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13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 14, 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 w/communion ~ 9:30 am

MONDAY-FRIDAY ~ Vacation Bible School ~ 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

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

New member class ~ 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY ~ Thrivent Youth Night at Thunder Road ~ 10:00 pm to midnight

FRIDAY ~ VBS Safari Supper ~ 6:00 pm

Safari Adventure closing program ~ 7:00 pm

COMING EVENTS

Sun., Aug. 21st ~ Worship ~ 9:30 am

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

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, AUGUST 14, 2005

Cleaners: Talis & Laura Johnson, Tim & Kathy Totton

Greeters: Tim & Kathy Totton

Head Usher: Bryan Kelley

Acolyte: Holly Kelley

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2005

Cleaners: Ken & Robin Kleba, Pastor & Aimee Moeller

Greeters: Ken & Robin Kleba

Head Usher: Bryan Kelley

Acolyte: Patrick Erikson

WORSHIP SERVICE, SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2005

Attendance: 50

Current offering \$ 644.00

Loose offering 23.00

Mission 80.00

Building Fund 140.00

Future Church Worker 20.00

First Sunday Special Offerings go to Campus Ministry

Third Sunday Special Offerings go to Amy Kashenov

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost – August 14, 2005

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs . . . For the Church, the community of God's forgiven, that we accept people from every nation as they joyfully gather with us in the Lord's kingdom and in His house. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For our fellowship as God's people, that we may ever rejoice that God allows us to bring Him our praise and so bring that which is our very best. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who lead our Synod, District and our own congregation, that God may work through their witness and example so that we may be led in ways of devotion and service in Jesus' name. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For our congregation and our community in the midst of our joys and struggles . . . Let us pray to the Lord,

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the congregations of St. Paul's Lutheran in Plankinton, St. John's Lutheran in Columbia and Peace Lutheran in Rapid City. We pray that our faith and focus will always be to our Savior Jesus Christ. Let us pray to the Lord,

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the leaders of our nation and of all the world, so that truth, freedom, and justice may unite us to work together for the common good. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For our stewardship of the resources God has given to us, that we may be faithful and wise in our decisions and generous in the support of His kingdom. 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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**South Dakota District LCMS
Circuit "K" Mission Festival
October 9, 2005
St. Paul Lutheran Church
615 E. 7th Freeman, SD**

Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.

Guest Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Ronald R. Feuerhahn, associate professor of historical theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Noon meal at Pioneer Hall in Freeman

Presentation by Dr. Feuerhahn at 1:30 p.m. —

"What does it mean to be an LCMS Lutheran in today's world?"

Tickets for the catered noon meal of grilled pork chop, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, salad, and ice cream may be purchased for \$7.50 each. Those from within Circuit K should see their pastors. Others may contact Rev. Robert E. Moeller, Jr. (605) 526-3572 before September 30th.

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 basis for the theme of the 2005 SD 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 21, 2005. “And Edie Loves Anybody.” This moral drama presents the story of a modern day Mary Magdalene and how she is brought to the Gospel. The feature speaker is Alan Reed from St. John Lutheran in Britton, SD and Peace Lutheran Church in Hecla, SD.

WEST MINNEHAHA COUNTY CHAPTER OF THRIVENT YOUTH NIGHT

Who: youth from 6th-12th grades
 What: an evening of food, fun, and games
 Where: Thunder Road, 8th & Kiwanis, Sioux Falls
 When: August 17th, 10:00 p.m. – midnight
 Cost: \$5.00 – includes admission, all games, go-carts, pop, and pizza



Bring a friend and come for a night of fun! Please speak to Pastor Moeller, Michelle or Louis Thompson, Bryan Kelley, or Archie Wolfe if you are interested in attending. We need to provide one chaperone for every 5-6 kids.

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

“Real love is NOT ‘soap opera love’—passionate and intense but selfish and temporary. It is NOT an “until somebody ‘better’ comes along” kind of ‘love.’ Real love is God’s kind of love—‘Agape’ love. The kind of love that is a forever love—protecting, trusting, and hopeful. It remains forever, even when life is difficult.” *Real Love, Real Life brochure*
www.lutheransforlife.org / 888-364-LIFE

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ Romans 11:13-15; 29-32: God's mercy is shown toward his people in many ways. He has blessed us with the greatest gift of everlasting life in Christ Jesus. He has also blessed us with many physical gifts. May we be good stewards of the Gospel and of our earthly blessings.

