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2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST MAY 29, 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** ~ 9:30 am
 Sunday School/Bible study ~ 10:30 am
MONDAY ~ **Men's Bible study** ~ 6:00 am
TUESDAY ~ **Choir practice** ~ 6:30 pm
 Bible study ~ 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY ~ **New member class** ~ 7:00 pm
SATURDAY ~ **Stewardship committee meeting** ~ 9:00 am

COMING EVENTS

Sun., June 5th ~ Worship w/communion ~ 9:30 am
 Sunday School/Bible Study ~ 10:30 am
 Men's Club meeting ~ 7:30 pm
Sun., June 19th ~ Camp Minneboji begins
Sat., June 25th ~ Lutherans For Life Leadership/Speaker Training Seminar at
 Trinity ~ 9:30 am – 4:00 pm
Sun., July 10th ~ Church Council meeting ~ 8:00 pm
Sun., July 17th ~ Quarterly Voters meeting ~ 8:00 pm
July 18th – 22nd ~ Safari Adventure Vacation Bible School
July 25th - 27th ~ SD District Youth Gathering at Huron
Sept. 16-17th ~ SD Lutherans For Life State Conference at Zion, Sioux Falls

SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2005

Cleaners: Roger & Bert Carls, Henry Dansman, Jr. Dianne Dansman
Greeters: Henry Dansman, Jr. Dianne Dansman
Head Usher: Lance Wollmann
Acolyte: Austin Wolfe

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2005

Cleaners: Harvey & LaRaye Rehfeldt, Lynda Wollmann, Melvin Matthies
Greeters: Harvey & LaRaye Rehfeldt
Head Usher: Orrin Geide
Acolyte: Brady Eggebraaten

WORSHIP SERVICE, SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2005

Attendance:	70	Communion:	55
Current offering	\$1,348.00	Loose Offering	8.00
Mission	110.00	Future Church Worker	10.00
Building Fund	220.00		

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

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.

SD DISTRICT LCMS YOUTH GATHERING

The South Dakota LCMS Youth Gathering will be held Monday, July 25th to Wednesday, July 27th at the Crossroads Hotel & Convention Center in Huron, SD. It is open to all youth entering the 9th grade in the fall of 2005 to those who will have graduated from high school in the spring of 2005. The theme for this year’s gathering is “Courageous Faith/Bold Witness,” the theme for the upcoming 100th anniversary of the South Dakota District. “Against All Odds,” a professional band from Minneapolis, will lead the music throughout the gathering and put on a concert Tuesday evening. Other scheduled activities included servant events, worship, the “junk-food potluck,” and games.

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.

June 5, 2005 – “The Gift of Tears.” *This is the Life* drama tells the story of a young boy who loses his mother, learns through a pantomime that it is alright to cry. The featured speaker is Rev. Wesley Hafner of Trinity Lutheran Church in Mansfield, SD and St. Paul Lutheran Church in Stratford, SD. The sermon theme is “What’s Your Story?”

Check the website at www.mainstreetliving.com for more information.

DIAPER DERBY

Our congregation is participating in the SESD Lutherans For Life Annual Diaper Derby. From now through Mother’s Day and until Father’s Day, we are collecting baby diapers that will be donated to the Alpha Center, or local crisis pregnancy center. Amy Valdes has set up a nice and collection box for your donations.

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).

PREPARING FOR DEATH

Preparing people for death (their own or a loved one’s) is among the most important work a pastor does. It is at the time of death when we each try to ask those “why” questions that may not have a satisfying answer and our faith is tested most. But properly prepared, it can be the time in which our Christian witness is the most effective, where we may have unique opportunities to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, who has defeated death and transformed it into the gate to eternal life. We might say, that if we are better prepared for our death, we are better prepared for life.

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!

LIFE QUOTES” FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“The resurrection is our assurance of Christ’s presence with us in this life and our presence with Him in eternal life. Jesus ‘ascended into Heaven’ and He will ‘come again’ to bring us new life! He ascended into Heaven to rule over all of His creation. Things may seem out of control, but be assured Jesus is in control. He uses all events working them together for the good of His people and getting things ready for His glorious return when He will make all things new!” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, Executive Director, Lutherans For Life* www.lutheransforlife.org

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.

Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation..... #370
 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”
 The Order of Morning Service p. 5-6
 The Introit.....

