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LAST SUNDAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 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 ~ 9:30 am**
 Sunday School and Bible study ~ 10:30 am
MONDAY ~ **Men's Bible Study ~ 6:00 am**
TUESDAY ~ **Bible study ~ 7:00 pm**
WEDNESDAY ~ **Lifelight Bible study at church ~ 9:30 am**
 Confirmation class ~ 5:30 pm
 Choir practice ~ 6:00 pm
 Thanksgiving worship service ~ 7:30 pm
 Newsletter deadline
SATURDAY ~ **Practice for SS Christmas program ~ 9:30-11:00 am**

COMING EVENTS

Sun., Nov. 27th ~ Worship service w/communion ~ 9:30 am
 Sunday School and Bible study ~ 10:30 am
Wed. Nov. 30th ~ Midweek Advent services begin
Sun., Dec 4th ~ Installation of Rev. Christopher Boehnke at Risen Savior-Tea
Sat., Dec. 10th ~ Open House at parsonage ~ 3:00 pm-8:00 pm
Sun., Dec. 11th ~ LWML Nativity Festival ~ 3:00 pm
Sun., Dec. 18th ~ Sunday School Christmas program ~ 6:30 pm

SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2005

Cleaners: Roger & Bert Carls, Lester & Jean Gregersen
Greeters: Roger & Bert Carls
Head Usher: Talis Johnson **Acolyte:** Emily Krizan

THANKSGIVING EVE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2005

Greeters: DeWane & Joyce Carls
Head Usher: Louis Thompson **Acolyte:** Holly Kelley

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2005

Cleaners: Pastor & Aimee Moeller, George & Donna Vogt
Greeters: George & Donna Vogt
Head Usher: Talis Johnson
Acolyte: Patrick Erikson

WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2005

Worship Attendance:	85	Communed:	56
Current offering:	\$1,499.00	Loose offering:	\$ 19.00
Mission offering:	70.00	Building fund:	235.00
Future Church Worker:	10.00	Tuckpointing:	1.220.00

First Sunday Special Offerings go to Campus Ministry
Third Sunday Special Offerings go to Amy Kashenov

Christ The King Sunday – November 20, 2005 A.D.

P: We pray for the kingdom of grace, that it may come to us and to others who seek the steadfast love of Christ, especially do we name . . .

C: For the sick and the recovering; for the lost and erring; for the poor, the hungry, and the homeless; for the broken and the burdened; for missionaries and all who spread the news of the kingdom.

P: Eternal Lord and King,

C: Thy kingdom come.

P: We pray for the kingdom of power, that the authority and Lordship of Christ may continue to hold sway over all things:

C: For the nations, for corporations and places of business; for marriages and families; and for all who have yet to see Christ as head over all.

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P: We pray that Your kingdom's work will continue to be blessed at Emmanuel Lutheran in Sisseton and Lord of Life Lutheran in Sioux Falls. Bless us, O Eternal Lord and King,

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P: Move among us, Lord, with grace and power and make us ready to receive You when at last You come again in glory. In Your strong name.

C: Amen.

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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 27, 2005. “The Shame of My Father.” This story of forgiveness is a lesson for all mankind. A young man embittered by his father’s embezzlement of funds cannot forgive him until his pastor helps him see his father’s sin in the light of human failure. The featured speaker is Rev. Victor Dorn of Zion Lutheran Church in Mitchell, SD. The sermon theme is “The Coming of the King.”

OUTREACH THEMES FROM OUR READINGS

Last Sunday in the Church Year ~ Matthew 25:1-13: The five foolish virgins were foolish because they did not use the time they had to make preparations for the coming of the bridegroom. Too many sinners today do not use the time they have to prepare for the second coming of Jesus to be the Judge of all. May we use every opportunity we have to be prepared to share with others the reason for the hope we have in Jesus.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Last Sunday in the Church Year ~ 2 Peter 3:3-13: St. Peter reminds us that on the last day all the things people tend to treasure, like money and material possessions, will go up in smoke! Knowing that, Christian stewards manage money and possessions in a way that supports the work of the church and builds up treasures in heaven, not on earth.

SHUT-INS

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

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.

Divine Service

Opening Hymn#446
“Rise, My Soul, To Watch and Pray”
 The Order of Matins.....p. 32-34
 The Psalmody.....

P: We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
C: the home of righteousness.
 P: Show me, O Lord, my life's end and the number of my days;
C: let me know how fleeting is my life.
 P: You have made my days a mere handbreadth; the span of my years is as nothing before you.
C: Each man's life is but a breath.
 P: But now, Lord, what do I look for?
C: My hope is in you.
 P: Save me from all my transgressions;
C: do not make me the scorn of fools.
 P: Hear my prayer, O Lord, listen to my cry for help;
C: be not deaf to my weeping.
 P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
C: and to the Holy Spirit;
 P: as it was in the beginning,
C: is now, and will be forever. Amen
 P: We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
C: the home of righteousness.

The ReadingsBack of the bulletin
 The Sermon Hymn #609
“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”
 The Sermon.....“A Foolish Oil Shortage”
 Hymn of Praise.....#250
“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”
 The Prayers (insert)
 The Kyrie p. 39
 The Lord's Prayer p. 39
 Salutation, Collect..... p. 40
 Benediction
 The Closing Hymn #341
“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

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

"Jesus, who was in the beginning with God, came into our muck-and-mire life to bring us a new beginning. Everything He did was for this new beginning, to bring us new life. The Word of Life was 'conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.' Why? To bring us new life!" *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, Executive Director, Lutherans For Life* www.lutheransforlife.org

TODAY IN OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today our Sunday school students learn the story of Daniel, who was protected by God from the hungry lions (Daniel 6:1-28), and others who knew Daniel who went back to the Holy Land after their captivity (Daniel 9:1-19). A family talk topic might discuss why God sometimes allows faithful believers in Jesus to undergo hardships. Review questions might be, When might the devil be like a hungry, roaring lion who tries to frighten or destroy us today? What tools has God given us to defeat the devil? How did Jesus defeat the devil?

HISTORICAL FACTS OF SD DISTRICT

In 1922, St. John's Christian Day School of Gales Township was started. It was closed in 1944. Later St. John's became part of Trinity, White Lake.

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.

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!

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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 DIMITRY HERNANDEZ

Dimitry Dillon Hernandez was baptized into God's family in our worship service last Sunday. He is the grandson of Ron and Judi Lunde. Dimitry's witnesses were Bill and Lori Ridders. Please welcome Dimitry into our family here at Trinity.

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.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Katie Moeller for sharing her artistic talents on our Advent mailer.

Thank you to Ray Matthies for spending several hours copying the Advent mailer.

We thank *Morton Buildings* for furnishing cake, punch, coffee, napkins, plates, cups and utensils for our Fellowship Hall Open House. They did this to show their appreciation for our business. Over 100 people signed the guest list. Brad Meehan of Meehan Construction recently called to thank us for our business and to see if there were any things he needed to follow up on.

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! "So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and the baby, who was lying in the manger" Luke 2: 16.

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.