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15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2008

WELCOME

A special welcome to our guests worshipping 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.

REMEMBER TO CALL

Remember to give your church & pastor a call if you are:

- going to the hospital
- facing challenges
- in need of prayer
- having a baby

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

In order to prepare for next week's worship service you may study the assigned readings for 16th Sunday after Pentecost, August 24, 2008:

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 15:15-21

Second Lesson: Romans 12:9-21

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

SUNDAY ~ Worship service ~ 9:30 am

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

TLC Chapel ~ 9:30 am

WEDNESDAY ~ Lifelight Bible study ~ 9:30 am

The Fire and the Staff study ~ 6:00 pm

Worship service ~ 7:30 pm

THURSDAY ~ TLC Bible study ~ 5:00 pm

COMING EVENTS

Sun., August 31st ~ Worship service ~ 9:30 am

High School & Adult Bible study ~ 10:45 am

Sun., Oct. 12th ~ Church Council meeting

Sun., Oct. 19th ~ Circuit K Convocation at Trinity

Sun., Oct. 26th ~ Quarterly Voters meeting

June 1st through 4th ~ Vacation Bible School

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2008

Cleaners: Ray & JoAnn Matthies, Bryan & Susan Kelley

Greeters: Bryan & Susan Kelley

Head Usher: Philip Oligmueller

Head Elder: Ben Matthies

Acolyte: Travis Eggebraaten

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2008

Cleaners: Dale & June Snyder, Adel & Amy Valdes

Greeters: Dale & June Snyder

Head Usher: Philip Oligmueller

Head Elder: Ben Matthies

Acolyte: Kylee Thompson

WORSHIP SERVICE: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2008

Worship Attendance: 9 Communion: 3

WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2008

Worship Attendance: 65 Current offering: \$ 970.00

Loose offering: \$ 118.00 Building fund: 275.00

Mission offering: 45.00

First Sunday Special Offerings go to Campus Ministry

PRIESTHOOD AND MINISTRY



“So, what’s the deal? You Lutherans say that every Christian is a priest to God, but you have ministers dressed up in fancy robes who speak on behalf of God.”

“That’s true. Our pastors speak in the stead and by the command of Jesus Christ.”

“But doesn’t every Christian do that? I just don’t get it.”

As Lutherans interact with other Christians, they often find themselves struggling to explain their beliefs and practices. The Lutheran Difference Bible study series helps identify how Lutherans differ from other Christians and show from the Bible why Lutherans differ.

Our Sunday morning Bible study is exploring the biblical teaching of the priesthood of all believers and the office of the Holy Ministry. We will look at the distinction between these two wonderful gifts that God has given to the church—the unique, but corresponding roles that He gives to both pastor and people in His plan to bring salvation to the world through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

All adults and high school students are invited to join us each Sunday at 10:45 a.m. as we explore this important issue.

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 in your prayers and in your giving.

Main Street Living may be seen Sundays on KDLT-NBC. *Kid’s Crossing* airs at 10:00 a.m. and the worship service at 10:30 a.m.

August 31, 2008 - *Kid’s Crossing* uses the game “Simon Says” to learn to follow Jesus. The Main Street Living featured speaker is Rev. Jeff Pautz of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Freeman, SD. The sermon theme is “Why Worry?”

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

15th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Matthew 16:13-20: When Jesus asked his disciples “who do you say that I am,” Peter answered for them all by saying, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Who do we say Jesus is? Our answer is our witness to others that Jesus is the Christ, the Savior of the world. That is good news worth repeating!

SUMMER SERMON SERIES ON THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

We are currently having a sermon series on The Ten Commandments, “Accent the Positive.” Each week this summer, we will examine one of the Ten Commandments from a Law/Gospel point of view.

Join us each week (Sundays at 9:30 a.m. or Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.) as we study the Ten Commandments and “Accent the Positive.”

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

15th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Romans 11:33-12:8: St. Paul ended today’s Epistle reading by encouraging us to use our gifts (serving, teaching, encouraging, contributing, leadership and mercy) in a very deliberate and intentional way. We show that our faith is alive by our sacrificial deeds of kindness to the glory of God and the welfare of our fellow human beings.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY LEARNING CENTER

This week we learned how God protected the apostle Paul. Whether he was shipwrecked, bitten by a poisonous snake, or appearing before high governmental officials, Paul remained confident that he was in God’s gracious care. We talked about how God protects us and keeps us safe. When Jesus died on the cross, He defeated our worst enemies—sin, death, and the devil. Through His Word and Sacraments, God continues to strengthen us in the faith and equip us for service to our neighbor. Chapel is at 9:30 a.m. each Monday. Everyone is invited to join us!

LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY OF 1 & 2 THESSALONIANS

God gave Paul a vision. In it, a man from Macedonia pleaded with Paul saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us” (Acts 16:9). Following the Lord’s call, Paul and his entourage eventually reached Thessalonica. In his two letters addressed to the Thessalonian Christians, Paul expresses his deep care as a founding pastor concerned about his fledgling congregation. In addition to Christian persecution, the Lord’s second coming, the Antichrist, and Christian discipline, in this Bible study you will learn about

- the power of the Word of God;
- the importance of living a God-pleasing life;
- the reason why we are faithful to the Bible’s teachings.

Please join the Lifelight Bible study each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., as we study 1 & 2 Thessalonians.

Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation.....#571
“What Our Father Does Is Well”
The Order of Holy Communion.....p. 15-16
The Introit.....

P: I love the house where you live, O Lord,
C: **the place where your glory dwells.**

P: Vindicate me, O Lord,

C: **for I have led a blameless life;**

P: I have trusted in the Lord

C: **without wavering.**

P: Test me, O Lord, and try me,

C: **examine my heart and my mind.**

P: I wash my hands in innocence,

C: **and go about your altar, O Lord,**

P: proclaiming aloud your praise,

C: **and telling of all your wonderful deeds.**

Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis..p.16-19

The Readings Back of bulletin

The Nicene Creed p.22

The Sermon Hymn#196

“I Am Content! My Jesus Liveth Still”

Sermon..... “God’s Gift of Contentment”

The Offering.....

Prayers

The Service of Communionp. 24-30

Visitors: Please refer to the insert entitled

“The Confession Declared at Communion”

for our Communion attendance practices”

The Distribution Hymn#430

“What Is the World to Me”

The Collect, Benediction..... p. 31

The Closing Hymn#400

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

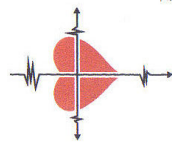
HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF TRINITY LUTHERAN

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.

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.” It is a course for those who are interested in membership in our church, or who want to know more about our Savior. If you are interested in participating, please speak with Pastor Moeller.

ISSUES, ETC.

Looking for a Christian radio program free from pop-psychology, goofy fads, self-help, or Oprah-fied religiosity that is passed off as Biblical Christianity? Try out the new Issues, Etc., Christ-centered, cross-focused talk radio for the thinking Christian!

Issues, Etc. broadcasts live each weekday from 3:05 to 5:00 pm Central. To fit your busy schedule, it is also available on-demand to play on your computer or mp3 player at www.issuesetc.org. If you are interested in listening to this program, but don't have internet access, please speak to Pastor Moeller, and he will get you a copy on CD.

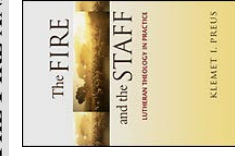
BIKE FOR LIFE

On Saturday, September 13th at 7:00 a.m. Pastor Nour along with other riders will begin the 11th Bike-For-Life to raise funds to stop and end abortion in South Dakota.

Any person who is willing and desires to ride with Pastor Nour and friends, please contact him information below. Also, we would love to have your prayers and financial support. You can sponsor rider by the mile or a one time gift. Please make your check out and send it to:

Lutherans For Life
c/o Rev. Nabil S. Nour
P.O. Box 158
Armour, SD 57313-0158

THE FIRE AND THE STAFF



“Why do we sing all those same old hymns from the hymnal instead of the new songs they’re singing in many other churches?”

“Why does our church still insist on the practice of ‘closed communion’?”

“Why shouldn’t we make a few changes so our worship service would be more “dynamic” and “exciting.”

These are common questions that are asked today all across the country and even in our congregation. In his book, *The Fire and the Staff: Lutheran Theology in Practice*, Klemet I. Preus explores the impact of the American Evangelical and Church Growth Movements on the modern Lutheran Church. We invite everyone to join us in reading, studying, and discussing this important book. It deals with many challenges and controversies facing our synod and congregation today and to discover from Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions how we can best walk together as God’s people gathered around His Word and Sacraments, sharing the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ with our neighbors and the world. Each Wednesday night, we will meet at the church from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. to discuss a chapter of this book. A light supper will be provided. Our regular Wednesday worship service will follow at 7:30 p.m.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY ON 1 & 2 SAMUEL

Spanning the events of just over one hundred years, 1 and 2 Samuel describe a time when Israel rebelled against God, demanding an earthly king to lead her.

However, these books also tell the story of how a merciful God intervened to usher in the reign of King David, Israel’s greatest king and an ancestor of Jesus Christ (Matthew 1:1-16). In the pages of 1 and 2 Samuel, you will:

- see how God’s last judge, Samuel, applies both Law and Gospel;
- read about Saul and David, remarkably different individuals but remarkably the same;
- rejoice in God’s promises made to David that are fulfilled in his descendant and our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All men of the congregation are invited to join us in the fellowship hall each Monday at 6:00 a.m. for breakfast and a study of these two important Old Testament books.

THANK YOU

The Reverend Jeff Kalb and his family would like to thank the members of Trinity Lutheran Church for their prayers and financial support as he prepared for the pastoral ministry. Special thanks to everyone who came all the way up to Sisseton for his ordination and installation: DeWane & Joyce Carls, Roger & Bert Carls, Ray & JoAnn Matthies, Bob & Ruth Moore, Barb Muchow, Monte & Shary Muchow, Pastor & Aimee Moeller.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Trinity Learning Center 3rd Annual Prime Rib Dinner and Silent Auction. With your help over \$2,000 was raised for improvement for our preschool and daycare.

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“Real life is only possible in this world if we know and believe in a real presence, the real, bodily presence of Christ, sent by the Father into our world to reach out His hand—the hand of God—to heal those who are broken by sin—to hold a little child and bless it—to stretch it out on a cross to receive a nail for our redemption.” *Rev. Dr. Arthur A. Just, Jr., Professor of Exegetical Theology, Dean of the Chapel, and Director of Deaconess Studies at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana.*

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