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PENTECOST 13

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2006

WELCOME

A special welcome to our guests worshiping 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.

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.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

In order to prepare for next week's worship service you may study the assigned readings for Pentecost 14, September 10, 2006:

Old Testament: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Epistle: Ephesians 5:21-31

Gospel: John 6:60-69

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

SUNDAY ~ **Worship w/communion** ~ 9:30 am

Adult Bible study ~ 10:30 am

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

TUESDAY ~ **Bible study** ~ 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY ~ **Financial Peace University Graduation** ~ 7:00 pm

THURSDAY ~ **Circuit Pastors meeting at Parker** ~ 9:30 am

125th Anniversary Committee ~ 7:00 pm

SATURDAY ~ **125th Anniversary Worship service** ~ 6:00 pm

COMING EVENTS

Sun., Sept. 10th ~ 125th Anniversary worship ~ 9:30 am
125th Anniversary celebration

Sun., Sept. 24th ~ Circuit K Forum at St. John's-Emery ~ 7:30 pm

SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2006

Cleaners: Roger & Bert Carls, Henry Dansman, Jr., Dianne Dansman

Greeters: Henry Dansman, Jr., Dianne Dansman

Head Usher: Talis Johnson **Acolyte:** Ashley Matthies

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2006

Greeters: Roger & Bert Carls

Head Usher: Talis Johnson **Acolyte:** Patrick Erikson

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2006

Cleaners: Harvey & LaRaye Rehfeldt, Melvin Matthies

Greeters: Harvey & LaRaye Rehfeldt

Head Usher: Talis Johnson **Acolyte:** Jennifer Muchow

WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2006

Worship Attendance: 69 **Adult Bible study:** 11

Communion: 52

Current offering: \$ 2,850.00 **Building fund:** \$ 295.00

Future Church Worker: 10.00 **Mission Offering:** 47.00

Loose offering: 141.50 **Tuckpointing:** 10.00

First Sunday Special Offerings go to Campus Ministry

Third Sunday Special Offerings go to Amy Kashenov

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.

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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.

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 outreach in your daily prayers.

Main Street Living may be seen on KDLT-NBC at 10:00 a.m.

September 10, 2006 **The Healer** - A fake healer is finally confronted with the truth about himself when a young girl is lying at death's door. The featured speaker is Rev. Darren Olson of Zion Lutheran Church in Canistota, SD and St. John's Lutheran Church in Montrose, SD. The sermon theme is "The Choice Is Not Yours."

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Ephesians 5:15-20: As God's redeemed and renewed people we have many opportunities to show ourselves to be faithful Christian stewards. This means that we are eager to do God's will and to build one another up in love so that the body of Christ [the Church] will flourish. Thanks be to God that His Spirit equips us for such work!

"LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

"Many are reluctant to talk about things like abortion or assisted suicide in church. But let's pause a minute and lay aside all the political baggage that goes with these issues and think of the message we have to share. It is a positive message of life! It is a powerful message of life! We know what God has done to give value and dignity to human life. Why should we be so reluctant to share such a powerful message?" *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, Executive Director, Lutherans For Life* **Lutherans For Life** / www.lutheransforlife.org / 888-364-LIFE

OUTREACH THOUGHT

13th Sunday after Pentecost ~ John 6:51-58: In our Gospel for today Jesus refers to Himself as the "Bread of Life." He truly is all we need for our spiritual welfare and nourishment. This is the good news that gladdens our hearts to be "ablaze" Christians and the same good news we have to share with those in spiritual darkness.

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.

WANTED

We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate our prayer chain. Internet access would be beneficial. If you are interested in helping out please contact Pastor Moeller.

We are looking for used 36" wide doors for the upstairs Sunday School classrooms. If you have one available, please contact one of the trustees: Louis Thompson, Melvin Matthies, or Ray Matthies.

ANNIVERSARY THANKOFFERING

As our District celebrated its 100th anniversary, a goal was set at \$100,000 for a special Anniversary Thankoffering. 75% of the Thankoffering will be used to assist in building seminary facilities for our sister Lutheran Church in Ghana, and 25% will be used to help fund our District Church Worker's Assistance/Scholarship Fund.

The Voters' Assembly of Trinity Lutheran decided that we would take a special mission offering at our 125th Anniversary Celebration on September 9th & 10th. If you wish to give to this important project, you may use one of the envelopes available on the greeter stand or mark your check "Anniversary Thankoffering."

SHUT-INS

Please remember in your prayers the following shut-in members: Rodger Matthies and Martha Westphal.

Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation..... #370
"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"
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.....#492
"Lord of the Living Harvest"
Sermon
"Making the Most of Every Opportunity"
The Offering.....
Prayers
The Service of Communionp. 24-30
The Distribution Hymn..... #316
"O Living Bread from Heaven"
The Collect, Benediction..... p. 31
The Closing Hymn #261
"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word"

125TH ANNIVERSARY

On September 9th & 10th, Trinity Lutheran Church will be celebrating its 125th anniversary. The following is a partial listing of activities:

Saturday, September 9th at 6:00 p.m.

A special service will be held at 6:00 pm and done partially in German to recognize the heritage of the founders of our church. Pastor Robert Moeller will be assisted by the Rev. Dr. Vernon Schindler.

