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2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2006

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.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

SUNDAY ~ Worship service w/communion ~ 9:30 am
Sunday School and Adult Bible study ~ 10:30 am
Elder's meeting ~ 12:00 noon
125th Anniversary Volleyball Tournament ~ 3:00 pm

MONDAY ~ Men's Bible Study ~ 6:00 am
125th Anniversary Committee meeting ~ 7:00 pm

TUESDAY ~ Chapel at Tieszen Home ~ 9:00 am
Bible Study ~ 7:00 pm
Dartball vs. Zion ~ 7:30 pm

WEDNESDAY ~ Lifelight Bible study ~ 9:30 am
Confirmation ~ 5:30 pm
Lenten Supper ~ 6:00 pm
Midweek Lenten service ~ 7:30 pm

THURSDAY ~ Circuit Pastor's meeting at Clayton ~ 9:30 am

FRIDAY ~ SESD LFL at Spencer ~ 7:00 pm

SATURDAY ~ Couples Club ~ 7:00 pm

COMING EVENTS

Sun., Mar. 19th ~ Worship service w/communion ~ 9:30 am
Sunday School and Adult Bible study ~ 10:30 am
"Protect Yourself from Identity Theft" ~ 3:00 pm

Sun. May 7th ~ Rite of Confirmation

June 5th - 9th ~ Vacation Bible School ~ 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

June 18th - 21st ~ SD District Convention

July 17th - 19th ~ SD District Youth Gathering

SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2006

Cleaners: Merle & Barb Muchow, John & Wanda Barnhart
Greeters: John & Wanda Barnhart **Head Elder:** Tim Totton
Head Usher: Keith Rueter **Acolyte:** Eric Wolfe

MID-WEEK LENT: MARCH 15, 2006

Greeters: Merle & Barb Muchow
Head Usher: DeWane Carls **Acolyte:** Austin Eggebraaten

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2006

Cleaners: Don & Pat Reichert, Marlo Anderson, Mike Anderson
Greeters: Marlo Anderson, Mike Anderson **Head Elder:** Tim Totton
Head Usher: Keith Rueter **Acolyte:** Kylee Thompson

WORSHIP SERVICE: ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2006

Worship Attendance:	63	Communion:	40
Mission offering:	\$ 116.00	Loose Offering:	25.00

WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2006

Worship Attendance:	80	Adult Bible Study:	9
Current offering:	\$1,654.00	Loose Offering:	43.00
Building fund:	615.00	Future Church Worker:	10.00
Campus Ministry:	7.00	Mission Offering:	155.00

First Sunday Special Offerings go to Campus Ministry

Third Sunday Special Offerings go to Amy Kashenov

Second Sunday In Lent – March 12, 2006 A.D.

- P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. For those who are afflicted with unresolved or quick anger, which prevents them from nurturing relationships with people, that God would give them patience and understanding, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.**
- P: For those whose pride and self-righteousness stand in the way of being servants according to the pattern of Jesus Christ, that God would grant the gift of proper humility, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.**
- P: For those who have responsibility for leadership in the Church, that God would grant wisdom and understanding. We especially remember the ministry of St. John's Lutheran in Tyndall and Peace Lutheran in Brookings, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.**
- P: For our parish community, that we may be committed to service in the name of Jesus Christ, especially do we remember those who are in the midst of life struggles and joys . . . let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.**
- P: For all who serve and protect us at this hour, those in the armed forces of our country, those who are involved in law enforcement and fire fighting, and those who provide emergency medical service, that God would keep them safe in their serving, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.**
- P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: 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'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.

March 19, 2006. "The Grass Isn't Always Green." When a college student entertains his sister and introduces her to his druggie friends, she has a bad reaction and ends up scarred for life. The featured speaker is Rev. Aaron Asmus of Memorial Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD. The sermon theme is "Zeal Lives Here."

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 students are invited to join in exploring this fascinating topic each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Invite your friends!

