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2ND LAST SUNDAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2005

WELCOME

A special welcome to our guests worshiping with us this morning. We are glad you are here; we thank God for you! We pray that Jesus will touch your heart in some special way for being here. Please sign the guest book and 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.

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.

PRAYER UPON ENTERING

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!

ACTIVITY BAGS

Activity bags provided by the LWML 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.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

SUNDAY ~ **Worship service w/communion ~ 9:30 am**
 Sunday School and Bible study ~ 10:30 am

MONDAY ~ **Men's Bible Study ~ 6:00 am**

TUESDAY ~ **Chapel at Tieszen Home ~ 9:00 am**
 Bible study ~ 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY ~ **Lifelight Bible study ~ 9:30 am**
 Confirmation class ~ 5:30 pm
 Choir practice ~ 6:00 pm

THURSDAY ~ **Circuit Pastor's meeting at St. Paul-Freeman ~ 9:30 am**

FRIDAY ~ **YES Lock-in ~ 8:00 pm**

SATURDAY ~ **Couples Club ~ 7:00 pm**

COMING EVENTS

Sun., Nov. 20th ~ **Worship service ~ 9:30 am**
 Sunday School and Bible study ~ 10:30 am

Wed. Nov. 23rd ~ **Thanksgiving worship ~ 7:30 pm**

Wed. Nov. 30th ~ **Midweek Advent services begin**

Sun., Dec 4th ~ **Installation of Rev. Christopher Boehnke at Risen Savior-Tea**

SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2005

Cleaners: Harvey & LaRaye Rehfeldt, Melvin Matthies

Greeters: Harvey & LaRaye Rehfeldt, Melvin Matthies

Head Usher: Talis Johnson

Acolyte: Dustin Kleba

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2005

Cleaners: Roger & Bert Carls, Lester & Jean Gregersen

Greeters: Roger & Bert Carls

Head Usher: Talis Johnson

Acolyte: Emily Krizan

WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2005

Worship Attendance: 78

Current offering: \$1,866.00

Loose offering: 22.01

Mission offering: 230.00

Building fund: 740.00

Future Church Worker: 10.00

Tuckpointing: 45.00

Campus ministry: 20.00

First Sunday Special Offerings go to Campus Ministry

Third Sunday Special Offerings go to Amy Kashenov

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- P: God of judgment and Lord of mercy we bring our prayers to Your throne of grace, asking that You graciously hear us.
- C: Lord, have mercy.**
- P: We pray for our world, that one day, by Your plan, will come to an end. Bestow upon us all things needful that we may enjoy the earth which is yet our home.
- C: Lord, have mercy.**
- P: We pray for the Church, which is our spiritual home. Bless the leaders and the people with a full measure of faithfulness as we journey together toward Your eternal presence.
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- P: We pray for our church family and friends in the midst of life's joys and struggles . . . We too pray for the ministries of Immanuel Lutheran, Menno and Divine Shepherd, Black Hawk.
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- P: We pray for ourselves, that we may live out our faith, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the prisoner, and welcoming the stranger.
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- P: On this day, one day closer to Your return in glory, we pray for those with special needs, whose earthly journeys are challenging or difficult. Especially we remember the sick, the shut-in and also those known to each of us who are in need of prayer.
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- P: Finally, Lord Jesus, we thank You for the faithful witnesses who have gone before us. In Your eternal presence, we too respond to the words, "Come, you blessed of My Father." May we be inspired by their faithful witness, encouraged by their example, and serve You constantly all our days.
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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 has become the “at home” television church service for the homebound. The program continues to be available on KDLT-NBC at 10:00 a.m. and on PAX at 11:00 a.m.

November 20, 2005. “The Dilemma of Harvey Beck.” An elderly pensioner may be forced to evict a young widow and her two small children. A story of Christian compassion. The featured speaker is Rev. Daniel Deardoff of Blessed Redeemer Lutheran Church in Brandon, SD. The sermon theme is “Celebrating Our Victory.”

OUTREACH THEMES FROM OUR READINGS

Second Last Sunday in the Church Year ~ Matthew 25:31-46: The saddest words anyone can hear are these words of Jesus, “depart from Me.” We are God’s witnesses to share the good news of Jesus so that on that last Day of Judgment fewer sinners will have to hear those sad words.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

2nd Last Sunday of the Church Year ~ 1 Thessalonians 1:3-10: As Christian stewards who do the right things for the right reasons we thank God for His grace that prompts and supports our work produced by faith, our labor prompted by love, and our endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

On Tuesday evenings, from 7:00-8:00 p.m., we will meet to study various Bible lessons based upon the “Our Life in Christ” series. Those teaching Sunday School will find this study helpful in their preparation for teaching, as we carefully examine the coming week’s lesson. But everyone else is invited to attend as well. Please consider joining this opportunity to grow in your Christian faith.

LEND A HAND... TO EXPAND

Some congregations have experienced steady growth and need expanded facilities. Investments in Church Extension provide low interest mortgage loans to congregations who need to build, remodel, or expand their facilities to accommodate ministry. Your investment also earns interest for you and helps you reach your savings goals.

Our SD District Church Extension Fund (CEF) is offering Term Certificates to our LCMS members, which is currently paying interest rates between 3.25% and 4.5%. Be part of this ministry to build churches through investments, make an investment today. For more information and to invest, see the brochures on the greeter stand or contact SD Church Extension Fund at PO Box 89110, Sioux Falls, SD 57109 or call CEF’s toll free number 1-888-385-7330.

LIFELIGHT STUDY OF JOB

Here is a puzzle: How can a kind and loving God allow terrible things to happen to a good and faithful person? That was Job’s problem. He couldn’t figure out God. But that is not just Job’s problem. It is a problem whenever suffering strikes any of God’s faithful people. For many of us Job’s story will hit very close to home.

