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PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2006

WELCOME

A special welcome to our guests worshiping 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
Quarterly Voters meeting ~ 7:30 pm

MONDAY ~ Men's Bible Study ~ 6:00 am

TUESDAY ~ Bible Study ~ 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY ~ Lighthouse Bible study ~ 9:30 am
LWML at LaRaye Rehfeldt's ~ 1:30 pm
Confirmation ~ 5:30 pm

THURSDAY ~ Chapel at Leisure Living ~ 2:00 pm
Lenten Supper ~ 6:00 pm
Maundy Thursday worship service ~ 7:30 pm

FRIDAY ~ Good Friday worship service ~ 7:30 pm

SATURDAY ~ World's Largest Easter Egg Hunt ~ 1:00 pm
"The Passion of the Christ" ~ 6:00 pm

COMING EVENTS

Sun., Apr. 16th ~ Easter Sunrise service ~ 6:30 am
Easter Breakfast ~ 7:30 pm
Worship service ~ 9:30 am

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, APRIL 9, 2006

Cleaners: Roger & Bert Carls, Henry Dansman, Jr., Dianne Dansman
Greeters: Henry Dansman, Jr., Dianne Dansman
Head Usher: John Barber **Acolyte:** Ashley Matthies

MAUNDY THURSDAY: APRIL 13, 2006

Greeters: Roger & Bert Carls
Head Usher: Dale Snyder **Acolyte:** Patrick Erikson

GOOD FRIDAY: APRIL 14, 2006

Greeters: Denny & Walt Plagman
Head Usher: Dale Snyder **Acolyte:** Jennifer Muchow

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2006

Cleaners: Harvey & LaRaye Rehfeldt, Melvin Matthies
Greeters: 6:00 am Melvin Matthies 9:30 am Harvey & LaRaye Rehfeldt
Head Usher: John Barber **Acolyte:** Brady Eggebraaten

WORSHIP SERVICE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2006

Worship Attendance:	44	Loose Offering:	10.00
Mission offering:	\$ 126.00	Building Fund:	50.00

WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2006

Worship Attendance:	70	Adult Bible study	14
Current offering:	\$1,419.00	Loose Offering:	\$ 16.00
Building fund:	340.00	Future Church Worker:	10.00
Mission Offering:	120.00	Campus Ministry	11.00
Parking Lot	565.00		

First Sunday Special Offerings go to Campus Ministry

Third Sunday Special Offerings go to Amy Kashenov

Palm Sunday – April 9, 2006 A.D.

- P: Gracious heavenly Father, you promised to send your Son as king, triumphant and victorious.
- C: We praise you for your faithfulness, and join our voices with those who acclaimed him with the words "Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."**
- P: You sent your Son not to exalt himself but to humble himself.
- C: Grant us the grace to follow his example, to humble ourselves before you, and to be obedient to Your Will.**
- P: Your Son faced death on our behalf alone, deserted by his followers.
- C: Grant us the assurance that by his death, we need not face death alone. At our last hour, give us the comfort of your presence and the assurance of life in his presence forever.**
- P: Your Son gave his life as a ransom for all.
- C: Grant us the will to proclaim his death and resurrection throughout the world. Bless all pastors, teachers, and missionaries who devote themselves to the spread of Your Kingdom.**
- P: Hear us as we pray for those in our parish and community in the midst of joys and struggles . . . We pray too Gracious Father on this Palm Sunday for your heavenly and earthly blessings upon the congregations of Emmaus Lutheran in Tripp and Mt. Olive in Woonsocket. Provide for all our needs.
- C: Hear our prayers, gracious Father, for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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TRUSTEES REPORT

You may have noticed that the parking lot has taken on a new shape. The trustees were told of some dirt only a mile away from church and since it would cost about one third of what it normally cost we had some brought in to complete our parking lot. The cost was \$5,260.00. The contractor was very anxious to be paid and to keep us from having to add it to a loan and pay interest, Orrin Geide paid for it. We have received gifts already that have repaid about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the amount and the voters authorized a special offering to repay Orrin as soon as possible. We will also need around \$2,000.00 to gravel the lot before we can use it. If you can help with this, please mark your special offering for "parking lot"

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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.

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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'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.

April 16, 2006. Three Days (Easter Special) – Experience Jesus' passion and death with the disciples. A powerful, dramatic presentation of the days following the crucifixion of Christ. The featured speaker is Rev. Chris Boehnke of Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Tea, SD. The sermon theme is "News So Good It Can Wake the Dead."

