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16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2007

WELCOME

A special welcome to our guests worshipping with us this morning. We are glad you are here and pray that Jesus will touch your heart in some special way for being here. Please fill out a visitor's card that you will find on the pad in your pew and place it in the offering plate during the service or hand it to one of the ushers, so we can thank you for joining us this week. If we can be of service to you, please let us know.

OFFERINGS AND TITHES

Offerings are our special gifts given to the Lord on special days or occasions or whenever we are moved to do so, for any reason. *Tithes* are those monetary gifts we return to the Lord on a regular basis as first fruits because He asks us to do so, and to meet our spiritual need to give back to the One who has first given to us. If you are a visitor today, feel free to give an offering to the Lord, but do not feel you need to do so. The members of Trinity support the work of the Lord here by giving back to the Lord a portion of what He gives us. We pray that the Lord will continue to lead you to give your offerings and tithes to your home congregation.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

In order to be able to prepare for worship, we ask that everyone in the church nave would quietly find his or her seat a few minutes before the service is to begin. You might take this time to reflect on the blessings you will be receiving and pray this short prayer before the service begins.

Heavenly Father, we thank You for coming to us in the person of Your Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins. Enable us gracious Father, by the indwelling power of Your Holy Spirit, to keep our focus firmly on Jesus so that He will be the center of our lives and faith always—even unto everlasting life. In the name of Jesus. Amen!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Everyone who has a special prayer request is invited to give those requests to Pastor Moeller. If you don't have a chance to do so before the service, write it down on one of the pads from the front of your pew and hand it to one of the ushers with the offering. Pastor will include those requests in our prayers for the day and/or the prayer chain.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

In order to prepare for next week's worship service you may study the assigned readings for 17th Sunday after Pentecost, September 23, 2007:

Old Testament: Amos 8:4-7

Epistle: 1 Timothy 2:1-15

Gospel: Luke 16:1-15

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

SUNDAY ~

Worship ~ 9:30 am

Sunday School & Bible study ~ 10:45 am

High School Youth Group meeting ~ 10:45 am

Men's Bible Study ~ 6:00 am

TLC Chapel ~ 9:30 am

Bible Study ~ 7:00 pm

Lifelight Bible study 9:30 am

Confirmation ~ 5:30 pm

Supper ~ 6:30 pm

Worship ~ 7:30 pm

Circuit Pastor's meeting at St. Martin's, Alexandria ~ 9:30 am

TLC Bible study ~ 8:30 am

COMING EVENTS

Sun., Sept. 23rd ~ Worship w/communion ~ 9:30 am

Adult Bible study & Sunday School ~ 10:45 am

YES Group Potluck dinner & Corn Maze ~ 12:00 noon

Sun., Sept. 28-29 ~ SD Lutheran For Life Conference at Huron

Sun., Oct. 28th ~ Men's Club Dartball Tournament ~ 12:00 noon

Nov. 2-4th ~ Lutheran Marriage Encounter in Sioux Falls

Sun., Dec. 16th ~ Children's Christmas Program

SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2007

Cleaners: Helen Wenzlaff, Pat Wenzlaff, Pastor & Aimee Moeller

Greeters: Helen Wenzlaff, Pat Wenzlaff

Head Usher: Derek Johnson

Acolyte: Kylee Thompson

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2007

Cleaners: Orrin Geide, Earle & Connie Geide, Matthew Anderson

Greeters: Orrin Geide

Head Usher: Derek Johnson

Acolyte: Colin Kelley

WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2007

Worship Attendance: 12

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Worship Attendance: 82

Communion: 57

Current offering: \$ 1,552.00

Loose offering: \$ 118.75

Mission Offering: 285.00

Building fund: 600.00

First Sunday Special Offerings go to Campus Ministry

Third Sunday Special Offerings go to Amy Kashenov

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF TRINITY LUTHERAN

We extend the Sacrament of Baptism to all who have not been baptized—infants, children, youth, and adults. We invite those adults who are looking for a church home to come to one of our New Member Orientation classes. A new class will begin soon. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Pastor Moeller as soon as possible.

Upon completion of this class you may join Trinity Lutheran Church in one of the following ways:

- The Rite of Confirmation for those who have never been confirmed in the Lutheran Church.
- A Letter of Transfer is gladly accepted if you wish to transfer your membership from another Lutheran congregation.
- Reaffirmation of faith is for those who have been confirmed in a Lutheran church but have not been active in their former church.

