

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 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 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, September 21, 2008:

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 55:6-9

Second Lesson: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

#### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

**SUNDAY** ~ Worship service w/communion ~ 9:30 am  
Sunday School & Adult Bible study ~ 10:45 am

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

**TUESDAY** ~ TLC Chapel ~ 9:30 am

**WEDNESDAY** ~ Bible Study ~ 7:00 pm

**Lifelight Bible study** ~ 9:30 am

**Catechism Class** ~ 5:30 pm

**Supper** ~ 6:30 pm

**Worship service w/communion** ~ 7:30 pm

**TLC Bible study** ~ 5:00 pm

**Fit for Life** ~ 7:00 pm

**Wedding rehearsal** ~ 6:00 pm

**Puthoff-Simonsen wedding** ~ 4:30 pm

#### COMING EVENTS

Sun., Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> ~ Worship service ~ 9:30 am

Sunday School & Adult Bible study ~ 10:45

Church Council meeting

Sun., Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Circuit K Convocation at Trinity

Sun., Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> ~ Quarterly Voters meeting

Sun., Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> ~ June 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> ~ Vacation Bible School

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2008

**Cleaners:** Harvey & LaKaye Rehfeldt, Melvin Matthies

**Greeters:** Harvey & LaKaye Rehfeldt

**Head Usher:** Austin Eggebraaten

**Head Elder:** Dale Snyder **Acolyte:** Eric Krizan

#### NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2008

**Cleaners:** George & Donna Vogt, Jean Gregersen, Amber Connolly

**Greeters:** George & Donna Vogt

**Head Usher:** Austin Eggebraaten

**Head Elder:** Dale Snyder **Acolyte:** Travis Eggebraaten

#### WORSHIP SERVICE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2008

**Worship Attendance:** 7

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**Worship Attendance:** 85 **Adult Bible study:** 13

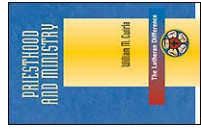
**Current offering:** \$ 1,957.00 **Loose offering:** \$ 67.00

**Building fund:** 535.00 **Mission offering:** 210.00

**Financial Assistance:** 50.00

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.

### 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](http://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 about God’s instructions to His people, Israel, to build a tabernacle, a tent, where He would come to be with them. We talked about the similarities and differences between our worship and the Old Testament system of worship. The Ark of the Covenant, the offerings and sacrifices, the priestly garments, the ceremonial washing, and all the other ceremonies pointed forward to Jesus who would be the once for a Il sacrifice for sin. 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 21, 2008** - *Kid’s Crossing* will examine how can Jesus love all persons equally? The Main Street Living featured speaker is Rev. Al Althoff of St. John Lutheran Church in Gregory, SD. The sermon theme is “My Way vs. God’s Way.”

### CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ~ Matthew 18:21-35: The parable of the unmerciful servant reminds us of the staggering debt of sin that we have been forgiven, and instructs us to be forgiving of those who sin against us. Forgiving others, especially those who repeatedly sin against us is not easy, but it is possible because of Jesus. When we forgive others who sin against us we have the wonderful opportunity to talk about the more important forgiveness available in Christ.

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ~ Romans 14:1-12: Christian stewards refrain from passing judgment on others or giving offense to them. We demonstrate our stewardship (discipleship) by loving others in a way that seeks their best interest and welfare. This is how God loves us and this is how we show our love for others.

## Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation.....#652  
“I Lay My Sins on Jesus”  
The Order of Holy Communion.....p. 15-16  
The Introit.....

P: Surely God is my help;  
**C: the Lord is the one who sustains me.**  
P: Save me, O God, by your name;  
**C: vindicate me by your might.**  
P: Hear my prayer, O God;  
**C: listen to the words of my mouth.**  
P: I will sacrifice a freewill offering to you;  
**C: I will praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.**  
P: For he has delivered me from all my troubles,  
**C: and my eyes have looked in triumph on my foes.**  
P: Surely God is my help;  
**C: the Lord is the one who sustains me.**

Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis..p.16-19  
The Readings ..... Back of bulletin  
The Nicene Creed ..... p.22  
The Sermon Hymn .....#442  
“Lord of Glory, Who Hast Bought Us”  
Sermon..... “Forgive Your Brother”  
The Offering.....  
Prayers .....  
The Service of Communion .....p. 24-30  
Visitors: Please refer to the insert entitled  
“The Confession Declared at Communion”  
for our Communion attendance practices”  
The Distribution Hymn .....  
#310 “Thy Table I Approach”  
#313 “O Lord, We Praise Thee”  
The Collect, Benediction..... p. 31  
The Closing Hymn .....#52  
“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”

### 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.

### BIKE FOR LIFE

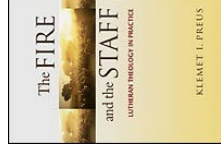
On Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. Pastor Nour along with other riders will begin the 11<sup>th</sup> Bike-For-Life to raise funds to stop and end abortion in South Dakota.

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

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.



### 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.

### 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 seem 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.

Everyone is invited to join us for this interesting and informative Bible study each Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m.

### 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.

### 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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

### LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“We are distinctively different when we refuse to wrap Jesus around worldly models. For example, education in purity contrasts education in sex. Biblical marriage contrasts same-sex unions or cohabitation.

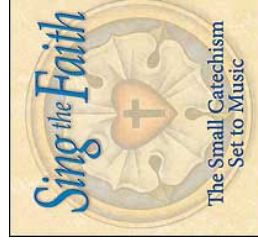
Adoption contrasts abortion. Use of adult stem cells contrasts use of embryonic stem cells.” *Linda D. Bartlett, former president of Lutherans For Life. [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org) / 888-364-LIFE*

### TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School students will study “The Twelve Spies in Canaan” today. We are like the faithless Israelites, doubting and revolting against God's ways and direction. God forgave them and He forgives us our sins of disbelief through Christ who fought sin for us on the cross. *Parents could ask, “How do we sometimes doubt God? What has God promised us?”*

### 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.

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