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!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Palm Sunday ~ Philippians 2:5-11: Our Epistle reading for today encourages us to have the same attitude as that of Jesus Christ who humbled Himself for our welfare and salvation. This portion of Scripture reminds us that through the loving and giving work of Jesus we have been served so that we might, in turn, be servants to others in our acts of stewardship of time, talent and treasure.

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!

"LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

"God's deliverance is not to be found in every experience of human suffering. But in the suffering of the righteous God's HELP is always there, because he is suffering with God. God is always present with him. The righteous person knows that God allows him to suffer so, in order that he may learn to love God for God's own sake. In suffering, the righteous person finds God. That is his deliverance. Find God in your separation and you will find deliverance." *Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran pastor, hanged by the Nazi's in a concentration camp on April 9,*
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 1:00 p.m. in 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. Please contact Laura at 528-7260 if you have any questions.

TODAY IN OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today in Sunday School, our students explore Zechariah 9:9–10 and Mark 15:21–47, combining the Holy Week events from Palm Sunday through Jesus' death (in the lesson "The Honored Jesus Dies for Us"). A family faith conversation might discuss death so that our perspective could also include Christian confidence. Parents might ask, "How does Jesus' entry into Jerusalem show His humble obedience to the heavenly Father? What does Jesus' death mean for us?"

Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation..... #162
"Ride On, Ride On, In Majesty"
The Order of Holy Communion.....p. 15-16
The Introit.....

P: Into your hands I commit my spirit;
C: redeem me, O Lord, the God of truth.
P: In you, O Lord, I have taken refuge;
C: let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.
P: Since you are my rock and my fortress,
C: for the sake of your name lead and guide me.
P: Into your hands I commit my spirit;
C: redeem me, O Lord, the God of truth.
P: I hate those who cling to worthless idols;
C: I trust in the Lord.
P: My times are in your hands;
C: deliver me from my enemies and from those who pursue me.
P: Let your face shine on our servant;
C: save me in your unfailing love.
P: Into your hands I commit my spirit;
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The Gloria Patri, Kyrie.....
The Readings Back of bulletin
The Sermon Hymn #168
"They Royal Banners Forward Go"
Sermon.....
The Offering.....
Litany Prayers (insert)
The Service of Communionp. 24-30
The Distribution Hymns.....
#307 "Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord"
#306 "Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Hast Prepared"
The Collect, Benediction..... p. 31
The Closing Hymn #160
"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

GOOD NEWS MAGAZINE

If you are looking for an interesting and easy-to-read magazine which will help you understand key teachings of the Bible; if you want to learn more about God's good news and His strength for living each new day, for a complimentary copy or to subscribe write to:

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St. Louis, MO 63109-3061

2006 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Come join us at Treasure Cove VBS on June 5th – 9th. Together we will learn about Jesus our greatest treasure, and all the riches He gives us, each day from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Kids ages 3 through 6th Grade will meet friends, explore the Bible, eat snacks, play games and make crafts. Look for registration forms to come soon and plan to join us!

Adults: We are still looking for helpers of all kinds – teachers, teacher's aides, snack helpers and donators, music teachers, to name a few. Please prayerfully consider whether you are able to help in any way.



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 are available on our greeter stand. 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.

SHUT-INS

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

COUPLES CLUB



The Couples Club will be getting together on Saturday, April 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We will be discussing chapter five of "Men, Women, and Relationships": A Woman's Choice. 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 to join us for an evening of relaxation and fellowship!

"THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST"

People experience something life changing when they see Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ." The awful brutality and depth of love leaves viewers speechless, wondering about its significance.

Come to Trinity Lutheran Church and experience more fully the meaning of Christ's Passion—and discover more about your own divine destiny. **Special licensed showing on Saturday, April 15th at 6:00 p.m.**

Invite your neighbors, friends, and family! Everyone is invited to this **free** showing of "The Passion of the Christ" on our 24 feet wide screen. We will provide popcorn and free soft drinks. You may bring a lawn chair for more comfortable seating.

HISTORICAL FACTS OF SD DISTRICT

Zion Lutheran Church of Stickney was organized by Immanuel Lutheran of Dimock in 1914 and disbanded in 1988.

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.

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.

OUTREACH THOUGHT

Palm Sunday ~ Mark 15:1-39: The verses of our Gospel reading for today depict many of the details of Christ's suffering and death, not for crimes He had done, but for our sin and guilt. What great love Jesus has for us! He also has this love for those around us who are not yet connected to Him in faith, and encourages us to invite them to share in this love.

QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING

The quarterly voters meeting will be held on Sunday, April 9th at 7:30 p.m. Among the topics to be discussed will be some recommendations for starting Trinity Learning Center, a daycare and preschool. Please plan on attending.

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!