To help answer these questions, our Lifelight Bible study group will study the Old Testament book of Job each Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. If you are interested in attending, please speak to Pastor Moeller.

COLD WEATHER! WARM CLOTHING

LSS Refugee and Immigration Center in Sioux Falls provides a wide range of services for newcomers to South Dakota. Refugees usually leave their homes with little warning and with only what they can carry, enduring great hardships and trauma during their flight to safety. One of the items most do not have is warm winter clothing.

Winter clothing is needed for men, women, and children. We are accepting used coats, scarves, socks, hats, gloves, mittens and boots in good, clean condition. Donations may be brought to the Refugee and Immigration Center at 1609 W. 11th St., Sioux Falls. Any winter clothing you can donate would be greatly appreciated.

COUPLES CLUB

The Couples Club will be meeting in the fellowship hall on Saturday, November 19th at 7:00 p.m. After a short discussion and study from “Men, Women, and Relationships” we will have a beanbag toss competition, dessert, and coffee. Please contact Kathy Totton (528-3849) **as soon as possible** if you are interested in participating. All couples of the congregation are invited to join us!

Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation..... #298
“Baptized into Thy Name Most Holy” vv.1-4
The Baptism of Dmitri Hernandez
The Order of Holy Communion.....p. 15-16
The Introit.....

P: With you there is forgiveness, [O Lord;]
C: therefore you are feared.
P: O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;
C: in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.
P: I spread out my hands to you;
C: my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.
P: Answer me quickly, O Lord;
C: my spirit faints with longing.
P: Do not hide your face from me
C: or I will be like those who go down to the pit.
P: Rescue me from my enemies, O Lord,
C: for I hide myself in you.
P: For your names sake, O Lord, preserve my life;
C: in your righteousness, bring me out of trouble.
P: With you there is forgiveness, [O Lord;]
C: therefore you are feared.

The Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis.....
The Readings Back of bulletin
The Sermon Hymn #439
“O God of Mercy, God of Might”
Sermon
“Word and Deed: In that Order”
The Offering.....
Litany Prayers (insert & #409)
The Service of Communionp. 24-30
The Distribution Hymns
#606 “O’er the Distant Mountains Breaking”
#611 “The Day Is Surely Drawing Near”
The Collect, Benediction..... p. 31
The Closing Hymn#526
“In God, My Faithful God”

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY – EVOLUTION

The High School Bible study class is examining “Evolution: God’s Amazing Creation” and video series “Journeys to the Edge of Creation” to better understand how the remarkable universe and the creatures all around us are proof of intelligent, divine design. All High School aged students are invited to join teachers Joe Krizan and Archie Wolfe in exploring this fascinating topic each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Invite your friends!

"LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“Whitewashing abortion leads the righteous—those Christians struggling in despair with an abortion decision—to be ‘disheartened.’ They never hear the cleansing blood of Jesus applied to their sin.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, Executive Director, Lutherans For Life*
www.lutheransforlife.org / 888-364-LIFE

TODAY IN OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today in Sunday school, students learn about three men whom God miraculously saved from a fire, as recorded in Daniel 3:1–30. A family talk topic might include discussion of the times God has protected members of your family from peril or danger. Review questions might be, Who else was in the furnace with the three men? When did Jesus go to the fires of hell for us?

MEN’S MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Men’s Monday Morning Bible study group has begun “Called to Remember,” a Bible study written with respect for the call of men. We meet each at Sunshine Foods in Hartford each Monday morning at 6:00 a.m. All men of the congregation are welcome to join our thought-provoking study and discussion.

THE INSTALLATION OF REV. CHRISTOPHER BOEHNKE

The members of Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Tea, South Dakota invite you to join us for a worship service celebrating the installation of the Reverend Christopher Boehnke as our pastor on Sunday, December 4, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. The service will be held in the commons area of the new Tea Area High School located at 500 W. Brian (the northwest corner of Tea). Please plan to stay for fellowship and refreshments following the service.

HISTORICAL FACTS OF SD DISTRICT

Things haven’t changed – on April 17, 1956 the Voter’s Assembly at Zion, White resolved to have members without small children to sit near the front so that mothers with children could sit in the rear of the church. The Usher’s were instructed to assist in carrying out the resolution.

SHUT-INS

Please remember in your daily prayers the following shut-in members: Bud Plagman, Vivian Dansman, Bonnie Edgecomb, and Martha Westphal.

BIBLE STUDY OF THE PSALMS

From the worship of the ancient children of Israel to the house gatherings of the early church, from the writings of Martin Lutheran to the newly published hymns and praise songs of today, the psalms have played a central role in the worship life of God’s people. Yet to many people, the psalms seem inaccessible and foreign. The language is at times so far removed from our everyday speech that we are left wondering exactly what the writer is trying to say. Many passages inspire comfort, but others seem so harsh that one wonders why they are in the Bible at all.

Over the next couple of months we will study a sample of the Psalms in our Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.) adult Bible study. This Bible study will introduce you to the language, teachings, and history of the psalms so that this treasure chest of God’s riches will not remain inaccessible, but will be opened to you and enrich your worship, personal devotions, and life. All adults are invited to join us each week!

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

We will be holding our Thanksgiving Eve worship service on Wednesday, November 23rd at 7:30 p.m. Please plan to join us for this special service of thanksgiving and praise!

THE BAPTISM OF DMITRI HERNANDEZ

Being baptized into God’s family in our worship service today is Dmitri Hernandez. Please welcome Dmitri into our family here at Trinity.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped make last Sunday’s open house a success.

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 who 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.