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18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 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 19th Sunday after Pentecost, October 7, 2007:

Old Testament: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Epistle: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Gospel: Luke 17:1-10

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

SUNDAY ~ Worship ~ 9:30 am

Sunday School & Bible study ~ 10:45 am

WEDNESDAY ~ Confirmation ~ 5:30 pm

Supper ~ 6:30 pm

Worship w/communion ~ 7:30 pm

THURSDAY ~ TLC Chapel ~ 9:30 am

SATURDAY ~ TLC Bible study ~ 8:00 am

COMING EVENTS

Sun., Oct. 7th ~ Worship ~ 9:30 am

Adult Bible study & Sunday School ~ 10:45 am

Elders meeting ~ 12:00 noon

Men's Club meeting ~ 7:30 pm

Men's Club Dartball Tournament ~ 12:00 noon

Nov. 2-4th ~ Lutheran Marriage Encounter in Sioux Falls

Sun., Dec. 16th ~ Children's Christmas Program

SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

Cleaners: Dwane & Audrey Matthies, Randy Matthies

Greeters: Dwane & Audrey Matthies

Head Usher: Derek Johnson

Acolyte: Eric Wolfe

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2007

Cleaners: Rodney & Joy Hohn, Monte & Shary Muchow

Greeters: Monte & Shary Muchow

Head Usher:

Acolyte: Eric Krizan

WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2007

Worship Attendance: 9

WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2007

Worship Attendance: 91 Communion: 61

Adult Bible Study: 21

Current offering: \$ 1,590.00 Loose offering: \$ 18.70

Building fund: 350.00 Mission Offering: 90.00

First Sunday Special Offerings go to Campus Ministry

Third Sunday Special Offerings go to Amy Kashenov

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.

October 7, 2007 – The featured speaker is Rev. Kevin Vogts of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Dakota Dunes, SD. The sermon theme is "Forgive Your Brother From Your Heart."

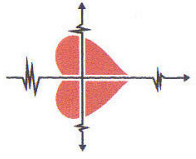
"LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

"The real question is whether the church will recover a marriage culture in our own sphere. This will require a recovery of resolve and conviction, and the re-assertion of a biblical concept of the church as the body of Christ, with individual members living in fellowship, discipline, and mutual accountability under the authority of God's Word. This means that, for Christian couples, our marriages are not our own private affairs, but crucial arenas for living out faithfulness to the Lord Jesus Christ. Just imagine how Christian credibility would be demonstrated when, against the trend of marriage decline in the secular culture, researchers would report that one group stands as an obvious exception—the followers of Jesus Christ." *R. Albert Mohler, President, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. www.lutheransforlife.org / 888-364-LIFE*

MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

We are holding mid-week services each Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. 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.

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.

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

1 Timothy 6:6-19: In our Epistle reading for today St. Paul encouraged Timothy to fight the good fight of the faith and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Christians who pursue such spiritual goals are people who also give a good witness to what it means to be a Christian. Good witnessing means sharing the reason for the hope, peace and contentment we enjoy as the children of God.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

1 Timothy 6:6-19: In our Epistle reading for today St. Paul warns against the love of money as a root of all evil. This does not mean we should have nothing to do with money, but it does mean that we are to make use of money in a caring and sharing way that brings blessings to others in need and builds treasures for the life to come.

LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY

The Good Samaritan. The Prodigal Son. The Pharisee and the Tax Collector. These stories from Jesus—recorded exclusively by St. Luke—are some of the most beloved in Holy Scripture. But despite the popularity of these passages, many students of Scripture would find it hard to describe what's unique about Luke's account of Jesus' life. They could not tell you what concerns drove Luke to take up his pen and write.

Please join the Lifelight Bible study each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., as we study portions of the Gospel of Luke. This will not be a verse-by-verse commentary on the Gospel according to St. Luke, but will instead highlight key passages and emphases that distinguish Luke's account from the writings of the other evangelists. Most important, it will provide you with unique understanding of the birth, ministry, and passion of your Savior.

Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation #16
"Blessed Jesus at Thy Word"
The Order of Morning Service p. 5-6
The Introit

P: Your name, O Lord, endures forever.
C: your renown, O Lord, through all generations.
P: Praise the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord.
C: Praise him, you servants of the Lord,
P: you who minister in the house of the Lord.
C: in the courts of the house of our God.
P: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;
C: sing praise to his name, for that is pleasant.
P: Your name, O Lord, endures forever,
C: your renown, O Lord, through all generations.
P: For the Lord will vindicate his people
C: and have compassion on his servants.

Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis..... p. 6-9
The Salutation, Collectp. 9
The Readings Back page
The Apostles' Creed..... p. 12
The Sermon Hymn#428
"Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"
The Sermon....."
The Offering.....
The Prayers
Hymn#429
"Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"
The Collect, Benediction..... p. 14
The Closing Hymn#53
"Abide, O Dearest Jesus"

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 and High School students are invited to join us each Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

OFF THE EDGE—FAITH, SCIENCE, AND THE FUTURE

Off the Edge looks at the creation of the universe, the end of the universe, and the possibility of life on other planets.

Topics include:

- The relationship between faith and science
 - Scientific cosmologies
 - The origin of life
 - Extraterrestrial life
 - Contact with aliens
- The Gospel and the end



Please join us for this interesting and informative Bible study each Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m., beginning September 11th.

CAMPUS MINISTRY INFORMATION

The District Office is asking all congregations to provide contact information on all their members who are attending colleges or universities this year. If you or your son or daughter are heading off for college or university, please let Pastor Moeller know their name, the post-secondary school they will be attending, the student's school address and phone number, and e-mail address.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

“We believe that God created everything in six, twenty-four hour days.”

“You’ve got to be kidding! So, you don’t believe in evolution.”

“Microevolution, yes; macroevolution, no.”

“And you maintain that position, in view of modern science, is tenable?”

As Lutherans interact with other Christian, they often find themselves struggling to explain their beliefs and practices. When confronted with different doctrines, they cannot clearly state their faith, much less understand the differences. Because of insecurities about explaining particular doctrines or practices, some may avoid opportunities to share what they have learned from Christ and His Word.

Our Men’s Bible study is exploring “Creation: The Lutheran Difference” to identify how Lutherans differ from other Christians on the teaching of creation and will use the Bible to show why we differ. All men of the congregation are invited to join us each Monday morning at 6:00 a.m. for breakfast and Bible study.

THIS WEEK IN TLC PRESCHOOL

This week our lessons were based on Genesis 2:4-25, where we learned how God made man and woman for each other and gave them a beautiful garden to live in. God continues to give us good things, most especially His Son Jesus as our Savior.

GIVE THANKS FOR YOUR MARRIAGE!

Give thanks for your marriage by attending a Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend! Think about this opportunity to take a new look at your marriage priorities and lifestyle. Learn simple, effective communication techniques. Practice privately, no group sharing. Enhance the love that you share. The next opportunity for a Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend is November 2-4, 2007 or March 7-9, 2008. Both weekends are held in Sioux Falls, SD at the Good Samaritan Retreat Center. The cost is \$45 to register and a freewill offering at the end of the weekend. Questions? Registration? Contact Pastor and Aimee Moeller (526-3572).

MEN'S CLUB DARTBALL TOURNAMENT

The Men’s Club is sponsoring a dartball tournament on Sunday, October 28th. All groups and organizations in the congregation are invited to form a team. A freewill offering will be taken for the noon meal and food and drink during the afternoon. Contact Bob Moore for more information (526-6633).

NEW ADDRESS FOR JACK & LISA O'NEILL

Jack & Lisa (Carls) O’Neill have moved to Japan, where Jack is stationed for the U.S. Navy. Their new address is:

PSC 485 Box 324
EPO AP 96321-0324

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today in Sunday School, the children will learn how God used Joseph to feed Egypt during a great famine (Genesis 40–41). God sent His Son, Jesus, to save all humanity from sin, death, and the devil. Talk to your children about how our sins cause suffering for both ourselves and others. Talk about times when sin overwhelms us and we cannot escape it. In His love, God takes care of our needs, physical and spiritual. On the cross, Jesus bore God’s anger for our sins and endured the suffering that we deserve. Discuss the reality that in spite of how awful life seems, Jesus is with us through His Word and Sacraments, caring for us always. The first article of the Apostles’ Creed and its explanation is a helpful catechism connection.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the High School Youth Group for volunteering to clean the fellowship hall in November.

Thank you to DeWane & Joyce Carls, and Roger Carls for cleaning the fellowship hall during September.