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25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 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 the Last Sunday of the Church Year, November 25, 2007:

First Lesson: Malachi 3:13-18

Epistle: Colossians 1:13-20

Gospel: Luke 23:27-43

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

SUNDAY ~ Worship ~ 9:30 am

Sunday School & Bible study ~ 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

Thanksgiving Eve worship ~ 7:30 pm

COMING EVENTS

Sun., Nov. 25th ~ Worship w/communion ~ 9:30 am

Adult Bible study & Sunday School ~ 10:45 am

Wed., Dec. 5th ~ Midweek Advent services begin

Sun., Dec. 16th ~ Children's Christmas Program ~ 12:00 noon

Fri., Dec. 21st ~ TLC Christmas program ~ 7:00 pm

Feb. 8th & 9th ~ Olan Mills Pictorial Directory

SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2007

Cleaners: Roger & Bert Carls, Henry Dansman, Jr., Dianne Dansman

Greeters: Henry Dansman, Jr., Dianne Dansman

Head Usher: Terry Steineke **Head Elder:** Keith Rueter

Acolyte: Kylee Thompson

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2007

Cleaners: Harvey & LaRaye Rehfeldt, Melvin Matthies

Greeters: Harvey & LaRaye Rehfeldt

Head Usher: Terry Steineke **Head Elder:** Keith Rueter

Acolyte: Eric Wolfe

WORSHIP SERVICE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2007

Worship Attendance: 7

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Worship Attendance: 91 **Communion:** 62

Adult Bible study: 22 **Current offering:** \$ 1,276.00

Loose offering: \$ 56.75 **Building fund:** 95.00

Mission Offering: 145.00 **Lester Gregersen memorial:** 205.00

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.

November 25, 2007 - The featured speaker is Rev. John K. Dawson, Jr, of Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD. The sermon theme is "To Be Remembered."

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Manna, water, and quail (Exodus 16-17) is the Sunday School lesson for today. Just as God provided manna, water, and quail for the hungry and complaining Israelites to preserve them, in Christ, God feeds us with the manna of His Word and the water of forgiveness, satisfying our eternal hunger and quenching our eternal thirst. Talk to your children about how sin causes us to be lost and hungry and thirsty for what we cannot have. Speak of Jesus, the bread of life and the living water, and how He satisfies our spiritual hunger and thirst. Review together the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer.

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

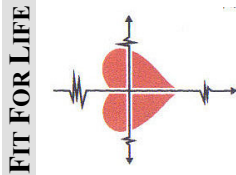
25th Sunday after Pentecost ~ 2 Thessalonians 3:1-13: In our Epistle reading for today St. Paul asked for the prayers of the Thessalonians that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored. Our prayers should also ask that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored—and that we may be a part of that spreading of the message of Jesus through our daily witnessing to the hope within us.

PICTORIAL CHURCH DIRECTORY

Trinity Lutheran Church will be taking family pictures for church directory on February 8-9, 2008. Volunteers are needed for sign-up, telephoning, host/hostess. Anyone interested in helping may speak to Ray Matthies (528-3457) or Laura Johnson (528-7260).

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

25th Sunday after Pentecost ~ 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13: The Epistle reading for today reminds us of the truth that if anyone will not work, he shall not eat. We live out our stewardship responsibly and in so doing make use of our time and resources in a way that helps our neighbor and brings praise and glory to God.



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.

LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY

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.

NUTRITION MEALS

Trinity Lutheran is scheduled to serve Hartford Nutrition Meals on November 28, 29, 30 at the Senior Center. If you are able to help, please contact June Snyder (526-6681).

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Christian Education Committee decided on a different format for the Christmas Program. The program will be at NOON on December 16th after an 11:00 a.m. meal sponsored by the Sunday school. This time change may allow more out of town guests to be able to attend.

Divine Service

Opening Hymn#135
"Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here"
The Order of Matins.....p. 32-34
The Psalmody.....

P: He who stands firm to the end

C: **will be saved.**

P: You showed favor to your land, O Lord;

C: **you restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

P: You forgave the iniquity of your people

C: **and covered all their sins.**

P: You set aside all your wrath

C: **and turned from your fierce anger.**

P: Restore us again, O God our Savior,

C: **and put away your displeasure toward us.**

P: Show us your unfailing love, O Lord,

C: **and grant us your salvation.**

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 Readings Back of the bulletin

The Sermon Hymn #611

"The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"

The Sermon.....