P: Be my rock of refuge,
C: a strong fortress to save me.
 P: How great is your goodness,
C: which you have stored up for those who fear you,
 P: which you bestow in the sight of men
C: on those who take refuge in you.
 P: Love the Lord, all his saints!
C: The Lord preserves the faithful, but the proud he pays back in full.
 P: Be strong and take heart,
C: all you who hope in the Lord.
 P: Be my rock of refuge,
C: a strong fortress to save me.

Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis..... p. 6-9
 The Salutation, Collectp. 9
 The Readings Back of bulletin
 The Apostles’ Creed..... p. 12
 The Sermon Hymn #427
 “How Firm a Foundation” vv. 1-4
 The Sermon..... “Lord, Lord!”
 The Offering.....
 The Prayers
 The Hymn #428
 “I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus”
 The Collect, Benediction..... p. 14
 The Closing Hymn #320
 “Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

SIMPLY GIVING

The Trinity Stewardship Committee would like to introduce a new program that could help you in your giving of your tithes and offerings. Through *Simply Giving*, 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. Because your gift is given consistently, you won’t need to play “catch-up” at year-end or worry about forgotten checkbooks or missed Sunday offerings. But you’re not the only one that benefits. Our congregation benefits from steady, more predictable revenues throughout the year, and more efficient bookkeeping.

To participate, all you need to do is fill out a simple form that is available from the members of the Trinity Stewardship Committee (John Barber, Tim Totton, Mary Krizan, Aimee Moeller, or Amy Valdes). If you have any other questions they are willing to help you.

LFL LEADERSHIP/SPEAKER TRAINING SEMINAR

Lutherans For Life Executive Director Rev. Dr. James Lamb and Ed Szeto, LFL director of outreach, will present a one-day seminar designed for those who want to learn how to speak on life issues in their congregations, communities, and schools. The event will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, June 25th, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hartford, SD.

The seminar cost is \$50 for a single registration (includes one manual/CD) or \$60 for husband/wife registration (includes one manual/CD). Scholarship money is available through LFL of SD. Class size is limited, so register early. To register, please speak to Pastor Moeller.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

1 Peter 4:12-17; 5:6-11: Christian stewards are Easter people--people of hope--who are eager to do the good things that God has prepared in advance for them to do. They do not do these good things in expectation of reward, but because they are moved by Christ's love to do good.

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.

OUTREACH THEMES FROM OUR READINGS

Seventh Sunday of Easter ~ John 17:1-11: On the evening before his death, Jesus prayed fervently for his disciples. Later in this same chapter Jesus indicates that he is praying not only for his disciples, but also for all who in the future will believe. That includes us! What a joy to know that we have a Savior who prays daily for us and longs to have all people know and believe in him.

NEW ADDRESS OF ROY & GERRY RUUD

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THANK YOU

Thank you to JoAnn Matthies for helping organize the reception for our graduates.

Thank you to Brenda Erikson for making the cakes for last week’s reception for the graduates.

Thank you to the choir for singing in last week’s worship service.

Thank you to Ray Matthies for copying the mailers for the upcoming Safari Adventure.

Thank you to Ben Matthies for helping set up our website so it may be used for registering for VBS.

SAFARI ADVENTURE BIBLE STUDY

Beginning June 14th, we will be meeting each Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. to study the Bible stories that will be taught at this year’s Safari Adventure Vacation Bible School. All teachers and helpers will find this to be an excellent preparation for the lessons they will teach. Parents are also encouraged to attend so they will be able to review the stories and reinforce the lessons at home. **Everyone** is invited to take advantage of this opportunity to grow in their faith and knowledge of God’s Word.

PRAYER LINK

Do you have email? If you answered yes, we need you as part of Trinity’s *Prayer Link*. Members are linked in for prayer, but more links are needed. All you need to do is read the email sent to you regarding a need for our prayers and then PRAY. You do not need to forward email or contact anyone. Everyone receives the same information at the same time. If you think you can be part of this small service to your congregation, send your email address to Pat Reichert, mmreichert@msn.com and you will be included in the next Prayer Link.

God wants us to come to Him in prayer. He listens to our desires, our thanks and our praise. Please join the Prayer Link and add your prayers to ours.

VBS PLANNING MEETING

It is time for planning this year’s VBS, which will be held July 18th



through the 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Because we are expecting a large turnout again this year, we are going to need a bunch of help and support. If you are at all interested in contributing to this year’s *Safari Adventure*, whether it is by helping to make snacks, hanging posters, teaching, driving, or providing us with supplies, please attend our informational meeting at the church on Monday, June 6th at 7:00 p.m.

All of your ideas, opinions and prayers are greatly appreciated. If you are interested in helping out or would like more information about his year’s program, please contact Jessi Moeller at 321-1642.