HISTORICAL FACTS OF SD DISTRICT

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Geneseo was organized in 1881 and disbanded with a final service on Sunday, September 29, 1946. The cemetery is still maintained by Emanuel Lutheran Church of Milbank.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Romans 5:1-11: These words from our Epistle for today speak of the great joy we have in knowing that God has saved us through His Son, Jesus Christ. We reflect that joy when we as God's children freely and joyfully manage all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.

VICTORY PARTY PLANNED AT TRINITY LUTHERAN!

On April 15th & 16th, we will be having a celebration of the most significant victory in history, Christ's victory over sin, death and Satan! By the grace of our Heavenly Father, we share in Christ's victory and that calls for a celebration! We will be having the "World's largest Easter egg hunt" on Saturday, April 15th. That night, there will be a showing of the movie "The Passion of the Christ" in the fellowship hall. And on Sunday, we will be having service at sunrise (6:30 a.m.) and our regular 9:30 a.m. service.

So what makes every celebration party better? Sharing it with our friends! So on April 8th we are having a Friendship Telethon. This is an opportunity for everyone at Trinity, youth and adults alike, to gather at the fellowship hall and make calls to everyone that we want to invite to celebrate with us. Please, plan to attend our 1st Annual Friendship Telethon!

LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

"God is the Creator of life, the Giver of life, the Redeemer of life, the Lord of life. Abortion, that which destroys God's gift of life, the work of His hands, is an insult to Him. That's why we had better be talking about it in our churches. God's people need a reality check as to what is going on so callously and so brutally day after day in this country. Think! It is not *something* that is destroyed in an abortion. It is *someone*. It is someone created by God and for whom Jesus Christ died." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, Executive Director, Lutherans For Life* **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life / www.lutheransforlife.org / 888-364-LIFE**

WORLD'S LARGEST EASTER EGG HUNT

Trinity Lutheran Church is teaming with FamilyLife and Christians everywhere to promote the World's Largest Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt where thousands of children around the world will learn of their hope for eternal life in Christ.

The egg hunt will take place at Trinity Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 15th. Children of all ages will hunt for Easter eggs, win various prizes, play games, and have good things to eat. Every child is invited to take part in this awesome event. Look for more details in future bulletins and newsletters. Please contact Laura at 528-7260 if you have any questions.

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.

Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation..... #409
"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"
The Order of Holy Communion.....p. 15-16
The Introit.....

P: Remember, O Lord, your great mercy and love,
C: for they are from of old.
P: You who fear him, trust in the Lord-
C: he is their help and shield.
P: The Lord remembers us and will bless us:
C: He will bless the house of Israel, he will bless the house of Aaron,
P: he will bless those who fear the Lord-
C: small and great alike.
P: It is we who extol the Lord,
C: both now and forevermore. Praise the Lord.
P: Remember, O Lord, your great mercy and love,
C: for they are from of old.

The Gloria Patri, Kyrie.....
The Readings Back of bulletin
The Sermon Hymn..... #528
"If God Himself Be for Me" vv. 1-4
Sermon....."The Sign of the Cross"
The Offering.....
Litany Prayers (insert)
The Service of Communionp. 24-30
The Distribution Hymn.....
#377 "Salvation Unto Us Has Come"
The Collect, Benediction..... p. 31
The Closing Hymn#373
"By Grace I'm Saved" vv.1-4

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2006 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Hello Friends! It is time to begin planning and preparing for this year's VBS adventure at Treasure Cove, June 5th – June 9th.

Throughout the week, we will discover God's riches of grace in Jesus by singing songs, hearing Bible stories, creating crafts playing games and much more. Children will also have the opportunity to "dig" through scriptures and reveal the greatest treasure that we could ever find – Jesus Christ.

CAMP MINNEBOJI

CAMP MINNEBOJI 2006 is coming! Camp week is June 25 – July 1 at Camp Okoboji in northwest Iowa. The camp, for kids in grades 4-9, features Bible study, mission presentations, music, crafts, sports, recreation, and the chance to meet new Christian friends. This year's camp theme is "Awesome God." The camp registration fee is \$210 (\$240 for 9th grade "Honors" Campers). At the end of March, registration materials will be mailed directly to last year's campers and will be provided in bulk to congregations. Contact the camp dean, Rev. Scott Sailer (605/332-3401, scottsailer@aol.com), if you have any questions. Check out the camp on the Web: www.minneboji.com.

