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19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 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 20th Sunday after Pentecost, September 28, 2008:

Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 18:1-4. 25-32

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:1-18

Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

SUNDAY ~ Worship service ~ 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 ~ 7:30 pm

TLC Bible study ~ 5:00 pm

COMING EVENTS

Sun., Sept. 28th ~ Worship service w/communion ~ 9:30 am

Sunday School & Adult Bible study ~ 10:45

Sun., Oct. 5th ~ LWML Sunday

Sun., Oct. 12th ~ Church Council meeting ~ 7:00 pm

Sun., Oct. 19th ~ Circuit K Convocation at Trinity ~ 2:00-5:00 pm

Sun., Oct. 26th ~ Quarterly Voters meeting ~ 7:00 pm

June 1st through 4th ~ Vacation Bible School

SUNDAY, 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

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Cleaners: Joe & Mary Krizan, Candace Nelson, Marilyn Matthies

Greeters: George & Donna Vogt

Head Usher: Austin Eggebraaten

Head Elder: Dale Snyder

Acolyte: Kylee Thompson

WORSHIP SERVICE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2008

Worship Attendance: 7

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Worship Attendance: 90

Adult Bible study: 13

Sunday School: 20

Current offering: \$ 1,080.00

Loose offering: \$ 56.00

Mission offering: \$ 45.00

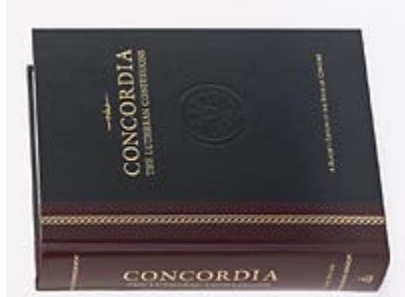
Building fund: 195.00

Financial Assistance: 50.00

First Sunday Special Offerings go to Campus Ministry

LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS READING GROUP

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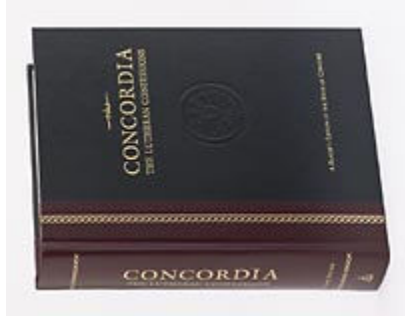
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SONG OF SOLOMON BIBLE STUDY



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.

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

ISSUES, ETC.: TALK RADIO FOR THE THINKING CHRISTIAN

Tune in this week to a radio talk show that engages the issues of the day from a distinctively Lutheran perspective. Issues, Etc. is hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and is produced by Lutheran Public Radio. Topics include: Yoga, the New Atheists, the Religious & Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers, Hurricane Relief Efforts, God the Father and more. Listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org. If you are interested in listening, 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 the spies sent ahead to check out the Promised Land. They all came back with reports that the land was very good, abundant with food and everything they need. But there was one problem: the land was controlled by fierce enemies—some of them were even giants! When the people became frightened, Joshua and Caleb spoke up. They agreed that the enemy was fierce, but they believed God's promise to defeat these enemies and give them this land. Jesus promises us eternal life. He has defeated our powerful enemies: sin, death, and Satan. Through His Word and Sacraments, Christ continues battle for us and strengthen us so we may share heaven.

Chapel is at 9:30 a.m. each Monday. Everyone is invited to join us!

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.

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 28, 2008 - *Kid's Crossing* uses the parable of the two sons to illustrate that actions speak louder than words! The featured speaker is Rev. Chris Ascher from Resurrection Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls.

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

19th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Matthew 20:1-16: Those of us who have been long-time or even life-long Christians are sometimes tempted to grumble about those who become Christians later in life. In reality we should rejoice over every sinner who comes to repentance, always remembering that we are Christians only because of the undeserved love of God in Christ. Therefore, we continue to share our faith even with those who seem to pay little attention to our witness.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

19th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Philipians 1:12-14, 19-30: St. Paul was convinced that he was called by God to be a good steward of the Gospel and share it with sinners. We are stewards of all the good things that God has entrusted to us to manage for his purposes. The most important good thing that God has given us is our saving faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. As good stewards we seek to share our faith with all those who are in need of hope.

