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ST. MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD

AUGUST 15, 2004

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. 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 at Trinity 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 unto 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, if you wish, 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!

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

SUNDAY ~ Worship ~ 9:30 am

Adult Bible study and Summer Sunday School ~ 10:30 am

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

WEDNESDAY ~ Worship w/communion ~ 7:30 pm

THURSDAY ~ SD District Youth Program Area meeting at Mt. Calvary, Huron ~ 9:30 am

COMING EVENTS

Sun., Aug. 22nd ~ Worship w/communion ~ 9:30 pm

Adult Bible study and Summer Sunday School ~ 10:30 am

Wed., Sept. 8th Confirmation meeting w/ parents & students ~ 6:30 pm

Thurs., Sept. 9th Circuit K Forum ~ 7:00 pm

Sun., Sept. 12th ~ Mission/Friendship Sunday

Sunday School begins ~ 10:30 am

Sept. 17th – 18th ~ SD Lutherans For Life Conference at Peace, Brookings

SHUT-INS

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

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2004

Church Cleaners: Talis & Laura Johnson, Tim & Kathy Totton

Greeters: Tim & Kathy Totton

Head Usher: Casey Barber

Acolyte: Brady Eggebraaten

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2004

Greeters: Talis & Laura Johnson

Head Usher: Lance Wollmann

Acolyte: Derek Johnson

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2004

Cleaners: Ken & Robin Kleba, Paul & Linn Suttle

Greeters: Ken & Robin Kleba

Head Usher: Casey Barber

Acolyte: Kimberly Kleba

NEXT WEEK: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2004

Greeters: Bob & Ruth Moore

Head Usher: Lance Wollmann

Acolyte: Aubrey Larson

WORSHIP SERVICE, AUGUST 4, 2004

Attendance: 9

WORSHIP SERVICE, AUGUST 8, 2004

Attendance: 79 **Communed:** 57

Offering: Current \$1,830.00

Loose Offering 61.00

Building Fund 270.00

Mission 70.00

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.

FULLNESS OF JOY—A SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY OF THE LUTHERAN LITURGY

The word *liturgy* itself is a good conversation starter. Many simply have no idea what a *liturgy* is. Others take it for a collective term for everything that is not important in a service. In other congregations, members doggedly sing the *liturgy* on a weekly basis. However, if we are to ask them why, the answer too often is “We’ve always done it this way before.”

As important as history and tradition is, “We’ve always done it this way before” is not an adequate reason for continuing what we’ve done in the past. With the *liturgy*, there is a far better reason. The liturgy teaches and rejoices in the outstanding truth that our crucified and risen Lord is present with His people in worship—present to serve us with the forgiveness of sins.

In order to learn more about the riches of the liturgy our Sunday morning adult Bible study group (10:30 – 11:30 a.m.) is looking at “Fullness of Joy: A Study of the Liturgy of the Church.” Please join us!

FALL SINGLES RETREAT

The Iowa District West Singles Ministry invites singles of all ages—widowed, divorced, or never married—from South Dakota to attend their fall retreat on September 10-12th at Camp Okobojo, Milford, IA. Speaker Dr. Paul Maier will discuss the theme: “Are We Having Fun Yet?”

Any information or questions you might have regarding the Iowa District Singles Ministry may be addressed to Bev Luft, 300 South West Street, Jefferson, Iowa 50129. E-mail – passme@netins.net Or contact Pastor Richard Merrill, Pastor Advisor. E-mail – rmerrill@trvnet.net

E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

The Stewardship Committee is collecting e-mail addresses for those would like to receive our monthly newsletter electronically rather than through the mail. Those who choose this method will be able to receive their newsletter more quickly and save the cost of postage as well. If you are interest in this option please send your request to pastor@trinitylutheran-hartfordsd.org

DIGITAL CAMERA AVAILABLE

Thanks to a generous donation, we have a digital camera available for all groups of the church to use to record their activities. This will be nice to use for updating our website, writing articles for the newspaper and newsletter, and chronicling each group’s activities. If your group has an activity scheduled please contact Pastor Moeller so you can use this camera.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

The Evangelism Committee is looking for members who would be interested in helping out in the area of evangelism. This would include things such as delivering service bulletins and tapes to shut-ins, making homemade gifts for visitors. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend. If you have any questions, speak to Pastor Moeller or Joe Krizan.