MAIN STREET LIVING

Main Street Living's mission is to produce a quality Christian program, designed to bring the message of Jesus Christ to the homebound individuals of South Dakota and the adjacent states. Main Street Living is supported entirely by the churches of the area and its viewers. Please continue to remember this mission outreach in your daily prayers. Main Street Living may be seen on KDLT-NBC at 10:00 a.m.

September 23rd The featured speaker is Rev. Jerome Troester of Zion Lutheran Church in Mitchell, SD. The sermon theme is "Gifts and Thanksgiving."

LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

"Human embryos are not potential human beings but human beings with potential . . . Have we not yet learned that devaluing one group of human beings for the alleged benefit of others is a price we simply cannot afford to pay?" *Dr. Andrew Fergusson, President, Council on Bioethics and Human Dignity. www.lutheransforlife.org / 888-364-LIFE*

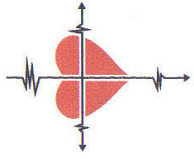
MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

We are holding mid-week services each Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. This provides an opportunity for those who are unable worship here on Sundays, whether because of work schedules or weekend travel plans. Each week we will have a light meal from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. If your family or group would like to serve one of these meals, please contact Dale Snyder or Pastor Moeller.

WANTED

We need volunteers to clean the fellowship hall for each month of 2007. If you are able to help with one or more months, please sign up on the sheet in the hallway.

FIT FOR LIFE



Why is the world so messed up? Why does God let bad things happen to good people? If we all use the same Bible why are there so many different denominations? Does God still speak to us today? Is His Word reliable? Is it relevant for today?

If these are questions that you have asked, please plan to attend "Fit For Life in Christ," an exciting course in Christian growth that presents the Word of God in new and meaningful ways. It is a course for those who are interested in membership in our church, or for anyone who wants to know what it really means to have a relationship with Jesus Christ. We are beginning several classes. If you are interested in participating, please speak with Pastor Moeller.

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

16th Sunday after Pentecost ~ 1 Timothy 1:12-17: St. Paul used himself as an example of a sinner deserving of death, but a sinner who was rescued by the grace of God. That was good news for Paul, and he acknowledged that he was richly blessed so he might serve as a witness and example to others who also deserved God's wrath and punishment. We, like St. Paul, have also been blessed with the gift of saving faith so that we might be witnesses and examples to others.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

16th Sunday after Pentecost ~ 1 Timothy 1:12-17: We undeserving sinners are made God's stewards by the marvelous working of the Holy Spirit through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We continue to be changed by the Holy Spirit as St. Paul was, and as a result we live and work in ways that honor God, support His kingdom and make life better for others. That's good stewardship!

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE OF SD CONFERENCE

Lutherans For Life of South Dakota is holding their annual conference on September 28th & 29th at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Huron, SD. The Friday evening banquet will be at 7:00 p.m. Speaker Greg Koukl will present "Only One Question." The cost of the meal is \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. If you are interested in attending, please speak to Pastor Moeller by September 21st.

The Saturday events run from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. In addition to the workshops for all ages, which will be presented by Greg Koukl, there will be a special workshop for the youth: "Life and the Small Catechism." All confirmation students from Trinity are asked to plan on attending. Please put this on your planning calendar. If you are **unable** to attend, please speak to Pastor Moeller.

Divine Service

Opening Hymn#373
"By Grace I'm Saved, Grace Free and Boundless"
The Order of Matins.....p. 32-34
The Psalmody.....

P: The Lord is gracious and righteous,
C: **our God is full of compassion.**
P: I love the Lord, for he heard my voice,
C: **he heard my cry for mercy.**
P: Because he turned his ear to me,
C: **I will call on him as long as I live.**
P: The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came upon me.
C: **I was overcome by trouble and sorrow.**
P: Then I called on the name of the Lord:
C: **"O Lord, save me!"**
P: The Lord is gracious and righteous;
C: **our God is full of compassion.**
P: Be at rest once more, O my soul,
C: **for the Lord has been good to you.**
P: For you, O Lord, have delivered my soul from death,
C: **my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling,**
P: that I may walk before the Lord
C: **in the land of the living.**
All: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The ReadingsBack of the bulletin
The Sermon Hymn #324
"Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"
The Sermon
Offering.....p.35-37
The Te Deum Laudamus
The Prayers p. 39
The Kyrle p. 40
Salutation, Collect.....
Benediction#511
The Closing Hymn
"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

STUDY OF THE FORMULA OF CONCORD

Martin Luther died on February 18, 1546. A year later, in the Smalcald War, Lutheran princes were defeated by Catholic forces. The Lutherans all too quickly fell to squabbling about doctrine. How such contentiousness and which doctrinal viewpoints would be affirmed would mark the future of the Church for centuries to come.

