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17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 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.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

In order to prepare for next week's worship service you may study the assigned readings for 18th Sunday after Pentecost, September 14, 2008:

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 50:15-21

Second Lesson: Romans 14:1-12

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

SUNDAY ~ Worship service ~ 9:30 am

Sunday School & Adult Bible study ~ 10:45 am

Men's Club meeting ~ 7:30 pm

Men's Bible Study ~ 6:00 am

TLC Chapel ~ 9:30 am

TUESDAY ~ Bible Study ~ 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY ~ Lifelight Bible study ~ 9:30 am

LWML Meeting ~ 1:30 pm

Confirmation Parents/Students meeting ~ 6:30 pm

Worship service ~ 7:30 pm

TLC Bible study ~ 5:00 pm

THURSDAY ~ Fit for Life ~ 7:00 pm

COMING EVENTS

Sun., Sept. 14th ~ Worship service w/communion ~ 9:30 am

Sunday School & Adult Bible study ~ 10:45

Benefit for Rev. John Werner in Emery ~ 12:00-2:30 pm

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, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2008

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

Greeters: Henry Dansman, Jr., Dianne Dansman

Head Usher: Austin Eggebraaten

Head Elder: Dale Snyder Acolyte: Eric Wolfe

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WORSHIP SERVICE: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2008

Worship Attendance: 12 Communion: 7

WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2008

Worship Attendance: 56 Adult Bible study: 13

Current offering: \$ 1,430.00 Loose offering: \$ 85.25

Building fund: 545.00 Mission offering: 70.00

First Sunday Special Offerings go to Campus Ministry

REMEMBER TO CALL

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

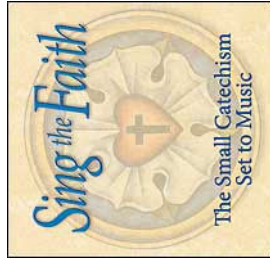
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- facing challenges
- in need of prayer
- having a baby

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

This fall Sunday School students return to their study of the Old Testament. We begin by studying “Worship in the Tabernacle.” In the tabernacle, God dwelled with His people, cleansing them and making them holy through the blood of sacrifices. In Christ, God now dwells among us, cleansing us and making us holy through His blood, sacrificed for us on the cross. *Ask students, “Why did God direct the people to build the tabernacle? Where do we worship God today?”*

SING THE FAITH: THE SMALL CATECHISM SET TO MUSIC

Words paired with music are more easily learned and remembered. With *Sing the Faith*, the words of the *Small Catechism* are set to original tunes in order to teach and aid memory of these important words. Each of the 67 upbeat songs covers a portion of the Ten Commandments, Apostles’ Creed, Lord’s Prayer, Baptism, Confession, the Office of the Keys, the Lord’s Supper, and prayers. Sing at home, in the car, at school or at Sunday School. Sing here, there, and everywhere.



Sunday School. Sing here, there, and everywhere.

If you would like a copy for your family please speak to Pastor Moeller.

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL OF SIOUX FALLS

Everyone is invited to attend the Organizational Meeting for Lutheran High School of Sioux Falls, Sunday, September 28, 4:00 p.m., at Faith Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. At the meeting, you will be updated on the work of the Planning Committee. Designated delegates from Our Redeemer, Faith, Zion, Resurrection and Memorial Lutheran Churches will elect the first Board of Directors of the school and will ratify the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

Lutheran High School of Sioux Falls will open in the Fall of 2010 with grades 9 and 10, as God leads us and blesses us.

If you would be interested in attending this meeting as an unofficial representative of Trinity Lutheran Church, please speak to Pastor Moeller.

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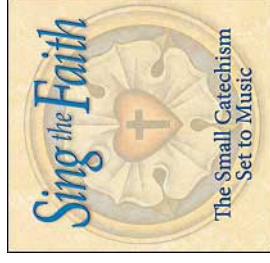
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PRIESTHOOD AND MINISTRY



“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.

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.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY LEARNING CENTER

This week we learned how Paul spoke up on behalf of Onesimus. Onesimus is a slave who had run away from his master, Philemon. In his letter to Philemon, Paul urged Philemon to receive Onesimus back, not as a slave but as a fellow Christian. He even volunteered to pay whatever loss Philemon might suffer as a result. We talked about how Jesus speaks up for us before our heavenly Father. On the cross, He paid the price for our sins and reconciled us to God. Through His Word and Sacraments, God continues to strengthen us to do the same for our neighbors.

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.

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. September 14, 2008 – *Kid’s Crossing* looks at the Bibles example of forgiveness, 70 times 7!

The Main Street Living featured speaker is Rev. Kim Kanitz of Bethlehem Lutheran Church of rural Milbank and St. John Lutheran Church in Revillo, SD. The sermon theme is “Dealing With Enemies.”