FINDING JESUS IN GENESIS SERMON SERIES

We are currently having a series of sermons in our Wednesday night services that explore the Book of Genesis. We will dig into the ancient stories of Biblical heroes and villains, heroic adventures and sinful lapses, all the while following the golden thread that leads to Christ our Savior. May God bless our excavations in these weeks ahead, knowing that the promises we unearth are fulfilled in Jesus Christ!

FIT FOR LIFE IN CHRIST

“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.

A new session of this course will begin soon. If you are interested in participating, please speak with Pastor Moeller soon, letting him know a day and time that would work well for you and/or your friends.

Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation.....#425
 "All Depends on Our Possessing"
The Order of Matins.....p. 32-34
The Psalmody.....

P: I will extol the Lord at all times;
C: his praise will always be on my lips.
P: My soul will boast in the Lord;
C: let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
P: Glorify the Lord with me;
C: let us exalt his name together.
P: I sought the Lord and he answered me;
C: he delivered me from all my fears.
P: Those who look to him are radiant;
C: their faces are never covered with shame.
P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
C: and to the Holy Spirit;
P: as it was in the beginning,
C: is now, and will be forever.
Amen
P: I will extol the Lord at all times;
C: his praise will always be on my lips.

The ReadingsBack of the bulletin
The Sermon Hymn #373
 "By Grace I'm Saved, Grace Free and Boundless"
The Sermon.....
 "It's Not About Mary"
Hymn of Praise.....#246
 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"
The Prayers
The Kyrie p. 39
The Lord's Prayer p. 39
Salutation, Collect..... p. 40
Benediction
The Closing Hymn#324
 "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

OUTREACH THEMES FROM OUR READINGS

Luke 12:13-21 The Rich Fool thought he had it all, but he missed out on the most important possession of all--a saving faith in Jesus Christ. His wealth got in the way. This text is a strong encouragement for all Christians to share the riches we have in Jesus.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Colossians 3:1-11 This Epistle reading tells us that Christian stewards are to live in the midst of all the things of this earthly life without losing sight of things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Stewardship means making the main thing the main thing!

"LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

"Death is not natural in God's world. That's because He is the Creator of life. Those who look to death as a way out of their own suffering or the suffering of another do not find peace. That's because death is our enemy."

Linda D. Bartlett

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE STATE CONFERENCE

The South Dakota Lutherans For Life will be holding their annual state conference on September 17th & 18th at Peace Lutheran Church in Brookings. Friday evening there will be a banquet with Bryan Young as the featured speaker. Tickets cost \$10.00. On Saturday from 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. there will be a variety of Bible studies, programs, and speakers on the theme: "*And God Said...*"

Registration forms are available in the Lutheran Witness or by contacting: Lorraine Mosemann
37256 263rd St.
White Lake, SD 57383

Please send in your registration by September 3, 2004

EDUCATIONAL TOUR

Concordia Theological Seminary is sponsoring an exciting educational tour, "In the Steps of Martin Luther," in from November 13-23, 2004. Tour participants will visit Wittenberg and other places in Germany, scene of so many dramatic and significant episodes in the life of Martin Luther. If you are at all interested in receiving a full color brochure with registration information, please call the Seminary at 1-877-287-4388, Ext. 2172 (ask for Kim Hosier) or e-mail ctstours@mail.ctsfw.edu

LIFE MINISTRY COORDINATOR NEEDED

Our congregation is in need of a Life Ministry Coordinator. This person would work with Pastor on sanctity of human life issues and help to keep our congregation informed. If interested, or if you'd like more information, please speak to Pastor Moeller.

BIKE FOR LIFE

Pastor Nabil Nour invites members of the SD District to participate in the Bike for Life event to be held on Saturday, September 18th. Participants bike whatever distance they can, (wherever they can), collect pledge money and submit the proceeds to Lutherans For Life. Participants are welcome to join Pastor Nour for all or any of his trip from Armour to the Alpha Center (in Sioux Falls) on Saturday afternoon.

Pastor Moeller will be in Brookings for the SD Lutherans For Life Conference on that day, but he is planning his own bike ride from Trinity Lutheran Church to Tea and back (about 25 miles) on Saturday, September 11th. If you would like to join him or pledge, please contact him.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Education Committee is looking for anyone who would be interested in teaching Sunday School as a team teacher or substitute this year. If you would like to help please speak to Pastor Moeller.

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.

JEFF & CARLA KALB

Pastor and Aimee recently visited Jeff and Carla Kalb and their family at their home near Ft. Wayne, IN. The Kalb's wish to say "hello" to all of you. Jeff has two weeks of Greek left and will begin seminary classes in September.

They would love to hear from you. If you have a chance to contact them, their address is: 8006 Leesburg Rd., Ft. Wayne, IN 46818. Their telephone number is (260) 625-5567.

REACHING THE LOST BY INVOLVING THE FOUND

You are invited to our Mission/Friendship Sunday on September 12, 2004. "Reaching the Lost by Involving the Found" begins with worship at 9:30 a.m. followed by a presentation on LIRS by a volunteer and member of Trinity, Pat Reichert.

A pork loin and salad lunch will be served. Afternoon entertainment for all ages will include ethnic dancing, skits, music, and games. Plan to stay until 2:00 pm to enjoy root beer floats.

A free will offering will be taken to help support the work of LIRS (Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service).

Please be sure to invite your friends and neighbors!

CONSTRUCTION, I.N.C. MUSIC

We have a cd (complete with printed lyrics) of the songs from our Construction, I.N.C. Vacation Bible School for each family who attended. You may pick up yours!

We also need help distributing copies to those who are not members of our congregation. This is an excellent opportunity to get a chance to meet new people. If you would like to help, please speak to Ray Matthies, Joe Krizan, or Pastor Moeller.

MAIN STREET LIVING

Main Street Living, a televised worship service sponsored by the SD District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod can be seen each Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. on KDLT.

ST. MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD

The other day a crackpot prophet appeared on television. He was the self-appointed leader of a religious sect that believed space aliens in flying saucers were coming to earth to save us. Amazingly, the interviewer listened respectfully as the man dished out this nonsense, and even obeyed him when he insisted on being called "Your Holiness."

Was he holy? Of course not. None of us are. We are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against God in thought, word, and deed. Yet God comes to us in Jesus Christ, forgives our sins by virtue of his Son's death on the cross, and declares us just; that is, He says He considers us to be holy in His sight. God's name is holy in and of itself. Yet He imparts His holiness to us for Jesus' sake.

St. Mary believed this and was saved by grace just as we are, sinner though she was. God, by grace, chose here to do a great work for Him—bear in her body the Lord Jesus, who would bear on His body our sins. So we call her a saint, that is, someone sanctified by grace. And son are you. And like Mary, God has a purpose and work for you to do as well.

St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord

August 15

St. Mary, the mother of Jesus, is mentioned repeatedly in the Gospels and the Book of Acts, with nearly a dozen specific incidents in her life being recorded:

- her betrothal to Joseph.
- the Annunciation by the angel Gabriel that she was to be the mother of the Messiah.
- her Visitation to Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptizer;
- the nativity of our Lord.
- the visits of the shepherds and the Magi.
- the presentation of the Infant Jesus in the temple.
- the flight into Egypt.
- the Passover visit to Jerusalem when Jesus was twelve.
- the wedding at Cana in Galilee.
- her presence at the crucifixion when her Son commended her to the care of his disciple John.
- her meeting with the apostles in the upper room after the ascension, waiting for the promised Holy Spirit.

Thus, Mary is present at all of the important events in her Son's life. She is especially remembered and honored for her unconditional obedience to the will of God ("Let it be with me according to your word," Luke 1:38); for her loyalty to her Son even when she did not understand Him ("Do whatever He tells you," John 2:1–11); and, above all, for the highest honor that heaven bestowed on her of being the mother of our Lord ("Blessed are you among women," Luke 1:42). According to tradition, Mary went with the apostle John to Ephesus, where she died.

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