OUTREACH THEMES FROM OUR READINGS

13th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Matthew 15:21-28: The Canaanite woman in our Gospel reading was an "outcast" as far as the Jews were concerned, but she was not an "outcast" in the eyes of Jesus who came to be the Savior for the whole world, not just the Jewish race. What good news to share that Jesus offers salvation for all!

HISTORICAL FACTS OF SD DISTRICT

One of the highlights in the South Dakota District took place in 1928 when the proceedings of the South Dakota District were printed in English.

SAFARI ADVENTURE SUPPER & CLOSING PROGRAM

You are invited to join us Friday, August 19th for our Safari Adventure VBS supper and closing program. We will have a picnic supper at 6:00 p.m. Hotdogs and hamburgers will be provided you may bring a salad and/or dessert to share. At 7:00 p.m. the children will present a closing program sharing the lessons and songs they have learned throughout the week.

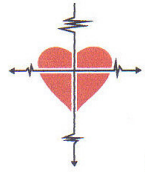
Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation.....#318
 “Before Thee, God, Who Knowest All”
 The Order of Holy Communion.....p. 15-16
 The Introit.....

P: The eyes of all look to you,
C: and you give them their food at the proper time.
 P: Fear the Lord, you his saints,
C: for those who fear him lack nothing.
 P: The lions may grow weak and hungry,
C: but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.
 P: Come, my children, listen to me;
C: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
 P: Turn from evil and do good;
C: seek peace and pursue it.
 P: The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous.
C: And his ears are attentive to their cry.
 P: The eyes of all look to you,
C: and you give them their food at the proper time.

The Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis.....
 The Readings Back of bulletin
 The Nicene Creed p. 22
 The Sermon Hymn #394
 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”
 Sermon “A Faithful Dog’s Portion”
 Litany Prayers..... (insert)
 The Offering.....
 The Service of Communionp. 24-30
 The Distribution Hymns
 #315 “I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”
 The Collect, Benediction..... p. 31
 The Closing Hymn #59
 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

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.

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.

LLL CONVENTION AND WITNESSING CONFERENCE

The 59th South Dakota District LLL Convention and Witnessing/ Outreach Conference will be held at Faith Lutheran Church, 601 N. Cliff Ave., in Sioux Falls, on Friday and Saturday, September 9th and 10th.

The program schedule includes:

Friday, September 9 –

Registration – 5:00 p.m. to 9:00

Don Wharton Concert @ Memorial – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 10 –

Essential business – 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Break out sessions on Witnessing/Outreach theme during the afternoon

Program/Banquet – Tara Molder, LHM – 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Ray Matthies, Dan Erikson, Will Erikson, and Fred Dieters for putting up the yard light in the back of the church.

TUCK POINT AND PAINTING

In preparation for our 125th anniversary, we will be doing some necessary maintenance of the church building. Heineman Restoration, Inc. of Dell Rapids, SD will be tuck pointing and painting the entire tower and south side of the church as well as sealing the windows and doors to make certain the entire building is sealed against the weather. We will also have Guarantee Roofing and Sheet Metal of Sioux Falls place metal caps on the gable ends of the church and on the twelve coping areas on top of the tower and the four corners of the building.

The voters instructed the trustees to raise funds for this project for one month and then to borrow the rest from the Church Extension Fund. The cost for the entire project is \$28,850.00. If you are able to give a lump sum before the project begins, that would be great. If you need some time that is all right. We do not have to pay the tuck pointer until the work is finished, but the more gifts we receive beforehand, the less we will have to borrow.

Thank you for your assistance in restoring our beautiful church. Once again we can continue to be proud of our house of worship, not only for ourselves, but also as we celebrates our 125th anniversary we can be proud to show it to our former pastors and members and friends, as a sign of the thankfulness we have for the Lord's provision of this beautiful house of worship.

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.

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.