

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### 10<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2008

#### 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.

#### REMEMBER TO CALL

Remember to give your church & pastor a call if you are:

- going to the hospital
- facing challenges
- in need of prayer
- having a baby

#### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

In order to prepare for next week's worship service you may study the assigned readings for 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, July 27, 2008:

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 7:6-9

Second Lesson: Romans 8:28-39

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

#### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

SUNDAY ~ Worship service ~ 9:30 am

Adult Bible study ~ 10:45 am

Farewell for Jeff Kalb & family ~ 12:00 noon

Quarterly Voters meeting ~ 7:00 pm

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

#### COMING EVENTS

Sun., July 27<sup>th</sup> ~ Worship service w/communion ~ 9:30 am

High School & Adult Bible study ~ 10:45 am

Sat., Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> ~ TLC Silent Auction & Prime Rib Dinner ~ 6:00 pm

Sun., Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> ~ Circuit K Convocation at Trinity

#### SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2008

Cleaners: Dwane & Audrey Matthies, Randy Matthies, Ashley Matthies

Greeters: Randy Matthies, Ashley Matthies

Head Usher: James Muchow

Head Elder: Joe Krizan

Acolyte: Eric Krizan

#### NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2008

Cleaners: Rodney & Joy Hohn, Monte & Shary Muchow

Greeters: Monte & Shary Muchow

Head Usher: James Muchow

Head Elder: Joe Krizan

Acolyte: Travis Eggebraaten

#### WORSHIP SERVICE: WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2008

Worship Attendance: 3

#### WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2008

Worship Attendance: 70 Communion: 56

Current offering: \$1,765.00 Loose offering: \$ 41.00

Building fund: 660.50 Mission offering: 110.00

First Sunday Special Offerings go to Campus Ministry

## PRIESTHOOD AND MINISTRY

“So, what’s the deal? You Lutherans say that every Christian is a priest to God, but you have ministers dressed up in fancy robes who speak on behalf of God.”

“That’s true. Our pastors speak in the stead and by the command of Jesus Christ.”

“But doesn’t every Christian do that? I just don’t get it.”

As Lutherans interact with other Christians, they often find themselves struggling to explain their beliefs and practices. The Lutheran Difference Bible study series helps identify how Lutherans differ from other Christians and show from the Bible why Lutherans differ.

Our Sunday morning Bible study is exploring the biblical teaching of the priesthood of all believers and the office of the Holy Ministry. We will look at the distinction between these two wonderful gifts that God has given to the church the unique, but corresponding roles that He gives to both pastor and people in His plan to bring salvation to the world through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

All adults and high school students are invited to join us each Sunday at 10:45 a.m. as we explore this important issue.

## 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 in your prayers and in your giving.

Main Street Living may be seen Sundays on KDLT-NBC. *Kid’s Crossing* airs at 10:00 a.m. and the worship service at 10:30 a.m.

**July 27, 2008** – *Kid’s Crossing* will examine how do we identify what is valuable in the eyes of God? They will look at the parable of the Pearl. Memory verse is Matthew 13:45.

The featured speaker is Rev. Ben Rucker from Bethel Lutheran Church in Round Lake, MN. The sermon theme is “Is It Worth It!”

## CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43: In the parable of the weeds our Lord instructs His followers not to be concerned with judging people, but rather with sharing the Gospel of Jesus and letting the Holy Spirit work within the hearts of people who hear that good news. Our joyful task is to witness and let the judging of the hearts of people up to God.

## LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“Some see those who have had an abortion as wicked, having committed an unforgivable sin. We see children who need to be cherished and uplifted and given hope.” [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org) / **888-364-LIFE**

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Romans 8:18-27: St. Paul states that through Christ we have been raised to see life in new and different ways. We set our sights on heavenly things, not just on earthly things. As the renewed children of God we seek the Holy Spirit’s power for our Christian living, using all that we are and have to bring honor and glory to God and rich blessings to others.

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY LEARNING CENTER

This week we learned how Jesus healed the royal official’s son who was dying of a fever. With this miraculous sign Jesus showed that He is God. He also demonstrated His love and mercy. Today Jesus still provides help and healing, most often through the work of doctors, nurses, and parents who take care of us and give us medicine. Even more, Jesus heals us from our worst affliction sin. By dying on the cross and rising from the dead, Jesus paid the price for our sin and defeated the devil. Through His Word and Sacraments He gives us eternal life.

Chapel is at 9:30 a.m. each Monday. Everyone is invited to join us!

## LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY OF 1 & 2 THESSALONIANS

God gave Paul a vision. In it, a man from Macedonia pleaded with Paul saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us” (Acts 16:9). Following the Lord’s call, Paul and his entourage eventually reached Thessalonica. In his two letters addressed to the Thessalonian Christians, Paul expresses his deep care as a founding pastor concerned about his fledgling congregation. In addition to Christian persecution, the Lord’s second coming, the Antichrist, and Christian discipline, in this Bible study you will learn about

- the power of the Word of God;
- the importance of living a God-pleasing life;
- the reason why we are faithful to the Bible’s teachings.

Please join the Lifelight Bible study each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., as we study 1 & 2 Thessalonians.

## QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING

The next quarterly voters meeting will be held on Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. All adults of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

## Divine Service

Opening Hymn ..... #624  
“O Blessed Home Where Man and Wife”  
The Order of Matins..... p. 32-34  
The Psalmody.....

