

First Sunday in Advent – November 27, 2005 A.D.

P: Almighty God, almighty in love, almighty in redemption, almighty in help, awesome in power, unfathomable in Your ways, we bring before You on this First Sunday of a New Church Year our prayers, asking You to rend the heavens and come down. For our world, in need of Your peace, in need of Your guidance, in need of Your grace, we pray,

C: come down, O Lord.

P: For our nation, whose officials need discernment, zeal, and integrity; for our citizens, who need compassion, concern, and commitment, we pray,

C: come down, O Lord.

P: For our Church body, that You may bring wisdom, fervor, and faithfulness, we pray,

C: come down, O Lord.

P: For our parish and our community, and for all whom we name before You now . . . that You would bring them every needed spiritual gift, blamelessness, strength to endure, and hearts prepared for Your coming, we pray,

C: come down, O Lord.

P: For the congregations of Zion Lutheran, Mitchell and Resurrection Lutheran in Sioux Falls, that they might be joyful in the Advent time of preparation, we pray,

C: come down, O Lord. Amen.

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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.

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 is facing a major barrier. The FCC will require closed captioning on all network programs beginning January 1, 2006, which will mean a 40% increase in production costs. The good news is that Thrivent has granted Main Street a Giving Plus account. This means that when a Thrivent member contributes money to Main Street Living, Thrivent will match \$1 for every \$2 donation. Main Street's ID number is 514006670. The program continues to be available on KDLT-NBC at 10:00 a.m. and on PAX at 11:00 a.m.

December 4, 2005. "The Lie." This Is the Life looks at forgiveness. A police officer that lies about killing a young boy finally asks for forgiveness. The featured speaker is Rev. Gary Klatt of St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne, MN. The sermon theme is "Comfort for the People of God."

OUTREACH THEMES FROM OUR READINGS

Mark 13:33-37: Advent is the season in the church year that reminds us to be alert and on guard as we wait for our Lord's coming again. This season also reminds us to share our certain hope in Jesus with those who are not presently waiting in expectation for the Lord's second coming. Each day brings new opportunities to witness to our faith.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

1st Sunday in Advent ~ 1 Corinthians 1:3-9: St. Paul reminded the Corinthian Christians that because of God's grace and goodness, they did not lack anything necessary to be a productive community of saints. The same thing is true for our congregation. We have been richly blessed so that we might be rich blessings to our fellow members, our community and as far out as we can reach.

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.

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.

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.

LWML NATIVITY FESTIVAL

The ladies of the Trinity LWML invite all women of Trinity to their Nativity Festival on Sunday, December 11th in the Trinity fellowship hall at 3:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy or many nativity scenes on display and a dessert luncheon

Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation.....#4
"God Himself Is Present"
The Order of Holy Communion.....p. 15-16
The Introit.....

P: See, your King comes to you,
C: righteous and having salvation.
P: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
C: in you I trust, O my God.
P: Do not let me be put to shame,
C: nor let my enemies triumph over me.
P: No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame,
C: but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse.
P: See, your King comes to you,
C: righteous and having salvation.

The Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis.....
The Readings Back of bulletin
The Sermon Hymn..... #446
"Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray"
Sermon
Watch! The Dialogue of Body and Soul"
The Offering.....
Litany Prayers (insert)
The Service of Communion p. 24-30
The Distribution Hymns
#315 "I Come, O Savior to Thy Table"
#58 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee"
The Collect, Benediction..... p. 31
The Closing Hymn #72
"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

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!

"LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

"Every child is a wonder child . . . We should spend more time being like Zechariah's neighbors [Luke 1] wondering, 'What then is this child going to be?' We should spend less time wondering, 'What then is this child going to cost?' or 'What then is this child to do since I'm so young?' or 'What then is this child to do if disabled?' or 'What then is this child doing getting in the way of my plans?'" *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, Executive Director, Lutherans For Life* www.lutheransforlife.org

TODAY IN OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today our Sunday school students learn that God prepared people for Jesus' birth as they study the announcement of John the Baptist's birth to Zechariah and Elizabeth. Family discussion might focus on our own responses to God's Word. Discuss how God showed His love for Zechariah and continues to show His love for us.

HISTORICAL FACTS OF SD DISTRICT

Reverend O.D. Brack, presently serving as Hospital Chaplain in the Sioux Falls area was pastor at Agar, SD and began conducting services, which led to the formation of a congregation at Onida in 1951.

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!

SHUT-INS

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

GOD AND OUR FAMILY IN ADVENT

It has often been said that the family is the basic building block of society. Families provide the setting for learning essential values and skills. In families we learn how to love, share, forgive and care for others. No matter, what the status of your own family, I'm sure you would agree that families are very important.

But as important as families are to you and me, there is someone to whom families are even more important. God cares so much for our human families that He entered into one Himself—as a little baby born in Bethlehem to Mary and Joseph. We celebrate that Incarnation each Advent and Christmas. But God didn't stop there. The Father gave up His own Son on the cross that we might have forgiveness of our sins and that our family might become part of His family forever.

Please join us this Advent as we celebrate "God and Our Family"!

Midweek Advent Services ~ Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

For your convenience the 125th Anniversary Committee will be serving supper from 6:00-7:00 p.m.



LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND



A gift that will bless you year after year! What better gift to give your spouse, or to give each other, than the experience of a Marriage Encounter Weekend?

What is Marriage Encounter? In a nutshell, it is a weekend away from the daily pressures of life and responsibilities. It is an opportunity to focus on each other. It is an opportunity to improve our communication in a relaxed and private setting. It is for couples with "good" marriages who want to enrich what they already have.

There are NO "group discussions." The weekend is a series of presentations that touch on many aspects of marriage. The talks are given by three lay couples and a clergy couple. After each presentation, each couple has time, in the privacy of their own room for personal sharing, using the communication techniques learned on the weekend.

The next opportunity for a Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend is **March 3-5, 2006 in Sioux Falls, SD** at the Country Inn and Suites. The cost is \$45 to register. This reserves your room and meals at the motel. A freewill donation is taken at the end of the weekend. Questions? Register? Contact one of these:

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Milton and Donna Kaufman 605-651-3231 miltkauf@tnics.com
Pastor Bob and Aimee Moeller 605-526-3572 seelsorge8@aol.com
Pastor Jim and Rita Wiese 605-432-9555 elcpastor@tnics.com

Have you already attended a Marriage Encounter Weekend years ago? Many couples appreciate another weekend as much or more than the first one. We invite you to return for an updated version of the weekend that still concentrates on communication.

To learn more about Lutheran Marriage Encounter you can call 1-800-235-1010 or visit the web site at <http://www.ilme.org>.

The vision of Lutheran Marriage Encounter is "The Lutheran Church renewed and our world changed through strengthened couple relationships and stronger personal relationships with Christ." People of any faith or denomination are welcome. Consider this weekend an opportunity to take a new look at your marriage priorities and lifestyle. Learn simple, effective communication techniques. Enhance the love that you share.