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11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 31, 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**
 Softball vs. St. George ~ 6:30 pm
MONDAY ~ **Men's Bible study ~ 6:00 am**
 New member class ~ 7:00 pm
SATURDAY ~ **Stewardship Committee meeting ~ 9:00 am**

COMING EVENTS

Sun., July 31st ~ **Worship ~ 9:30 am**
 Adult Bible study & Summer Sunday School ~ 10:30 am
 Softball vs. Zion Lutheran ~ 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 31, 2005

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

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2005

Cleaners: Adel & Amy Valdes, Orrin Geide, Earle & Connie Geide
Greeters: Earle & Connie Geide
Head Usher: John Barber
Acolyte: Dustin Kleba

WORSHIP SERVICE, SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2005

Attendance:	70	Communion:	55
Current offering	\$ 1,343.00		
Mission	95.00		
Future Church Worker	10.00		
Building Fund	270.00		
Memorial Fund (Wenzlaff)	431.06		

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.

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.

August 7, 2005. “Winner Takes All.” This week This Is the Life presents a drama about ethics. A young executive ruins careers and reputations of co-workers to attain a much desired promotion. The featured speaker is Rev. Warren Uecker from Our Savior Lutheran Church in Madison, SD. The sermon theme is “Whisper!”

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).

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

“Surviving an abortion should not be seen as a mistake but as an opportunity. It should bring home in the first place that we should not be carrying out abortions in a civilized society.” *Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, England A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life / www.lutheransforlife.org / 888-364-LIFE*

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost ~ Romans 8:35-39: Anytime we feel battered and bruised because of our faith in Jesus Christ we are reminded that we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. As Christian stewards we can begin living the kind of lives we will be living for the rest of eternity—lives that honor God and bless others.

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

11th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Matthew 14:13-21: Jesus' miracle of the feeding of the 5,000 shows his tremendous power. What is equally amazing is that he has "compassion" on all those with even greater needs than our next meal. His compassion led him to the cross to be the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. That good news is worth sharing!

Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation..... #451
“Stand Up! Stand Up for Jesus”
The Order of Morning Service p. 5-6
The Introit.....

P: Be not far from me, O God;
C: come quickly, O my God, to help me.
P: Hear this, all you peoples;
C: listen, all who live in this world,
P: both low and high,
C: rich and poor alike:
P: My mouth will speak words of wisdom;
C: the utterance from my heart will give understanding.
P: I will turn my ear to a proverb;
C: with the harp I will expound my riddle.
P: God will redeem my soul from the grave;
C: he will surely take me to himself.
P: Be not far from me, O God;
C: come quickly, O my God, to help me.

Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis..... p. 6-9
The Salutation, Collectp. 9
The Readings Back of bulletin
The Apostles’ Creed..... p. 12
The Sermon Hymn #528
“If God Himself Be For Me” vv 1-6
The Sermon.....
“Conquerors of an Unseen Enemy”
The Offering.....
The Prayers
The Hymn #447
“Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might”
The Collect, Benediction..... p. 14
The Closing Hymn #658
“Onward, Christian Soldiers”

NEEDS FOR VBS

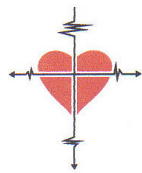
- Sturdy cardboard paper tubes (posters, mailing)
- Milk jug lids
- Large empty cereal boxes
- Stuffed animals to be used for decorations (lions, elephants, rhinoceroses, giraffes, and zebras)
- Large coolers to use for holding lunches during the week of VBS (electric would be awesome)
- Volunteers (teachers, assistants, snacks, drivers)
- Prayers (that God would bring many eager students and provide skilled teachers)

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.

HISTORICAL FACTS OF SD DISTRICT

The first congregation in our District was Trinity Lutheran Church at Heilbronn (rural Freeman, SD).

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!

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost – July 31, 2005 A.D.

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For the whole Church around the world, that God would open the eyes of all who bear Christ's name to see the opportunities and the resources He provides – in bread and wine, in time and talent, in words and deeds – let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That our Lord would move the leaders of the nations to open their storehouses and use their resources to share the bounty God has provided, not limited by national or ethnic boundaries. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That God would move us to discover ways of multiplying His many blessings. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That our Lord who is generous in His bounty toward us would bless the congregations of Zion Lutheran in White and Our Savior's Lutheran in Springfield. Furthermore Gracious Provider, be with our congregation and our community in the midst of joys and struggles that we share . . . Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: In thanksgiving for those who have gone before us, fervently turning faith into acts of love, leaving us an example as they followed Christ our Lord. 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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