P: Righteous are you, O Lord,  
**C: and your laws are right.**  
P: Oh, how I love your law!  
**C: I meditate on it all day long.**  
P: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,  
**C: for they are ever with me.**  
P: How sweet are your promises to my taste,  
**C: sweeter than honey to my mouth!**  
P: Your word is a lamp to my feet  
**C: and a light for my path.**  
P: Accept, O Lord, the willing praise of my mouth,  
**C: and teach me your laws.**  
P: Your statutes are my heritage forever; \*  
**C: they are the joy of my heart.**  
**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.**

The Readings ..... Back of the bulletin  
The Sermon Hymn ..... #625  
“Oh, Blessed the House, Whate’er Befall”  
The Sermon.....  
Offering.....  
The Te Deum Laudamus .....p.35-37  
Prayers ..... p. 39  
The Kyrrie ..... p. 40  
Salutation, Collect.....  
Benediction .....  
The Closing Hymn ..... #36  
“Now Thank We All Our God”

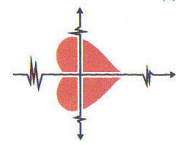
## HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF TRINITY LUTHERAN

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.

## 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?

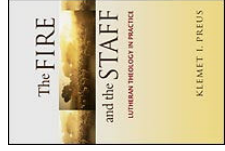
If these are questions that you have asked, please plan to attend “Fit For Life in Christ,” an exciting course in Christian growth that presents the Word of God in new and meaningful ways. It is a course for those who are interested in membership in our church, or for anyone who wants to know more about our Savior Jesus Christ.

**We are beginning a new class, Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** If you are interested in participating, please speak with Pastor Moeller.

## FAREWELL AND GODSPEED TO JEFF KALB & FAMILY

We will be having a farewell for the Kalb's on July 20<sup>th</sup>. In addition to a formal farewell rite in the worship service, we will also have a potluck dinner at 12:00 noon. We are taking a collection for a gift certificate for Jeff to from Concordia Publishing House and a special gift for his family. If you would like to donate, please indicate the amount and add it to your weekly offering envelope.

## THE FIRE AND THE STAFF



“Why do we sing all those same old hymns from the hymnal instead of the new songs they’re singing in many other churches?”  
“Why does our church still insist on the practice of ‘closed communion’?”  
“Why shouldn’t we make a few changes so our worship service would be more “dynamic” and “exciting.”

These are common questions that are asked today all across the country and even in our congregation. At its core, each one of these questions touches upon the relationship between doctrine and practice, between teaching and customs and tradition.

In his book, *The Fire and the Staff: Lutheran Theology in Practice*, Klemet I. Preus explores the impact of the American Evangelical and Church Growth Movements on the modern Lutheran Church. We invite everyone to join us in reading, studying, and discussing this important book. It deals with many challenges and controversies facing our synod and congregation today and to discover from Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions how we can best walk together as God’s people gathered around His Word and Sacraments, sharing the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ with our neighbors and the world.

Each Wednesday night, we will meet at the church from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. to discuss a chapter of this book. A light supper will be provided. Our regular Wednesday worship service will follow at 7:30 p.m.

## WANTED

Trinity Learning Center is looking for the following items for our summer art program. Before throwing your garbage out, please check this list to see if your trash may be our treasure,

- Styrofoam meat trays
- Paper towel tubes
- Toilet paper tubes
- Wrapping paper tubes
- Egg cartons
- Brown paper grocery bags
- Milk cartons (cardboard and plastic)

## MEN’S BIBLE STUDY ON JUDGES



As “salvation history,” the book of Judges is summed up in the book’s last verse: “In those days Israel had no kings; everyone did as he saw fit” (21:25). Despite Israel’s disobedience and apostasy, God was faithful to Israel. God preserved His people from being absorbed by pagan cultures through the ministry of savior-judges. God’s gracious work through these men and women foreshadows His greater work of deliverance through the true and perfect Savior—Judge, Jesus Christ.

All men of the congregation are invited to join us in the fellowship hall each Monday at 6:00 a.m. for breakfast and Bible study.

## SUMMER SERMON SERIES ON THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

We are currently having a sermon series on The Ten Commandments, “Accent the Positive.” Each week this summer, we will examine one of the Ten Commandments from a Law/Gospel point of view.

Join us each week (Sundays at 9:30 a.m. or Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.) as we study the Ten Commandments and “Accent the Positive.”

## ISSUES, ETC.

Looking for a Christian radio program free from pop-psychology, goofy fads, self-help, or Oprah-fied religiosity that is passed off as Biblical Christianity? Try out the new Issues, Etc., Christ-centered, cross-focused talk radio for the thinking Christian!

Hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken, Issues, Etc. broadcasts live each weekday from 3:05 to 5:00 pm Central. To fit your busy schedule, it is also available on-demand to play on your computer or mp3 player at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org). If you are interested in listening to this program, but don’t have internet access, please speak to Pastor Moeller, and he will get you a copy on CD.

## WANTED: VOLUNTEERS

The members of Trinity Lutheran Church will be working at the SESD Lutherans For Life booth at the Turner County Fair on August 11<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 9:00 p.m. Pastor Moeller and Louis Thompson will be working there. If you are interested in helping for an hour or two, please speak with Pastor Moeller.

We are looking for volunteers to help paint the bathrooms in the fellowship hall. A painting party is planned for 6:00 p.m. on Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup> to prepare and prime the bathrooms. Then at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning we’ll paint and clean up. Please bring your own brushes and rollers. Pizza will be provided Friday night.