Divine Service

Opening Hymn #382
"Lord, We Confess Our Numerous Faults"
The Order of Matins..... p. 32-34
The Psalmody.....

P: Your name, O Lord, endures forever,

C: your renown, O Lord, through all generations.

P: Praise the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord;

C: Praise him, you servants of the Lord,

P: you who minister in the house of the Lord,

C: in the courts of the house of our God

P: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;

C: sing praise to his name, for that is pleasant.

P: Your name, O Lord, endures forever,

C: your renown, O Lord, through all generations.

P: For the Lord will vindicate his people

C: and have compassion on his servants.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Readings Back of the bulletin

The Sermon Hymn #373

"By Grace I'm Saved, Grace Free and Boundless"

The Sermon.....

Offering.....

The Te Deum Laudamusp.35-37

Prayers

The Kyrie p. 39

Salutation, Collect..... p. 40

Benediction

The Closing Hymn#295

"The Law of God Is Good and Wise"

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF TRINITY LUTHERAN

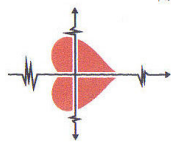
We extend the Sacrament of Baptism to all who have not been baptized—infants, children, youth, and adults. We invite those adults who are looking for a church home to come to one of our New Member Orientation classes. A new class will begin soon. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Pastor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

We are beginning a new class soon. If you are interested in participating, please speak with Pastor Moeller.

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today’s Sunday School lesson “The Bronze Serpent” is one of the more challenging stories in the Old Testament. Just as the bronze serpent was lifted up to heal and save the Israelites, Christ was lifted up on the cross to heal and save us from sin, death, and the devil. *Ask students, “How did God rescue people bitten by the serpent? How does God rescue you?”*

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.

SINGERS ARE WANTED

On October 1st, the choir will resume rehearsals each Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m. We could use more joyful voices. Please speak to Ben Matthies or Susan Kelley if you are interested in joining us.

“CATCH-UP SUNDAY”

We thank you for your continued support of God’s work here at Trinity. Because of summer trips and activities, we know that many individuals and families had to be absent from church during summer, so we are sponsoring a “Catch-Up Sunday” on September 28th.

We are appealing to everyone in our church to do what he or she can so we can catch up with our budgeted obligations. If you are not current with your giving, we urge you to catch up now. Your prayerful consideration and response is appreciated. If you are current on your giving, you are invited to help us through our temporary financial shortfall with a special gift. You may include it in your regular giving envelope or send it the church office. We know that, as you give to help your church meet its financial obligations, you will experience that joy that God gives those who give.

LWML SUNDAY

The Trinity Lutheran LWML invites you to join them in celebrating LWML Sunday on October 5th. They invite you to join them for coffee and bars in the fellowship hall following the worship service.

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“Life is not ours to give nor is it ours to take. We leave our lives in the hands of the One who has the power to lay down His life and to take it up again. This calls us to make decisions that have as their aim the care of life and not the taking of life. Indeed the cross of Jesus Christ makes the difference in facing and living through our end-of-life issues. Thanks be to God!” *Rev. Dr. Eugene Boe, Academic Dean, Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology, Lutheran Brethren Seminary.*

LIFE ISSUES: WHAT GOD SAYS

Today’s society is becoming more and more at odds with God when dealing with things as sacred as life itself. To many, life is a disposable commodity that can be done away with when it becomes unmanageable or an inconvenience. *Life Issues* presents a solid Christian approach to life and how it is to be treated. Now more than ever, we need to instill in our people the basics of what God says about His creation—mankind.



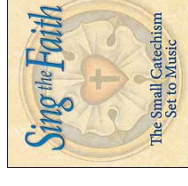
Lessons include:

1. A Look at Motive
2. What and When is Human Life
3. Life Protection Before Birth
4. Genetic Engineering, Cloning, and Stem Cell Research
5. Care Near the End of Life
6. Making the Difference

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

SING THE FAITH

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.