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10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 24, 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 ~ 9:30 am**
 Adult Bible study & Summer Sunday School ~ 10:30 am
 Softball vs. Faith Lutheran ~ 6:30 pm
July 25th- 27th ~ **SD District Youth Gathering at Huron**
MONDAY ~ **Men's Bible study ~ 6:00 am**
 New member class ~ 7:00 pm
THURSDAY ~ **Chapel at Leisure Living ~ 2:00 pm**
 Circuit Convocation planning ~ 7:00 pm

COMING EVENTS

Sun., July 31st ~ **Worship ~ 9:30 am**
 Adult Bible study & Summer Sunday School ~ 10:30 am
 Softball vs. St. George ~ 6:30 pm
Aug. 15th – 19th ~ **Safari Adventure Vacation Bible School ~ 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**
Sept. 16-17th ~ **SD Lutherans For Life State Conference at Zion, Sioux Falls**
Sun., Oct. 9th ~ **Circuit Convocation at St. Paul, Freeman ~ 11:00 am**

SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2005

Cleaners: Leslie & Brenda Erikson, Keith & Sherry Rueter
Greeters: Keith & Sherry Rueter
Head Usher: John Barber
Acolyte: Phillip Oligmueller

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2005

Cleaners: Talis & Laura Johnson, Tim & Kathy Totton
Greeters: Tim & Kathy Totton
Head Usher: John Barber
Acolyte: Dustin Kleba

WORSHIP SERVICE, SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2005

Attendance:	47
Current offering	\$ 845.00
Loose Offering	10.00
Mission	15.00
Future Church Worker	10.00
Building Fund	210.00
Amy Kashenov	21.00

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

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C: hear our prayer.
- P: Give to us the gift of discernment that we may discard those things that keep us from You and from full love of one another. Help us to order our time with wisdom and to allocate our treasure freely in the service of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.
- P: We know that "all things work for good for those who love God."
Grant that those who struggle with doubt and despair, with illness and mourning, may see Your gracious purposes even in the midst of apparent darkness. Lord, in Your mercy,
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- P: Though we are not worthy to stand before You, yet we would come to Your altar this day, trusting You alone to fill us with Your forgiveness and grace. Come to us, Almighty God! Lord, in Your mercy,
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- P: We pray O Lord, Your blessing upon the congregations of St. Martinus in Utica and Bethesda Lutheran in Marion. May Your grace abound within the life of these congregations. We also pray Father your blessing upon our congregation, friends and families in the midst of joys and struggles . . . Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.
- P: Into Your hands, Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
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.

LFL OF SD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

“Yet, O Lord, You are our Father. We are the clay, You are the potter; we are the work of Your hand (Isaiah 64:8). This is the verse that serves as the basis for the 2005 South Dakota Life Conference theme, “Work of His Hands.”

Lutherans For Life of South Dakota invites everyone to attend this annual conference to be held September 16 and 17, 2005 at Zion Lutheran Church of Sioux Falls, SD. Dr. James Lamb, will be the main conference speaker. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

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.

July 31, 2005. “Little Boy of Summer.” This Is the Life tells a tale of sharing love. A nine-year-old boy searching for his long lost father runs away to find him. The featured speaker is Rev. Wayne Ahrens of Bethesda Lutheran Church in Hot Springs, SD.

SERMON AUDIO TAPES

The Trinity Lutheran Church Evangelism Committee has audiotapes of each Sunday sermon available. These are great for use by the homebound, shut-in, nursing home residents, or to give to your unchurched neighbor or family member. If you or someone you know would like to receive these tapes on a weekly basis, please contact Brenda Erikson (363-3444) or Connie Geide (526-3840).

HISTORICAL FACTS OF SD DISTRICT

The first convention of the South Dakota District was held June 20-26, 1906 at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Freeman, SD.

PREPARING FOR DEATH

Over 400 years ago, a relatively unknown Lutheran pastor in Germany, Rev. Martin Möller, wrote a small book, *Heilige Sterbekunst*, which dealt with “the holy art of dying.” Although a book of this kind can never outgrow its usefulness, it was not available in English until Pastor Arthur E. Schulz translated it in 1974. We are examining this small book, *Preparing for Death* in our Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.) adult Bible study. We encourage all adults of the congregation to attend. Those who do, will find a very helpful companion and resource to use for many years in the future, as they face the death of their loved ones and their own inevitable death. *Preparing for Death* gets the message straight and gets the message of God’s love out. Please join us!

LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“As one woman who was conceived in rape put it, ‘It doesn’t matter how I began. What matters is who I will become.’ Every child, regardless of how he or she began, regardless of state of development or state of health can be used according to God’s purpose. It is no wonder to Him.” Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, Executive Director, Lutherans For Life
www.lutheransforlife.org / 888-364-LIFE

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ Romans 8:28-30: What a marvelous truth to know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him! What an encouragement to put our best foot forward as we manage all of life and life's resources for his purposes.

WANTED: TEACHERS FOR SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are looking for a number of volunteers who would be willing to lead sessions of Summer Sunday School, an informal group approach for children ages three through the 8th Grade. Students will listen to Bible stories, do craft projects, and watch videos. If we have enough volunteers to take turns, we can arrange a schedule that allows for vacations and the opportunity to be able to participate in the Adult Bible study. If you are able to help, please speak to Pastor Moeller.

OUTREACH THEMES FROM OUR READINGS

10th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Matthew 13:44-52: Belonging to the kingdom of heaven is the greatest treasure we can have in this life. Thanks to the working of God’s Holy Spirit we have the sure hope of the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. Let’s passionately share this hope with others who are still without it!

LWML TEA

The LWML is postponed until later this fall. Please look for more information in the future.

Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation.....#179
“On My Heart Imprint Thine Image”
The Order of Holy Communion.....p. 15-16
The Introit.....

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.

The Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis.....
The Readings Back of bulletin
The Nicene Creed p. 22
The Sermon Hymn..... #347
“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

Sermon..... “The Mission of the Church”
Litany Prayers..... (insert)
The Offering.....
The Service of Communionp. 24-30
The Distribution Hymns
#311 “Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”
#316 “O Living Bread from Heaven”
The Collect, Benediction..... p. 31
The Closing Hymn#352
“O Savior, Precious Savior”

NEEDS FOR VBS

- Sturdy cardboard paper tubes (posters, mailing)
- Empty thread spools
- Milk jug lids
- Large empty cereal boxes
- Clear fishing line
- Large brown paper grocery bags
- Stuffed animals to be used for decorations (lions, elephants, rhinoceroses, giraffes, and zebras)
- Large coolers to use for holding lunches during the week of VBS (electric would be awesome)
- Volunteers (teachers, assistants, snacks, drivers)
- Prayers (that God would bring many eager students and provide skilled teachers)
- Students (register your children as soon as possible and invite your friends and neighbors)

ARE YOU TRAINING?

Training? Training for what? The “Bike for Life” that’s what! Join Pastor Nabil Nour and friends (including Pastor Moeller, Adel & Amy Valdes), who are thankful for the gift of life, as they bike from Armour, SD to the Alpha Center in Sioux Falls, SD on Saturday, September 24, 2005, to help raise funds for the ongoing ultrasound ministry at this crisis pregnancy center.

Participating in the ride is only one way you can help. You can pray for the project, help raise funds, donate funds, donate food for the riders, drive in the caravan, or be there to cheer the riders on. You can also ride in your own area. Just get involved somehow and support God’s precious gift of LIFE.

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 a new class soon. If you are interested in participating, please speak with Pastor Moeller, about a time that would work well for you and/or your friends.

SIMPLY GIVING

The Trinity Stewardship Committee would like to introduce *Simply Giving*, a program in which your tithes and offering are made through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account. You determine the frequency of your automatic gifts—weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly—the option is yours. Your gift is deposited into the church’s bank account on the same day it is withdrawn from your account. To participate, all you need to do is fill out a simple form that is available at the greeter stand or from the members of the Trinity Stewardship Committee (John Barber, Tim Totton, Mary Krizan, Aimee Moeller, or Amy Valdes). If you have any other questions they are willing to help you.

SHUT-INS

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

**Children ages 3-13 are invited to our
Vacation Bible School program**



August 15-19, 2005

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

There will be Bible stories, fun learning activities, music, crafts, snacks, and much, much more!

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.