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19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 25, 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**
 Sunday School/Adult Bible study ~ 10:30 am
 125th Anniversary Committee meeting ~ 7:00 pm

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

TUESDAY ~ **Bible study ~ 7:00 pm**
 Lifelines of Love ~ 8:00 pm

WEDNESDAY ~ **Lifelight ~ 9:30 am**
 Confirmation ~ 5:30 pm
 Choir ~ 6:30 pm

THURSDAY ~ **Circuit Convocation planning at Marion ~ 7:00 pm**
 Lifelines of Love ~ 6:30 pm

SATURDAY ~ **LWML Christian Growth workshop at Trinity**

COMING EVENTS

Sun., Oct. 2nd ~ **Worship ~ 9:30 am**
 Sunday School/Adult Bible study ~ 10:30 am
 LWML Fall Rally at Christ-Sioux Falls ~ 1:30 pm

Oct. 3rd - 5th ~ **Fall Pastor's Conference at Rapid City**

Sat., Oct. 8th ~ **Worship w/communion ~ 7:30 pm**

Sun., Oct. 9th ~ **Circuit Convocation at St. Paul, Freeman ~ 11:00 am**

SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2005

Cleaners: Dwane & Audrey Matthies, Randy Matthies
Greeters: Dwane & Audrey Matthies
Head Usher: Louis Thompson **Acolyte:** Jenny Eggebraaten

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2005

Cleaners: Rodney & Joy Hohn, Henry Dansman, Diane Dansman
Greeters: Rodney & Joy Hohn
Head Usher: Melvin Matthies **Acolyte:** Holly Kelley

WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

Attendance: 51

Current offering	\$1,254.00
Loose offering	6.75
Mission	96.00
Building Fund	260.00
Future Church Worker	10.00
Tuckpointing	225.00
Amy Kashenov	4.00

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

19th Sunday After Pentecost – September 25, 2005 A.D.

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs that we might repent of our disobedience and find forgiveness, restoration, and peace by the very Words of our Savior. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: That we may learn from Christ the pathway of obedience and serve the Lord with willing hearts. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: That the Holy Spirit may strengthen our weak hearts, guide us to know and do the Father's will, and teach us to do what is good, right and pleasing to God. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: That we may not withhold our time or our talents or our financial treasures but offer them to the Lord with thanksgiving. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: That God may give healing to the sick, relief to the suffering, and peace to the dying, especially to those whom we name before Him. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: That we may show forth to one another the same love, mercy and forgiveness we have been given in Christ. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: That God may bless the leaders of our Church, especially our Synod President, our District President, our Pastor, and the congregations of St. John's Lutheran in Wolsey and Christ Lutheran in Lebanon. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy. 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.

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.

October 2, 2005. “Main Event.” A boxer who is hit by a car becomes embittered until he meets a cheerful 8-year-old girl. Through the little girl he learns to overcome depression. The featured speaker is Rev. Mark Schulz of Zion Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD. The sermon theme is “Finish What You Start!”

OUTREACH THEMES FROM OUR READINGS

19th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Matthew 21:28-32: The Parable of the Two Sons reminds us that Christ loves sinners. He died for sinners and sinners who come to Him in faith and hope are the sinners that are saved for all eternity. What good news to share with those still living without Christ in the darkness of their sin!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ Philippians 2:1-5: Jesus took on the form of a servant who was interested in the welfare of others even more than His own welfare. Our Christian stewardship involves looking out not only for our own interests but also for the interests of others. Stewardship involves being rich in good deeds as a testimony to the hope that is within us.

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.

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.

Thank you to everyone who has donated so generously. So far we have raised about \$10,000 of the \$28,850.00 cost. If you would like to still give to this project you may do so by using one of the special envelopes in the “church box” or just indicate how much you would like to give on your regular envelope. The workmen expect to get started toward the end of September.

LIFELIGHT STUDY OF JOB

Here is a puzzle: How can a kind and loving God allow terrible things to happen to a good and faithful person? That was Job’s problem. He couldn’t figure out God. But that is not just Job’s problem. It is a problem whenever suffering strikes any of God’s faithful people. For many of us Job’s story will hit very close to home.

To help answer these questions, our Lifelight Bible study group will study the Old Testament book of Job each Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. If you are interested in attending, please speak to Pastor Moeller.

Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation.....#361
“O Jesus, King Most Wonderful”
The Order of Holy Communion.....p. 15-16
The Introit.....

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.**

P: Your name, O Lord, endures forever,

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

The Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis.....
The Readings Back of bulletin
The Nicene Creed p. 22
The Sermon Hymn #261
“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word”
Sermon “Three Sons”
Litany Prayers (insert)
The Offering.....
The Service of Communionp. 24-30
The Distribution Hymns
#307 “Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord”
#305 “Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness”
The Collect, Benediction..... p. 31
The Closing Hymn#352
“O Savior, Precious Savior”

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY – EVOLUTION

Daily, each of us are told that evolution is a factual explanation for the origin of life and the universe came into being through random chance and a series of fortunate accidents that conflicts greatly with the picture the Bible paints of creation. Which is true? Which is factual? Which is more scientific? How do Christians answer those who hold to the evolutionary model for explaining the origin of human life?

The High School Bible study class will examine these questions this year. The study “Evolution: God’s Amazing Creation” and video series “Journeys to the Edge of Creation will help lead students to better understand how the remarkable universe and the creatures all around us are proof of intelligent, divine design.

All High School aged students are invited to join teachers Joe Krizan and Archie Wolfe in exploring this fascinating topic each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Invite your friends!

"LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“Being forgiven by God does not mean you will instantly have all the answers and all painful memories will be gone. It does mean we now have a way to resolve our problems—God’s way. If you draw on God’s power for your life, your anger and bitterness will eventually be replaced with love and peace. By proclaiming the truth we can bring hope and healing!” *Grace Kern, Director, Word of Hope, LFL’s post-abortion ministry, 888-217-8679 / www.lutheransforlife.org / 888-364-LIFE*

HISTORICAL FACTS OF SD DISTRICT

Reverend A. H. Kuntz served St. Peter’s Lutheran Church at Wentworth, SD in 1890 and was paid a salary of \$300 per year plus feed for his horses.

SERMON AUDIO TAPES

The Trinity Lutheran Church Evangelism Committee has audiotapes of each Sunday sermon available. These are great for use by the homebound, shut-in, nursing home residents, or to give to your unchurched neighbor or family member. If you or someone you know would like to receive these tapes on a weekly basis, please contact Brenda Erikson (363-3444) or Connie Geide (526-3840).

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

On Tuesday evenings, from 7:00-8:00 p.m., we will meet to study various Bible lessons based upon the “Our Life in Christ” series. Those teaching Sunday School will find this study helpful in their preparation for teaching, as we carefully examine the coming week’s lesson. But everyone else is invited to attend as well. Please consider joining this opportunity to grow in your Christian faith.

TODAY IN OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today our Sunday school students learn about the ministry and message of the prophet Elijah as they study 1 Kings 17–19 and 2 Kings 1–2. A topic for a family conversation might invite everyone to share ways that God takes care of them. Story review questions might include, How might you feel if you were Elijah? How was Jesus’ death the most victorious sacrifice ever?

125TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEETING

The 125th Anniversary Committee will be meeting on Sunday, September 25th at 7:00 p.m.

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.

COUPLES CLUB

The Couples Club is planning a progressive dinner for Saturday, October 15th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. All couples of all ages are invited. If you are interested in participating, please call Kathy Totton (528-3849).

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.