

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2009

#### 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 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, October 25, 2009:

First Lesson: Revelation 14:6-7

Second Lesson: Romans 3:19-28

Gospel: John 8:31-36

#### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

SUNDAY ~	Worship ~ 9:30 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study ~ 10:45 am
MONDAY ~	Men's Bible study ~ 6:00 am TLC Chapel ~ 9:30 am
TUESDAY ~	TLC Chapel ~ 9:30 am Church Council meeting ~ 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY ~	Lifelight Bible study ~ 9:30 am Catechism Class ~ 5:30 pm Choir ~ 5:30 pm Worship ~ 7:30 pm
THURSDAY ~	TLC Bible study ~ 1:30 pm Chapel at Leisure Living ~ 2:30 pm

#### COMING EVENTS

Sun., Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> ~ Private Confession & Absolution ~ 8:30 am  
Worship w/communion ~ 9:30 am  
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study ~ 10:45 am  
Potluck Dinner ~ 12:00 noon  
Quarterly Voters meeting ~ 1:00 pm

#### NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2009

**Cleaners:** Helen Wenzlaff, Pat Wenzlaff, Pastor & Aimee Moeller, Jessi Moeller

**Greeters:** Helen Wenzlaff, Pat Wenzlaff

**Head Usher:** Travis Eggebraaten

**Head Elder:** DeWane Carls

**Acolyte:** Ellie Krizan

#### NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2009

**Cleaners:** Orrin Geide, Earle & Connie Geide, Matthew Anderson, Steve & LeAnna Oligmueller

**Greeters:** Earle & Connie Geide

**Head Usher:** Travis Eggebraaten

**Head Elder:** DeWane Carls

**Acolyte:** Marcos Valdes

#### WORSHIP SERVICE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2009

**Worship Attendance:** 8

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<b>Worship Attendance:</b>	105	<b>Communion:</b>	85
<b>Current offering:</b>	\$ 1,913.00	<b>Loose offering:</b>	\$ 47.50
<b>Building fund:</b>	350.00	<b>Missions:</b>	80.00
<b>Sunday School:</b>	13.50		

### THIS WEEK IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today in Sunday School we study “Elijah Is Taken to Heaven.” Enoch and Elijah were taken into heaven alive. Jesus, who is our Enoch and our great Elijah, ascended alive into heaven for us and our salvation. *You might discuss, “Why was Elisha concerned about Elijah’s departure from earth? In what way was Jesus’ ascension into heaven different from Elijah’s?”*

### LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY ON ACTS

St. Luke, in his introduction to the Book of Acts writes: “In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus **began** to do and to teach until the day that He was taken up to heaven.” This sets the stage for Luke’s second book, Acts, which details how Jesus was with His church as they continued to share His Gospel with the world.

The Book of Acts records the events that testify to the power of the Holy Spirit working in and through the church to gather, equip, and enliven its members so that all people might receive God’s gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.

Please join our Lifelight Bible study each Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. as we explore this fascinating book.

### 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. You may also watch this program at [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) and clicking on the “Watch Online” section.

**October 18<sup>th</sup>** ~ *Kid’s Crossing* looks at the greatest commandment, “Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, soul, and mind.

The featured speaker is Rev. Hyle Anderson from St. Paul Lutheran Church in Aberdeen, SD. The sermon theme is “Lay That Burden Down.”

### OUTREACH SENTENCES

Mark 10:23-31: When the disciples asked Jesus who can be saved, He answered by telling them that with man alone this is impossible but all things are possible with God! We may not understand why God chose us to be His own, but we rejoice that He did! We who have tasted the goodness of God have a powerful story to share with those who are still aimlessly searching for meaning in their lives.

### MARRIAGE AND FAMILY



Life-long commitment. Man and woman. Children. Society. So many opinions. What do *you* believe?

As Lutherans interact with other Christians, they often struggle to explain their beliefs and practices. Although many Lutherans have learned the “what” of Lutheran doctrines, they do not always have a full scriptural foundation to share the “why.” When confronted with different doctrines, some cannot clearly state their faith.

Based on God’s Word, as faithfully reflected in the Lutheran Confessions, this study will help you to state clearly what you believe. In addition, we will be including a discussion on “same-sex marriage.”

All high school students and adults are invited to join us each Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

### MEN’S BIBLE STUDY ON HEBREWS



The Book of Hebrews is one of the most profound books of the New Testament. If you are looking for a model to follow, a cause with which to identify, you’ll find it here. If you are looking for solid food instead of baby food, you’ll enjoy the study of this book. This first-century letter to the Hebrew Christians is heavy on theology and is filled with all kinds of practical applications for Christian life in this century. But above all, it points us to the Fulfillment of Faith—Jesus

Christ—the one who saves us and empowers us to live the new life!

All men of the congregation are invited to join us each Monday at 6:00 a.m. for breakfast and studying this fascinating book of the Bible.

### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY LEARNING CENTER

This week we heard about Elijah and the prophets of Baal, who had a contest to prove who is the true God—Yahweh or Baal. The prophets of Baal, wailed and danced and cried out to their god, but he did not answer. They even cut themselves so that they would bleed, hoping to catch their god’s attention and gain his favor, but still he did not answer.

Elijah prayed a simple prayer. The Lord God Yahweh sent fire that consumed not only the sacrificial bull, but also the altar, the rocks around it, and the water that had been poured on it. He is a powerful God!