"Straighten Up! Your Redemption Draws Near"

Offering.....

The Te Deum Laudamusp.35-37

The Prayers

The Kyrie p. 39

Salutation, Collect..... p. 40

Benediction

The Closing Hymn#359

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

THE HOLY SPIRIT: THE LUTHERAN DIFFERENCE



“Are you filled with the Holy Spirit?”

“Sure . . . well, aren’t all Christians filled with the Holy Spirit?”

As Lutherans interact with other Christians, they often find themselves struggling to explain their beliefs and practices.

The Lutheran Difference Bible study series will identify how Lutherans differ from other Christians and show from the Bible why Lutherans differ. These studies will prepare Lutherans to share their faith and help non-Lutherans understand the Lutheran difference.

All adults and high school students are invited to join us each Sunday at 10:45 a.m., as we discuss the work of the Holy Spirit.

THIS WEEK IN TLC PRESCHOOL & DAYCARE

This week our lessons were based on 1 Samuel 16-17, where we heard how God chose David to be the next king of Israel and how He helped him defeat the giant, Goliath. We learned that while man looks at outward appearances, the Lord looks at the heart. We learned how God is able to use even the smallest, most unlikely people to save His people. With God guiding him, David’s sling and stone were more powerful than Goliath’s sword and armor.

Pastor Moeller talked about how God sent David’s great, great . . . grandson, Jesus, to defeat the devil with a most unusual weapon. Through the cross, Christ defeated our most powerful enemies: sin, death, and the devil, bringing us forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life. Chapel is each Monday at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us!

I’M GROWING!

During the 6th month of pregnancy the baby can roll over inside the womb. She can now respond to sound and her lungs are fairly well developed. Check out the poster in the hallway to see what else happens during this time and drop your pennies in the milk jug. Remember all pennies collected will go to the Alpha Center’s ultrasound machine. It has been shown that mothers who see their babies via ultrasound are more likely to continue with the pregnancy. Our first checkup has shown we have “one baby!” Let’s see if we deliver twins!!

“LIFE QUOTES” FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“It is the duty of nations . . . to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins . . . with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy . . .

The awful calamity of civil war . . . may be but a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins . . . We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven . . . We have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious Hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us. It behooves us then to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins and to pray for . . . forgiveness.” *President Abraham Lincoln as he set a National Day of Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer, March 30, 1863. A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life / www.lutheransforlife.org / 888-364-LIFE*

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

If you need a gift for Christmas or if you need a hostess gift, please consider purchasing a Trinity cookbook. They are available on the table in the hallway.

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.

COLD WEATHER! WARM CLOTHING!

LSS Refugee and Immigration Center in Sioux Falls welcomes refugees who have been forced to flee from their homes. They usually leave with little warning; with only what they can carry. One of the items that most do not have upon arrival in Sioux Falls is warm winter clothing.

With cold weather upon us, our supply of winter coats, boots, and gloves is quickly being depleted. We urgently need your help to continue to have warm outerwear to give refugees so they can attend school and English classes, go to work and do the many things required to support a family. Winter coats, boots, and gloves in **good, clean condition** are needed for men, women, and children. Donations may be put in the large box in the library.

TLC CANNED FOOD DRIVE

November is the season of Thanksgiving. All of us have many blessings and gifts that we daily receive; so much so that sometimes we take for granted all that God graciously gives us. Others, however, are less fortunate than us. Each day, they wonder where their next meal will come from; if they will have enough money to pay the bills or if their shoes will last them for just a few more months.

Trinity Learning Center is hosting a canned food drive to help out a family in our Church community. Boxes will be placed around the building for anybody to place various different kinds of non-perishable items. Your support in this cause is greatly appreciated.

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.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY

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 uses 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.

ACTIVITY BAGS

Activity bags provided by the L WML are available for all the young children who join in our worship services at Trinity. You can pick up a bag from those that are hanging in the coatroom. The children are welcome to keep their artwork by please return the bag and its other contents to the hooks where you find them.