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

17th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Matthew 18:1-20: Jesus stated that our Father in heaven does not want any human being to be lost in her or his sin and hopelessness. We do well to have the heart of Jesus that always seeks to find lost souls so they may be brought to him who gives us everlasting life. What an exciting story of rescue we have to share!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

17th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Romans 13:1-10: An important part of our Christian stewardship is to live as good citizens by giving respect to those in authority, paying our taxes, and showing our love for others (our neighbors) who are in any need. By God’s grace we work to love our neighbors as we already love ourselves.

DIVINE SERVICE

Hymn of Invocation #444
“Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You”
The Order of Morning Service p. 5-6
The Introit

P: The Lord is gracious and righteous,
C: **our God is full of compassion.**

P: I love the Lord, for he heard my voice,
C: **he heard my cry for mercy.**

P: Because he turned his ear to me,
C: **I will call on him as long as I live.**

P: The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came upon me.
C: **I was overcome by trouble and sorrow.**

P: Then I called on the name of the Lord:
C: **“O Lord, save me!”**

P: The Lord is gracious and righteous,
C: **our God is full of compassion.**

P: Be at rest once more, O my soul,
C: **for the Lord has been good to you.**

P: For you, O Lord, have delivered my soul from death,
C: **my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling,**

P: that I may walk before the Lord
C: **in the land of the living.**

Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis..... p. 6-9
The Salutation, Collectp. 9
The Readings Back page
The Apostles’ Creed..... p. 12
The Sermon Hymn #416
“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

The Sermon.....
The Offering..... #628
Hymn

“Shepherd of Tender Youth”
Placing of Sunday and Other Church School Officers and Teachers

The Prayers
The Collect, Benediction..... p. 14
The Closing Hymn #263
“O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe”

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF TRINITY LUTHERAN

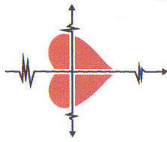
We extend the Sacrament of Baptism to all who have not been baptized—infants, children, youth, and adults. We invite those adults who are looking for a church home to come to one of our New Member Orientation classes. A new class will begin soon. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Pastor 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.

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

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 each Monday at 6:00 a.m. for breakfast and Bible study.

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

(Grandparents' Day) “For every abortion, at least ten other people are affected. That means abortion affects over 36,000 people every day. Some of them are grandma and grandpa who will never see, and will never be seen by, their grandchild. Right now, thank God for your grandparents. Thank God if you are a grandparent. Ask God to comfort grandparents grieving because of an abortion. Join me in a simple prayer for all children not yet born: ‘May you live to see your parents’ parents.’”

Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of *Lutherans For Life*. www.lutheransforlife.org / **888-364-LIFE**

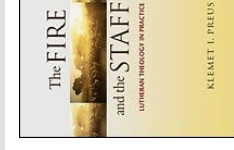
HELP WANTED

Due to rapidly increasing enrollment, Trinity Learning Center is looking for part-time or full-time staff to help with childcare. If you or anyone you know might be interested in such a position, please speak to Jessi Moeller.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

The new session of Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 7th. If you would be interested in helping, please speak to Aimee Moeller. We will be installing Sunday School teachers and Christian Education Committee members at the worship service on Sunday, September 7th.

THE FIRE AND THE STAFF



We have just finished our study and discussion of “The Fire and the Staff” by Klemet Preus. We had many interesting discussions on the relationship between the doctrine and practices of our church, especially as they relate to current views within Christendom. Powerpoint notes are available for anyone who did not have an opportunity to join us each week. Please see Pastor Moeller if you are interested in borrowing them.

SONG OF SOLOMON BIBLE STUDY

One of the most beautiful books in the Bible, Song of Solomon is also perhaps one of the most difficult to interpret for people of faith. However, the themes of love and longing, and expectation and fulfillment take on a wondrous cast and hue when seen as a reflection of God's love for His people. Properly understood this book will teach you about:

- the power and beauty of physical love within the clearly defined boundaries that God has established.
- the reflection of Christ's love for His Church, through faithful, human marriage.
- the consummation of God's love for us in Christ, to be celebrated at the marriage feast of the Lamb.

We will be resuming this study on Tuesday, September 9th. Everyone is invited to join us for this interesting and informative Bible study each Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m.

PORK LOIN BENEFIT FOR REV. JOHN WERNER

There will be a pork loin lunch served as a benefit for Rev. John Werner, pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Clayton, SD and St. John's Lutheran Church of Emery, SD on Sunday, September 14th from 12:00-3:00 p.m. at St. Martin's Parish Hall in Emery, SD.

Proceeds will be used to help defray expenses from complications due to surgery this past July in Rochester, MN. Thrivent of Hanson, Hutchinson, and Davison counties will match up to \$4,000. If you are unable to attend, donations may be sent to:

Werner Benefit
% Carl Harberts
531 N. Third St.
Emery, SD 57332

Make checks payable to: Werner Benefit