The Formula of Concord, published in 1577, helped the Lutheran Church deal with the previous three decades of internal conflicts. Perhaps the Lutheran Church would not have survived the sixteenth-century doctrinal wars without the Formula of Concord. This study will help us to discover anew how the Formula of Concord helps the Church today with theological, doctrinal, and daily life issues. All adults and High School students are invited to join us each Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

OFF THE EDGE—FAITH, SCIENCE, AND THE FUTURE

Off the Edge looks at the creation of the universe, the end of the universe, and the possibility of life on other planets.

- Topics include:
- The relationship between faith and science
 - Scientific cosmologies
 - The origin of life
 - Extraterrestrial life
 - Contact with aliens
- The Gospel and the end



Please join us for this interesting and informative Bible study each Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m., beginning September 11th.

CAMPUS MINISTRY INFORMATION

The District Office is asking all congregations to provide contact information on all their members who are attending colleges or universities this year. If you or your son or daughter are heading off for college or university, please let Pastor Moeller know their name, the post-secondary school they will be attending, the student's school address and phone number, and e-mail address.

LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY

The Good Samaritan. The Prodigal Son. The Pharisee and the Tax Collector. These stories from Jesus—recorded exclusively by St. Luke—are some of the most beloved in Holy Scripture. But despite the popularity of these passages, many students of Scripture would find it hard to describe what's unique about Luke's account of Jesus' life. They could not tell you what concerns drove Luke to take up his pen and write.

Please join the Lifelight Bible study each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., as we study portions of the Gospel of Luke. This will not be a verse-by-verse commentary on the Gospel according to St. Luke, but will instead highlight key passages and emphases that distinguish Luke's account from the writings of the other evangelists. Most important, it will provide you with unique understanding of the birth, ministry, and passion of your Savior.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

“We believe that God created everything in six, twenty-four hour days.”

“You’ve got to be kidding! So, you don’t believe in evolution.”

“Microevolution, yes; macroevolution, no.”

“And you maintain that position, in view of modern science, is tenable?”



As Lutherans interact with other Christian, they often find themselves struggling to explain their beliefs and practices. When confronted with different doctrines, they cannot clearly state their faith, much less understand the differences. Because of insecurities about explaining particular doctrines or practices, some may avoid opportunities to share what they have learned from Christ and His Word.

Beginning in September, our Men's Bible study will be exploring “Creation: The Lutheran Difference” to identify how Lutherans differ from other Christians on the teaching of creation and will use the Bible to show why we differ. All men of the congregation are invited to join us each Monday morning at 6:00 a.m. for breakfast and Bible study.

THIS WEEK IN TLC PRESCHOOL

The Trinity Learning Center Preschool opened this week with five students in the 4/5-year-old class, and thirteen students in the 3/4-year-old class. This week our lessons were based on Mark 10:13-16, where we learned how Jesus loves children and blesses them.

YES GROUP TO GO TO CORN MAZE

The YES Group will be meeting at the church on Sunday, September 23rd at noon for a potluck meal. Following the meal, they will go to the Corn Maze by Harrisburg. All 5th through 8th grade students are invited to join us! If you have any questions, please speak to Archie Wolfe (363-1558).

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP MEETING

The High School Youth Group will be meeting at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, September 16th to plan events for the coming year. Jessi and Marissa Moeller have volunteered to be the leaders. All High School students are invited to attend.

GIVE THANKS FOR YOUR MARRIAGE!

Give thanks for your marriage by attending a Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend! Think about this opportunity to take a new look at your marriage priorities and lifestyle. Learn simple, effective communication techniques. Practice privately, no group sharing. Enhance the love that you share. The next opportunity for a Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend is November 2-4, 2007 or March 7-9, 2008. Both weekends are held in Sioux Falls, SD at the Good Samaritan Retreat Center. The cost is \$45 to register and a freewill offering at the end of the weekend. Questions? Registration? Contact Pastor and Aimee Moeller (526-3572).

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped get the basement ready for preschool, including: Fred Dieters, Tim Vilhauer, Ray & JoAnn Matthies, Ben & Michelle Matthies, DeWane & Joyce Carls, Roger Carls, Melvin Matthies, Susan, Holly, & Colin Kelley, Austin Eggebraaten, Adel Valdes, and Pastor Moeller.

MEN'S CLUB DARTBALL TOURNAMENT

The Men's Club is sponsoring a dartball tournament on Sunday, October 28th. All groups and organizations in the congregation are invited to form a team. A freewill offering will be taken for the noon meal and food and drink during the afternoon. Contact Bob Moore for more information (526-6633).