We learned that the one true God will not answer our prayers based upon our prayers, worship, actions, but for the sake of Jesus, who shed His blood on the cross in our place.

Chapel is at 9:30 a.m. each Monday & Tuesday. Everyone is invited.

### Divine Service

Opening Hymn .....#9  
“O Day of Rest and Gladness”  
The Order of Matins.....p. 32-34  
The Psalmody.....

P: In the way of your testimonies  
**C: I delight as much as in all riches.**  
P: How can a young man keep his way pure?  
**C: By guarding it according to your word.**  
P: With my whole heart I seek you;  
**C: let me not wander from your commandments!**  
P: I have stored up your word in my heart,  
**C: that I might not sin against you.**  
P: Blessed are you, O Lord;  
**C: teach me your statutes!**  
P: With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth.  
**C: In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.**  
P: I will meditate on your precepts  
**C: and fix my eyes on your ways.**  
P: I will delight in your statutes;  
**C: I will not forget your word.**  
P: In the way of your testimonies  
**C: I delight as much as in all riches.**

The Readings .....Back of the bulletin  
The Sermon Hymn ..... #277  
“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”  
The Sermon.....  
Offering.....  
The Te Deum Laudamus .....p.35-37  
Prayers .....  
The Kyrie ..... p. 39  
Salutation, Collect..... p. 40  
Benediction .....  
The Closing Hymn .....#410  
“Jesus, Lead Thou On”

### 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.

### CAMPUS MINISTRY INFORMATION

The District Office is asking all congregations to provide contact information on all their members who are attending colleges or universities this year. If you or your son or daughter are heading off for college or university, please let Pastor Moeller know their name, the post-secondary school they will be attending, the student’s school address and phone number, and e-mail address.

### LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS READING GROUP

Would you like to have a richer understanding our Lutheran Confessions? Is the study of our Confessions only for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in Catechism class? For that matter, what are the Lutheran Confessions?

The Lutheran Confessions, taken from the Book of Concord are 10 special statements of faith that we use as a basis of what we believe. Far more than mere historical documents, they are still viewed today by Confessional Lutherans as a definitive statement of what it means to be Christian and Lutheran. Since we believe that the Lutheran Confessions are drawn from, reflect Holy Scripture, and are a summary of the Gospel, they are the standard by which all teaching and practice in our churches must be judged.

Our Lutheran Confessions Reading Group meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. In this class, we read from the Bible and *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions*. Class members have the opportunity to learn more about our sacred faith and grow in knowledge and faith in God’s Holy Word. Everybody is invited to join us!

### A LONGER LOOK AT THE LESSONS

Delve deeper into each week’s three Scripture readings with *A Longer Look at the Lessons*. This Bible study based on the lectionary in *Lutheran Service Book* provides information about each week’s readings and their contexts. Questions and answers mine the riches of the weekly lessons while providing an opportunity for thought and personal application.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for honoring Aimee and me on Pastor’s Appreciation Day. Thank you for your cards and gifts, but most of all, your continuing support and prayers as we work together in God’s church here at Trinity.

### QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING

The quarterly voters meeting will be held on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come to a potluck dinner at 12:00 noon. Among the items of business that will be discussed are our annual commitment to SD District for missions and TIM (support for Amy Kashenov and the results of our recent energy audit).

### LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“What is taking place in America is a war against the child ... And if we accept that the mother can kill her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another.” *Mother Teresa* This “Life Quote” is from *Lutherans For Life* – [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org).

### TLC BIBLE STUDY

Each Thursday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. we meet to study the Bible passages for upcoming Sunday School, preschool, and daycare lessons. Everyone is invited to join us! If you would like to attend, but would prefer a different time or day, please speak with Pastor Moeller.

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Hebrews 4:1-13 (14-16): Today’s Epistle reading makes reference to God’s gift of the Sabbath-- a day of rest, worship and meditation on the grace and goodness of God—and pray that God’s Holy Spirit would daily build us up as the children of God.

### JUMPSTART THE START

You are invited to be a part of an event called *Jumpstart the Start* to learn more about the beginning of Lutheran High School of Sioux Falls, scheduled to open August 16, 2010. *Jumpstart the Start* is an evening of food, fellowship, and financial encouragement scheduled for Sunday, November 15, 5:30-8:30 p.m., at the Faith Lutheran Church “Christian Life Center,” 601 N. Cliff Avenue in Sioux Falls. That evening, you’ll enjoy a wonderful meal at no cost to you, hear a progress report about Lutheran High School of Sioux Falls, and be given the opportunity to give a “jumpstart” gift to the school for its many start-up needs. Rev. Dr. Brian Friedrich, President of Concordia University-Nebraska, will be the key-note speaker. “*World Ready, Faith Secure*” are the words we like to use when we think about the incredible academic and spiritual education experience our young people will have at the Lutheran High School. Help us make this happen! Join us Sunday, November 15, to *Jumpstart the Start!* Seating is limited. Please RSVP to Mr. David Waterman, school principal, by November 6, if you wish to attend (phone 951-1332).

### TLC FUNDRAISER

Trinity Learning Center has been asked to help with the Fall Festival at McCrossan Boys Ranch on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help children paint pumpkins and work at booths. With supplemental funds from Thrivent, we have the opportunity to make \$2,000. Please sign up to help for an hour or two on the sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway.