

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 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 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, October 21, 2007:

Old Testament: Genesis 32:22-30

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

#### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

##### SUNDAY ~

Worship w/communion ~ 9:30 am  
Sunday School & Bible study ~ 10:45 am  
Quarterly Voters meeting ~ 7:00 pm  
Men's Bible study ~ 6:00 am  
TLC Chapel ~ 9:30 am

##### MONDAY ~

##### TUESDAY ~

Bible study ~ 7:00 pm

##### WEDNESDAY ~

Lifelight Bible study ~ 9:30 am  
Confirmation ~ 5:30 pm  
Supper ~ 6:30 pm

##### FRIDAY ~

Worship w/communion ~ 7:30 pm

##### SATURDAY ~

TLC Harvest Showcase ~ 7:00 pm  
TLC Bible study ~ 8:30 am

#### COMING EVENTS

Sun., Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> ~

Worship ~ 9:30 am  
Adult Bible study & Sunday School ~ 10:45 am

Sun., Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> ~

Men's Club Dartball Tournament ~ 12:00 noon  
TLC "Harvest Showcase" ~ 7:00 pm

Fri., Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> ~

Lutheran Marriage Encounter in Sioux Falls  
Nov. 2-4<sup>th</sup> ~

Sun., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> ~

Children's Christmas Program

#### SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2007

Cleaners: Steve & LeAnna Oligmueller, Chris & Brenda Paulsel

Greeters: Steve & LeAnna Oligmueller

Head Usher: Austin Wolfe

Acolyte: Dustin Kleba

#### NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2007

Cleaners: Merle & Barb Muchow, John & Wanda Barnhart

Greeters: John & Wanda Barnhart

Head Usher: Austin Wolfe

Acolyte: Megan Eggebraaten

#### WORSHIP SERVICE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2007

Worship Attendance: 12

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Worship Attendance: 75 Adult Bible study: 17

Current offering: \$ 1,407.50 Loose offering: \$ 91.30

Building fund: 653.15 Mission Offering: 98.50

Campus ministry: 14.00

First Sunday Special Offerings go to Campus Ministry

Third Sunday Special Offerings go to Amy Kashenov

### THE CONFESSION DECLARED AT COMMUNION

The New Testament Church *continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread* (Communion) *and in the prayers* (Acts 2:42). The Sacrament of the Altar is a confession of oneness in doctrine – that those attending believe, teach and confess what Trinity Lutheran Church believes, teaches and confesses. Those attending the Lord's Supper are baptized Christians who have been instructed in the Chief Parts of Christian Doctrine: The Ten Commandments, The Apostles' Creed, The Lord's Prayer, The Sacrament of Holy Baptism, The Office of the Keys and Confession, and The Sacrament of the Altar.

Those attending the Lord's Supper have been formally admitted to the fellowship of the Altar and continue in that fellowship as a member of Trinity Lutheran Church or sister congregation of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod committed to rightly teaching the Word of God and administering the Sacraments according to Christ's institution. (Even children of Trinity congregation only come to the Sacrament after they have confirmed the confession of faith.)

While we acknowledge and appreciate the oneness of the Church which crosses denominational lines, we practice a confessional communion because attendance at the Altar is a declaration of oneness in doctrine. We would not want you to make that declaration without an opportunity of explaining what we believe, teach and confess. Therefore we ask that if you are not yet instructed, in doubt, or hold a confession differing from that of this congregation that you would refrain from receiving the Sacrament before first speaking with Pastor.

### QUESTIONS FOR YOUR COMMUNION PREPARATION

- Q: Do you believe you are a sinner?  
A: Yes, I believe it; I have failed God and others in my life. I am a sinner.
- Q: Are you sorry for your sins?  
A: Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.
- Q: Do you need God's forgiveness?  
A: Yes, I need the gift of life He gives through Jesus Christ.
- Q: What has Christ done for you?  
A: He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of my sins.
- Q: How do you know this?  
A: From the holy Gospel and the words of the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.
- Q: Do you believe that in communion you receive the true body and blood of Christ with the bread and the wine?  
A: Yes, I believe it because of His Word and promises.
- Approach the altar with joy and thanksgiving as you receive Christ for your forgiveness and strength.

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## 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.

**October 14, 2007** – The featured speaker is Rev. Vernon Schindler of Zion Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD. The sermon theme is “Fantastic Faith”

## “LIFE QUOTES” FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“Euthanasia treats people as disposable objects. All . . . should be concerned . . . even frightened by the possibilities.” *Jean Echlin RN, MScN 26-year palliative care specialist. A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life / [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org) / 888-364-LIFE*

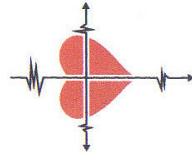
## TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School lesson today begins a series of lessons about Moses. Today's lesson (Exodus 1:1–2:10) is about the birth of Moses. The children will learn that God was with Moses, caring for him and protecting him. God saved His people through Moses, who lead them out of slavery. Where is Christ in this lesson? God in Christ saves all people from the bondage of sin and death. Family discussions might touch on how God loves and cares for us (First Article of the Creed) and how God delivers us from evil (Lords' Prayer, Seventh Petition).

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Luke 17:11-19: The story of the ten lepers reminds us to always receive blessings from God with thanksgiving. Someone has said that we may have trouble giving because we have trouble receiving. If we think we have earned everything, that impacts our giving. But when we recognize that all things come from God we acknowledge Him as the Owner and receive and use those things with thanksgiving.

## 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

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ~ 2 Timothy 2:1-13: St. Paul told Timothy that he is willing to endure everything, even unjust persecution, for the sake of sharing the Gospel with all who, by the marvelous working of the Holy Spirit, will believe and be saved. Paul knew that God left him on earth to touch the lives of others in a way that makes an eternal difference. The same thing is true for us!

## 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.

## Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation..... #39  
“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”  
The Order of Holy Communion ..... p. 15-16  
The Introit .....

P: Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise,\*  
C: **in the city of our God, his holy mountain.**

P: I will extol the Lord at all times,

C: **his praise will always be on my lips.**

P: My soul will boast in the Lord,

C: **let the afflicted hear and rejoice.**

P: Glorify the Lord with me;

C: **let us exalt his name together.**

P: I sought the Lord, and he answered me;

C: **he delivered me from all my fears.**

P: The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them;

C: **he delivers them from all their troubles.**

P: Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise,\*

C: **in the city of our God, his holy mountain.**

The Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis.....

The Readings ..... Back of bulletin

The Nicene Creed ..... p. 22

The Sermon Hymn ..... #439

“O God of Mercy, God of Might”

Sermon .....

The Offering.....

Prayers .....

Each petition will end:

P: ... through Christ, our Lord;

C: **Amen.**

The Service of Communion ..... p. 24-30

The Distribution Hymn ..... #520

“Commit Whatever Grieves Thee”

The Collect, Benediction..... p. 31

The Closing Hymn ..... #441

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

### 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.

### THIS WEEK IN TLC PRESCHOOL & DAYCARE

This week our lessons were based on Genesis 3, where we learned how even when the first man and woman fell into sin, God loved them so much that He looked for them when they hid from Him, urged them to repent, and then promised them a Savior who would defeat sin, death, and the devil so that we might have eternal life. Chapel is each Monday at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us!

### 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.

### 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 Christians, 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.

Our Men's Bible study is 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.

### MEN'S CLUB DARTBALL TOURNAMENT

The Men's Club is sponsoring a dartball tournament on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 drinks during the afternoon. Contact Bob Moore for more information (526-6633).

### 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 John Barber and Melvin Matthies for installing the new door for the outside entry to the church basement.

Thank you to DeWane & Joyce Carls and Roger Carls for cleaning the fellowship hall during September.

### PROJECT CONNECT

The SD LLL has generously donated the tract rack in the hallway of the fellowship hall, with helpful tracts from Lutheran Hour Ministries. The newest one is entitled: "Parenting Families: Practical Strategies for Family Life." When each family member looks out for the good of everyone else, there is a strong sense of "we" ... but when the "we" breaks down, then it's everyone for himself or herself. And that's when everything can break down. Instead of trendy how-to strategies that only prove to fall short, "Practical Strategies for Family Life" offers readers a life-changing approach to parenting that will transform families from the inside out. Please check out this and many other helpful pamphlets.

### QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING

The quarterly voters meeting will be held on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Among the topics to be discussed will be the 2008 budget and SD District mission commitment. Please plan on attending.

### MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

We are holding mid-week services each Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. Each week we have a light meal from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. If your family or group would like to serve one of these, please contact Dale Snyder or Pastor Moeller.