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4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 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 5th Sunday after Pentecost, July 1, 2007:

Old Testament: 1 Kings 19: 9b-21

Epistle: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

SUNDAY ~ Worship w/communion ~ 9:30 am
Adult Bible study ~ 10:30 am
Coed Softball vs. Central Valley ~ 7:45 pm (Diamond C)

MONDAY ~ Men's Bible study ~ 6:00 am
TLC Chapel service ~ 9:30 am

TUESDAY ~ Bible study ~ 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY ~ Lifelight Bible study ~ 9:30 am
Supper ~ 6:30 pm
Worship w/communion ~ 7:30 pm

SATURDAY ~ TLC Bible study ~ 8:30 am

COMING EVENTS

Sun., July 1st ~ Worship ~ 9:30 am
Adult Bible study ~ 10:30 am

Sat., Aug. 4th ~ TLC Silent Auction & Prime Rib Dinner

SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2007

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

Greeters: Henry Dansman, Jr., Diane Dansman

Head Usher: Jessi Moeller

Acolyte: Dustin Kleba

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2007

Cleaners: Harvey & LaRaye Rehfeldt, Melvin Matthies

Greeters: Harvey & LaRaye Rehfeldt

Head Usher: Jessi Moeller

Acolyte: Megan Eggebraaten

WORSHIP SERVICE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2007

Worship Attendance: 17 **Communion:** 10

WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2007

Worship Attendance:	57		
Current offering:	\$ 1,090.00	Loose offering:	\$ 95.56
Building fund:	235.00	Mission Offering:	85.00
Daycare:	20.00	TIM (Amy Kashenov)	12.00

First Sunday Special Offerings go to Campus Ministry

Third Sunday Special Offerings go to Amy Kashenov

LET THE CHILDREN COME . . .

The mission of the Trinity Learning Center Daycare is to provide a caring atmosphere for young children in which they can experience the love of God and His people. Our primary mission is to extend the Gospel to young children through a quality, Christ-centered learning environment. The Center is committed to excellence in its programs, offering children a healthy, loving, Christian environment in which to learn and develop creatively and mature emotionally, physically, socially, and spiritually. Applications for registration can be picked up at Trinity Lutheran Church.

We are also taking registrations for Trinity Learning Center Preschool for the 2007-2008 school year.

Please contact Trinity Learning Center Director/Teacher, Jessi Moeller, via e-mail at tlc@trinitylutheran-hartfordsd.org or call Trinity Lutheran Church at (605) 526-3571 with any questions.

CROSS: WE SUFFER WITH JESUS

Martin Luther noticed a discrepancy in his day: On one hand, Scripture is filled with passages about the necessary suffering of the saints in the world as they follow their crucified Lord in their daily vocations. On the other hand, the teaching and practice of many seemed to be about avoiding this God-sent cross at all costs. There were those who paid significant sums of money to avoid the rather demanding forms of repentance. There were others who subjected themselves to a rigorous discipline of prayer, fasting, chastity, and poverty apart from any vocational discipleship in the biblical sense. In each and every case, Luther found self-chosen, controlled forms of “suffering” were anxiously sought as spiritual paths—only to get around the “real deal” sent by God in His way and at His time.

And today? Is Christianity promoted as a way to avoid “bad stuff” and to achieve worldly success? Or is Christianity taught as a life under the cross? Popular titles like the 2004’s *Your Best Life Now* by Joel Osteen suggest the former. Being “religious” is widely seen as a path to freedom from pain and failure. Suffering is seen as but an invigorating “challenge” on the road to reaching one’s “full potential.” “Spiritual disciplines” are observed, often at the expense of our God-given vocations and their trials, to achieve personal fulfillment, even salvation.

Lutherans faithful to God’s Word have held out a different vision of Christianity and spirituality, one that is shaped by the cross of Christ and daily flows from Baptism. In our **Lifelight Bible study, which meets every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.**, we will study this unique and life-giving biblical topic in “Cross: We Suffer with Jesus,” a part of the Lutheran Spirituality series. Everyone is invited to join us!

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.

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.

July 1, 2007. "Independence and 76." A woman, who scavenges aluminum cans along the beach for a living, teaches a wealthy old man about freedom. The featured speaker is Rev. Craig Grams of St. John Lutheran Church in Groton, SD, The sermon theme is "The Freedom of the Gospel."

LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

"[W]hen you have a child who was born with special needs, it's very confusing and disconcerting and you really don't know which end is up and you feel like you're from Mars and you did something wrong. It turns out that God blessed you with a really special package." *Actor John McGinley, who plays Dr. Perry Cox on the NBC comedy "Scrubs," whose son, Max, has Down syndrome. A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life / www.lutheransforlife.org / 888-364-LIFE*

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.

SHUT-INS

Please remember Martha Westphal in your prayers.

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.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Galatians 3:23-4:7: By faith in Jesus Christ we have become children of God. What a privilege—to be children of God! What an awesome challenge—to be children of God! May God's Holy Spirit help us to speak and act more and more like our Father in heaven.

PARKING CHANGE

For the safety of those leaving the church parking lot, we will be moving the handicapped parking spaces to the east of the sidewalk. We ask you to refrain from parking in the front of the fellowship hall so that everyone can look down the highway for oncoming cars. We also ask that you drive up to the sidewalk on the west side of the fellowship (facing east). Please parallel park next to the trees (north and south).

