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15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 28, 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**
 Adult Bible study ~ 10:30 am
MONDAY ~ **Men's Bible study ~ 6:00 am**
TUESDAY ~ **New member class ~ 7:00 pm**
FRIDAY ~ **SESD LFL at Zion, Canistota ~ 7:00 pm**

COMING EVENTS

Sun., Sept. 4th ~ Worship ~ 9:30 am
 Adult Bible study ~ 10:30 am
Sun., Sept. 11th ~ Sunday School begins
 Tuckpointing Fundraiser Pork Loin Dinner
Sept. 16-17th ~ SD Lutherans For Life State Conference at Zion, Sioux Falls
Sat., Sept. 24th ~ LWML Christian Growth workshop at Trinity
Sun., Oct. 9th ~ Circuit Convocation at St. Paul, Freeman ~ 11:00 am

SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2005

Cleaners: Denny & Walt Plagman, Chuck & Debbie Nelson
Greeters: Chuck & Debbie Nelson
Head Usher: Bryan Kelley
Acolyte: Jennifer Muchow

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2005

Cleaners: Helen Wenzlaff, Pat Wenzlaff, Melvin Letsche
Greeters: Helen Wenzlaff, Pat Wenzlaff
Head Usher: Louis Thompson
Acolyte: Austin Wolfe

WORSHIP SERVICE, SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2005

Attendance:	64
Current offering	\$1,263.00
Loose offering	13.30
Mission	76.00
Building Fund	425.00
Future Church Worker	10.00
Tuckpointing	1,335.00

First Sunday Special Offerings go to Campus Ministry
Third Sunday Special Offerings go to Amy Kashenov

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost – August 28, 2005

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their need. Deliver us, O Lord from those who would keep us from proclaiming the message of salvation in Jesus Christ. Just as You promised to deliver Your prophet Jeremiah from his enemies if he remained faithful, so keep us faithful by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Bless the work of all who serve in our place, evangelists and missionaries in our own land and overseas. Keep them safe, and prosper their work for the glory of Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Grant peace and unity in Your Church, O Lord. You have distributed gifts to Your people to be used for the building of Your kingdom. Empower us to use those gifts with joy and gladness, rejoicing in the abundance of Your blessings. Renew us and transform us, that we may joyfully offer ourselves to You as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing in Your sight, and that we may serve You in righteousness and blessedness all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for our congregation and its friends in the midst of their joys and struggles . . . We also pray Lord for Your blessings upon the congregations of Bethlehem Lutheran, rural Milbank and Our Savior's, Wilmot. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Strengthen us, O Lord, that we may not try to evade carrying the crosses given to us for the sake of the gospel. Teach us to deny ourselves and to follow our Lord, Jesus Christ, with boldness and faithfulness. Keep us from being stumbling blocks to those who may be weak in faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Bless all that labor to provide the necessities of life. Help us recognize You as the source of all; the One who provides the skills and resources, the energy and time we use to supply our needs and those of our families. We thank You for the gift of jobs, and pray that You would provide meaningful and sufficient work for those who are unemployed or underemployed. Bless all employers and managers with the gifts of wisdom and justice, that we may work faithfully and joyfully to use these gifts You have given. Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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.

September 4, 2005. “When the Bough Breaks.” This week “This Is the Life” presents a drama about abuse. A poignant story of one of the more tragic events of today—child abuse. The feature speaker is Rev. David Gunderson from St. John Lutheran Church in Yankton, SD. The sermon theme is “Serve God and Country with Love.”

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.

OUTREACH THEMES FROM OUR READINGS

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ Romans 12:1-8: St. Paul reminds us that in view of God's mercy we are to offer our bodies as living sacrifices. That means, among other things, using our various gifts of time, talent and treasure for the extension of his kingdom and the welfare of our fellow human beings.

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!

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 places 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 cost for the entire project is \$28,850.00. 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. If you are able to give a lump sum before the project begins, that would be greatly appreciated.

Leslie Erikson has volunteered to cook a pork loin dinner to be served after worship and Sunday School on September 11th. An offering will be taken that day to help pay for the tuckpointing and then we will borrow the remainder if needed. If you receive your newsletter electronically or have lost your envelope, either use your regular envelope and mark it for tuckpointing or pick up a special envelope at the rear of the church.

Remember Sunday, September 11th, at 11:45 a.m.... a pork loin meal with games and fellowship and an opportunity to restore our church to the proud appearance it deserves!

LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“Christians need to take the lead in educating people that children are gifts, as my autistic grandson most surely is. By going down the path we're currently on, we might one day get rid of genetic diseases, but only at the cost of our own humanity.” *Charles Colson, Chairman and Founder, Prison Fellowship Ministries* **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life / www.lutheransforlife.org / 888-364-LIFE**

Divine Service

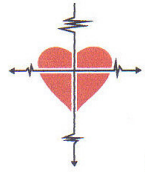
Hymn of Invocation..... #400
“Take My Life and Let It Be”
The Order of Holy Communion.....p. 15-16
The Introit.....

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 without
wavering.
C: Test me, O Lord, and try me,
P: examine my heart and my mind.
**C: I wash my hands in innocence, and
go about your altar, O Lord,**
P: proclaiming aloud your praise,
**C: and telling of all your wonderful
deeds.**
P: I love the house where you live, O Lord,
C: the place where your glory dwells.

The Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis.....
The Readings Back of bulletin
The Nicene Creed p. 22
The Sermon Hymn #421
“Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake”

Sermon..... “The Things of God for You”
Litany Prayers..... (insert)
The Offering.....
The Service of Communionp. 24-30
The Distribution Hymns
#313 “O Lord We Praise Thee”
#314 “Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”
The Collect, Benediction..... p. 31
The Closing Hymn #401
“Praise to Thee and Adoration”

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.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Matthew 16:21-26: Being a true disciple of Jesus does involve denying ourselves and taking up our cross. Jesus' question, "What good will it do for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?" encourages us to strive for the only life worth living and to encourage others to join us on this journey to everlasting life.

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. If you have any other questions they are willing to help you.

HISTORICAL FACTS OF SD DISTRICT

Peace, Alcester was our second permanently organized congregation in 1878. Services were held every 4 weeks in various homes as well as the Ludwig school.

LWML SERVING AT SD SQUARE DANCE FESTIVAL

The Trinity LWML will be serving the SD Square Dance Festival at the Center for Active Generations in Sioux Falls on September 9th and 10th. We would appreciate the help of anyone who would be available on those days. If you would be able to help or donate pies and bars please contact Lois Mielke. All proceeds will be used to help buy a new dishwasher for the new kitchen. Even if you are unable to help, you are still welcome to stop by and visit and watch the square dancing for awhile.

SESD LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

The SESD Lutherans For Life will be holding its next regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 2, 2005 at Zion Lutheran Church in Canistota. If you would like to share a ride please speak to Pastor Moeller.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be beginning its new year on Sunday, September 11th. 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

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

The Stewardship Committee will be meeting on Saturday, September 10th at 9:00 a.m. Anyone interested in growing in stewardship personally and as a congregation is invited to attend.

CONFIRMATION

There will be a meeting to plan for this year's confirmation classes on Wednesday, September 7th 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 14th.

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.