlightening. We have a strong on-line presence at Trinity. So, I am excited to look for ways to include that presence as a viable worshipping congregation.

In these last 5 months, we have been in an adaptation mode – making changes as we have needed to – and making them quickly. We have done well, in my opinion, on adapting. But now it is time to move to innovation. One author of article I've been reading used this language and I really liked it. So, I'm now looking at fall as an opportunity to innovate ministry. Innovate, experiment and pivot. That was another word that intrigued me...pivot. The ability to make a plan yet be able to pivot when needed. Our Church Council has worked diligently to make our building a safe place to return to worship and other events. I am proud of the work they have done. We have made plans, pivoted and made other plans. I have a feeling that is going to be the new norm.

A wise member came to my office to visit today and we talked about the church and its future. He reminded me that one of the most important things is patience, patience, patience. I totally agree!

So, my friend, I invite you to be innovative about ministry with me. God is God and we are not. He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow and for that I say, Praise God!

You are in my prayers as school resumes.

Faithfully,

*Deacon Christie*

## Church Calendar

Sunday—8/16 8am Worship via Facebook Live, Sanctuary at 8am & 9:30am worship

Monday—Preschool Open House from 4-7pm

Tuesday—6:30am Men's Breakfast

Thursday— 4pm Covid Food Giveaway, 6pm TOPS, 6:30pm WELCA Bible Study at Marlys Bergjord's home.

Sunday—8/23 8am Worship via Facebook Live, Sanctuary at 8am & 9:30am worship

## Sunday School Registration is open!!!

\*Delayed start date of October 4th.

\*In-Person or On-Line option

Patti has sent an email to existing Sunday School parents as well with much information about changes we are implementing this year due to COVID-19.

Sunday School Registration link- <https://teatrinity.breezechms.com/form/e144e3>

Sunday School Volunteering link- <https://teatrinity.breezechms.com/form/d8c59a>

**Watch for a special Weekly Update in 2 weeks with information on Fall Programming at Trinity.**

## Week of August 2

**\$10,000 Weekly Total Operating Expenses**

**\$ 6,246 Actual Weekly Total Giving**

**\$ -3,754**

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 August will go to ELCA Disaster Response**

# 8am & 9:30am Worship

Sunday, August 16 2020

Trinity Lutheran Church, Tea, SD

Teatrinity.org – 605-498-2343



## 11th 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** We Are Gathered Here In the Name of the Spirit

#### Prayer of the Day

L: Loving God,

**C: You show mercy to all who call on you. Teach us to show your grace to all who cross our path, regardless of where they come from or how they live, for the sake of your loving son, Jesus. Amen.**

### WORD

**First Reading** – Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

**Psalm 67**

L: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

**C: that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.**

L: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**C: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

L: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**C: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.**

L: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

**Second Reading – Romans 11:1-2a,29-32**

**Gospel Reading – Matthew 15:21-28**

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Sermon** Pastor Tom Opoien

**Sermon Song** “Let All Things Now Living” ELW #881

**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, Linda Stucky’s Cousin – Linda Ash, Jessica Boone’s mom – Sue Meyer. Troy Smith and Ellie Cordie while in active duty.

**Offertory**

**MEAL**

**Holy Communion**

**Words of Institution**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Distribution Song**

**Communion Blessing**

**Blessing**

**SENDING**

**Sending Song** “Now Thank We All Our God” ELW #840

**Sending**

L: God is good.

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

**C: Thanks be to God!**