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

1 & 2 Timothy and Titus—are often called the Pastoral Epistles because they address issues concerning the pastoral office (or ministry). Paul is aware that his ministry is coming to a close and is concerned about the future of the Church. He is led by the Holy Spirit to give divine counsel to those who will succeed him in order that the Gospel and its ministry will continue just as he received them from the Lord. And through these divinely inspired words, he prepares every generation that follows to maintain faithfulness to the Lord and keep the faith.

The Men's Bible study is meeting each Monday at 6:00 a.m. to study *1 & 2 Timothy, Titus: Keeping the Faith*. All men of the congregation are invited to attend. If you are interested in attending, please speak to Pastor Moeller so he can get the appropriate materials for you.

Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation..... #23
"Hallelujah! Let Praises Ring"
The Order of Holy Communion.....p. 15-16
The Introit.....

P: Be my rock of refuge,
C: a strong fortress to save me.
P: How great is your goodness,
C: which you have stored up for those who fear you,
P: which you bestow in the sight of men
C: on those who take refuge in you.
P: Love the Lord, all his saints!
C: The Lord preserves the faithful, but the proud he pays back in full.
P: Be strong and take heart,
C: all you who hope in the Lord.
P: Be my rock of refuge,
C: a strong fortress to save me.

The Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis.....
The Readings Back of bulletin
The Nicene Creed p. 22
The Sermon Hymn #473
"The Church's One Foundation"
Sermon..... "One in Christ Jesus?"
The Offering.....
Prayers
The Service of Communionp. 24-30
The Distribution Hymns
#464 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
#314 "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"
The Collect, Benediction..... p. 31
The Closing Hymn #301
"He Who Believes and Is Baptized"

CHRISTIAN VOCATION BIBLE STUDY

Today, Christians are pressed from every side to limit the role of faith in their life. Christians can express their faith in worship, but often see little connection between faith and their work life. What is missing from the discussion is an understanding of *vocation*, or calling. God provides each Christian layperson with gifts and circumstances that define a station in life. The purpose of this station is to serve our neighbors, to play a part in God's providential care of humanity. This means that even the work with low worldly status is something God calls us to do.

In our age, intense spiritual experience is exalted as a sign of God's favor. Ordinary work is often seen as a spiritually dead, practical necessity. But God did not save humankind with spectacular displays of power but through the crucifixion of Jesus. God does not call us to revel in private spiritual gifts, but to take up our crosses and to do His work. It is here that we find what Gene Edward Veith calls the "spirituality of ordinary life."

The life-changing implications of this perspective are the focus of our Bible study, "Christian Vocation: The Lutheran Difference." Please join us each Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. as we explore this fascinating topic. If you are interested, please speak to Pastor Moeller, so we can have study materials available for you.

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 of the congregation are invited to join us each Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

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 to 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.

OUTREACH THOUGHTS

4th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Luke 8:26-39: When Jesus cast the many demons out of the man of Gerasenes he begged Jesus for the privilege of going with Him. Jesus instead sent him away with these instructions: "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." We are most effective as Christian witnesses when we tell others how much God has done for us!

DIAPER DERBY

The annual diaper derby is in full swing and will run through Father's Day. If you would like to donate diapers or any baby items to the Alpha Center please place them in the box under the table in the hallway.

WATCH ME GROW!

The next nine months Lutherans for Life is collecting pennies in a milk jug to be donated to the Alpha Center's ultrasound machine. One full milk jug is approximately the same weight as that of a newborn baby. Each month a new poster will be placed and you can watch and learn how a baby grows. Check out the display in the hallway to the parish hall. Maybe we could have twins!!!

BIKE FOR LIFE

Get those bikes ready, the annual bike for life is scheduled for September 15th. This is the 10th year for this event and Pastor Nour is praying for about 100 riders! You may wish to join him for the full ride or just part. Breakfast, lunch and supper is provided. If you are interested in riding or supporting a rider with a pledge please speak with Adel or Amy Valdes.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

We are looking for a volunteer or volunteers who would be willing to help lead the High School youth group. If you are interested in helping, please contact Pastor Moeller.

CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The Hartford Area Church Co-ed Softball league will begin playing each Sunday night. All men and women, age 16 and over, are eligible to play. Each team must have at least two women playing on the field at any given time. If you are interested in having fun and getting a little exercise please contact John Barber at 528-7380. Everyone is invited to come and cheer on our team!

THANK YOU

Thank you to Melvin Matthies for cleaning the fellowship hall during the month of June.

Thank you to John and Wanda Barnhart for the gift of the new playground equipment and sand for Trinity Lutheran Church. This gift was given in memory of Bill & Mae Matthies and Terry Barnhart.

Thank you to Bryan Albers for donating the hauling for the sand; Wilbur Kalb for donating the equipment to move the sand, and Jeff & Justin Kalb for donating their labor for installing the sand in the playground.

Thank you to LaRaye Rehfeldt, June Snyder, and Joyce Carls for faithfully volunteering their services at Trinity Learning Center each week.

Thank you to DeWane & Joyce Carls, Dale & June Snyder, Amber Connolly & family, Pastor & Aimee Moeller for providing supper before our Wednesday night worship services.

Thank you to everyone who supported the YES group fundraiser at Pizza Ranch on Monday night. They raised over \$200.00 to help defray the expenses of camp.

FREE SAND

There is a pile of sand in the parking lot that is left over from the playground. If you would like some of it for your own use, please speak to Ray Matthies or Pastor Moeller.

WELCOME TO THE CONNOLLY'S

Amber Connolly and her children Kalia, Tifny, Casia, and Zakry were received into membership at Trinity Lutheran Church in our worship service on Wednesday, June 20th. We pray that God will bless the Connolly's and our church in their worship and involvement at Trinity in the years to come. Please welcome them!