COUPLES CLUB



The Couples Club will be getting together on Saturday, March 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We will be discussing chapter four of "Men, Women, and Relationships: The Abuse of Sexuality." You may bring a dessert to share. Please contact Kathy Totton (528-3849) to let her know if you are able to attend. All couples of the congregation are invited!

THE 2ND ANNUAL TRINITY VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

On March 12th at 3:00 p.m., we will have our 2nd annual volleyball tournament. Four teams are preparing for a double elimination tournament, but if more people would like to play we will make room for more teams. If you like to play or watch volleyball, come and join us!

We will also have a beanbag toss tournament at the same time and this will be open to anyone that wants to play. Rules will be in place to accommodate any age group.

The 125th Anniversary Committee will be serving hotdogs and B-B-Q's for supper after the tournament. A free will offering will be taken to defray expenses of our 125th Anniversary celebration next September.

PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST IDENTITY THEFT

Identity theft is a serious crime. How does it happen? Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information without your permission to commit fraud or other crimes. While you can't entirely control whether you will become a victim, there are steps you can take to minimize your risk. To help you learn more about how you can protect yourself from identity theft, the Trinity Stewardship Committee is sponsoring a workshop on Sunday, March 19th at 3:00 p.m. Adel Valdes, an investigator, with over six years of experience at the Federal Public Defender's Office will give some practical tips on how to protect your identity and credit rating, as well as steps on what to do in the event you become a victim of this crime. Everyone is invited!

GOT PICTURES?

For the 125th celebration we are assembling a pictorial history. We would like pictures of anything pertaining to Trinity especially of the groups, LWML, Youth, etc., and confirmation group pictures. To update our serviceman roster we would like pictures of personnel in uniform. If you want the picture back we will scan it in and return your copy. Please contact Donna Vogt or JoAnn Matthies as soon as possible.

SHUT-INS

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

TODAY IN OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today our Sunday School students explore John 13:1–20, "Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet." A family faith conversation might discuss how our attitudes toward work reflect Jesus' attitude toward His work of salvation that He accomplished for us upon the cross. Parents might ask, "How does the conversation between Jesus and Peter remind us of our Baptism? What is the ultimate service Jesus gave for us?"

JUSTIFICATION AND SANCTIFICATION: THE LUTHERAN DIFFERENCE

Since the Reformation, Protestants have generally agreed that the doctrine of justification is "the article on which the church stands or falls." That is, justification is the foundation and cornerstone of the Christian Church and its faith.

What Protestants—as well as Roman Catholics and the Eastern Orthodox—have not so often agreed upon is the content of this doctrine. Even the definition of the word itself is disputed. Does God justify by *declaring* sinners holy or by actually *making* them holy? Is justification effected by God alone, or must we in some way cooperate with or assent to God's action?

Very closely related to such questions, and perhaps even more hotly debated among Lutherans, is the definition of *sanctification* and the means by which this also takes place. Such questions are especially worth exploring from a Lutheran perspective because, while they are widely recognized to have a strong doctrine of justification, Lutherans are often accused of downplaying—or even ignoring—the doctrine of sanctification.

The Lifelight Bible study, which meets each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. is beginning a new study entitled "Justification and Sanctification: The Lutheran Difference." This study aims partially to correct this misunderstanding of Lutheran theology. But in the event that some Lutherans are in fact tempted to downplay the significance of sanctification, it is also hoped that this study will reveal some of the rich biblical and confessional testimonies to its importance. Likewise, our examination of the biblical doctrine of justification will reveal just how true it is that this is indeed "the article on which the church stands or falls." In fact, we will see just how intimately related justification and sanctification are. Please plan on joining us!

THANK YOU

Thank you to Carlene Barber, Archie Wolfe, Adel Valdes, Sherry Rueter, and Holly Kelley for sharing their skills in our first two mid-week Lenten service dramas.