An ice cream and cake social will follow the service. We will have our beard and costume judging contest at this time and there will be Mr. Twister (the balloon guy) and face painting to entertain the children. We will also ask our visiting former Pastors to tell us what they have been doing since they left Trinity.

Sunday, September 10th

At 9:30 a.m. a celebratory worship service will be held with former Pastor Thomas Wenndt preaching. Immediately following the service a group picture will be taken of everyone present for the service to help commemorate the day.

A noon meal will be prepared for everyone by the Sioux Falls Area Ministry Action Team. A drum line called *Sheltered Reality* will perform after the meal. *Sheltered Reality* is a non-profit, youth oriented program which was begun in 1997. They use music to reach out the audiences motivating them to advocate for those in need, especially children. Following the concert there will be time to renew acquaintances and games will be available for “kids” young and old.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Bob & Ruth Moore for the bookshelf in the Adult Bible study room.

Thank you to Ray & JoAnne Matthies, John Barber, Earle & Connie Geide, Dwane & Joyce Carls, and Aimee Moeller for attending the LBT presentation from Paul & Ali Federitz.

Thank you to Ray Matthies, John Barber, Aimee Moeller, Dwane & Joyce Carls, Wilbur & Lois Mielke, Earle & Connie Geide, Ruth Arends, and LaRaye Rehfeldt for attending the Service of Thanksgiving for Pres. Schindler.

HOW TO LIVE A CHRISTIAN LIFE

Christian bookstores nowadays are full of books written about the Christian life. Such books try to explain how to “live like a Christian” by answering questions such as: How can I increase my faith? How can I know God’s will for my life? How can I have true inner peace? All of these questions are certainly important and are asked by those who having come to faith in Jesus Christ, basically wonder: Now what?

In his short work, “On Christian Freedom,” the Martin Luther answers this “Now what?” by heading to the writings of St. Paul. Luther sorts out this mess by taking two seemingly contradictory statements from the Apostle Paul and in the process of harmonizing them, not only answers the basic aspects of the life of the Christian (the Bible, the 10 Commandments, the Gospel, faith, love, good works, pastors, sermons, church services) can all be clearly and simply understood.

You are invited to join us each Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. as we explore “How to Live A Christian Life.”

WORSHIP: THE LUTHERAN DIFFERENCE

“I’m having trouble understanding you Lutherans.”

“Why’s that?”

“Well, you preach and pray like Baptists but your worship services are just like the Roman Catholics.”

“I’ve always thought our worship tradition was unique.”

“Well, why should tradition matter at all? Shouldn’t we just follow the Bible?”

Because of insecurities about explaining particular doctrines or practices, some Lutherans may avoid opportunities to share what they have learned from Christ and His Word. These studies will prepare Lutherans to share their faith and help non-Lutherans understand the Lutheran difference. Join us each Sunday at the Adult Bible study (10:45 a.m.) as we discuss this timely topic.

TRINITY ALTAR GUILD

The elders are planning to develop an altar guild that would take care of the altar paraments, banners, candles, plants, and many other services in preparation for the worship. If you are interested in helping or would like more information, please contact Pastor Moeller or one of the elders.

JOSHUA BIBLE STUDY

Behind the historical details and the epic battles recorded in the Book of Joshua lies a covenant of grace, God’s promise that He made with Abraham and his descendents forever. Although covering a time span of only about thirty years, the Book of Joshua points forward in time to another Joshua—Jesus of Nazareth—whose coming is significant forever. In both rite and event, Joshua both anticipates the fulfillment of Abraham’s promise in Christ.

Each Monday morning at 6:00 a.m., our Men’s Bible study is studying this interesting and challenging book of the Bible in a study entitled: “Joshua: The Lord’s Promise Fulfilled.” In this study we will learn:

- the importance of the land promised to Abraham and its connection to and fulfillment in the coming Messiah;
- the seriousness of sin as exemplified by the destruction of the great city of Jericho and of the inhabitants of Canaan;
- the sweetness of God’s grace as shown to those finding sanctuary in the cities of refuge and especially to Rahab and her family

All men are invited to join us at the church each week!

BIBLE STUDY ON OBADIAH, JONAH, AND MICAH

Obadiah, Jonah, and Micah are three of the twelve prophetic books frequently referred to as “The Minor Prophets” because of their length. Written during a time span of perhaps three hundred years, during which both the Northern and Southern Kingdoms collapsed, the little books brought a message of repentance and restoration to the people of Judah (Obadiah and Micah), and to the people of Israel (Jonah).

The Lifelight Bible study, which meets each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. is beginning a new study on the books from these three “minor prophets” on September 13th at the church. Everyone is invited to join us each week. Please speak to Pastor Moeller if you are interested in attending, so he can have enough study materials for the class.

CONFIRMATION MEETING

There will be a meeting to plan for this year’s confirmation classes on Wednesday, September 13th at 7:00 p.m. All students in the 5th through 8th grade and their parents are encouraged to attend. Confirmation classes will begin Wednesday, September 20th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

Sunday School will be beginning its new year on Sunday, September 17th. Classes for students from 3-years-old through High School will run from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. each week. If you are interested in teaching (team teaching or as a substitute), please speak to Laura Johnson (528-7260) or Pastor Moeller.