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20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 2, 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/Adult Bible study ~ 10:30 am
 LWML Fall Rally at Christ-Sioux Falls ~ 1:30 pm
MONDAY-WEDNESDAY ~ SD District Pastors Conference at Rapid City
WEDNESDAY ~ **Choir ~ 6:30 pm**
SATURDAY ~ **Stewardship Committee meeting ~ 9:00 am**
 Worship w/communion ~ 7:30 pm

COMING EVENTS

Sun., Oct. 9th ~ Circuit Convocation at St. Paul, Freeman ~ 11:00 am
 Men's Club meeting ~ 7:30 pm
Sat., Oct. 15th ~ Couples Club Progressive Dinner ~ 6:00 pm
Sun., Oct. 16th ~ Circuit K Forum at Risen Savior-Tea ~ 7:30 pm
Fri., Oct. 21st ~ Church Council meeting ~ 7:30 pm
Sun., Oct. 23rd ~ Quarterly Voter's meeting ~ 7:30 pm

SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2005

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

NEXT WEEK: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2005

Cleaners: Steve & LeAnna Oligmueller, Josh & Heidi Nyreen
Greeters: Steve & LeAnna Oligmueller
Head Usher: Melvin Matthies
Acolyte: Megan Eggebraaten

WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2005

Attendance: 75	Communion: 51
Current offering	\$1,149.00
Loose offering	6.75
Mission	70.00
Building Fund	430.00
Future Church Worker	10.00
Tuckpointing	225.00

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

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost – October 2, 2005

- P: Jesus said, "I am the true Vine and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit,
- C: while every branch that does bear fruit, He prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.**
- P: "You are already clean because of the Word I have spoken to you. Remain in Me and I will remain in you.
- C: No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in Me."**
- P: Merciful Jesus, abide with us and in us,
- C: so that all our thoughts, words, and actions may be fruits worthy of You, the Vine.**
- P: "I am the Vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.
- C: If anyone does not remain in Me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up and thrown into the fire and burned.**
- P: If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you." John 15:5-7
- C: You have promised that You will remain in us by Your Spirit through Your Word. Therefore, by Your gracious invitation, we dare to ask,**
- P: Be a strong wall against our enemies. Be a refuge when we are in danger and a rock of shelter for our families and loved ones.
- C: Lord, by Your presence defend us.**
- P: We ask for Your continuous presence with Your church in this place and everywhere that it is found gathered around Word and Sacrament.
- C: Lord, fulfill Your promise to us.**
- P: Abide with us, Lord; sustain us; cherish us; defend us; and uphold us,
- C: so that we will ever produce the fruits of righteousness until You return.**
- P: Abide with our congregation this day and be with those who celebrate joys and struggles . . . We pray too Father, your blessing upon the LWML and the congregations of St. Peter's Lutheran in Clayton; Zion Lutheran in Sioux Falls, and Our Redeemer Lutheran in Custer.
- C: Loving God, by Your mercy sustain them.**
- P: "This is my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be My disciples." John 15:8
- C: Watch over Your branches that we may in word and deed glorify Your Father and our Father.**
- P: "As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my Love." John 15:9.

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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 9, 2005. “The Sexton.” A pastor and a sexton with magical powers fight an eerie duel in church. In the end, good overcomes evil. The featured speaker is Rev. Daryl Tompkins of Zion Lutheran Church in Chamberlain, SD. The sermon theme is “Slip, Slidin’ Away.”

OUTREACH THEMES FROM OUR READINGS

20th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Matthew 21:33-43: How blessed it is to be part of the Kingdom of God, to know Jesus as Lord and Savior, and to be privileged to bring forth works of righteousness because His Holy Spirit lives within us. May our good works be a part of letting our lights shine before other people so they may join us in giving glory to our Father in Heaven.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost ~ Philippians 3:12-21: As citizens of the United States of America we support our government with the payment of taxes. As citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven we also support the work of advancing the Kingdom of God with our generous gifts of time, talent and treasure.

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 #224
“Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”
The Order of Morning Service p. 5-6
The Introit.....

P: May the Lord bless you from Zion
C: all the days of your life.
P: Blessed are all who fear the Lord,
C: who walk in his ways.
P: You will eat the fruit of your labor;
C: blessings and prosperity will be yours.
P: Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;
C: your sons will be like olive shoots around your table.
P: Thus is the man blessed
C: who fears the Lord.
P: May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem,
C: and may you live to see your children's children.
P: May the Lord bless you from Zion
C: all the days of your life.

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 #342
“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”
The Sermon.....
The Offering.....
The Prayers
The Hymn #521
“What God Ordains Is Always Good”
The Collect, Benediction..... p. 14
The Closing Hymn #48
“How Blest Are They Who Hear God’s Word”

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

“We need to be supportive of pregnant women in our churches. We need to offer to make them a meal when the baby is born and share in their joy of this precious new arrival. We need to let them know that their children are a blessing to the entire church community.” *Dennis DiMauro, President, Northern Virginia LFL*
www.lutheransforlife.org / 888-364-LIFE

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).

CHURCH COUNCIL AND VOTER’S MEETINGS

The Church Council will meet on Friday, October 21st at 7:30 p.m. All officers are encouraged to attend. The main item of business will be preparation of the agenda for the quarterly voters meeting, which will be held on Sunday, October 23rd at 7:30 p.m.

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 the account of God healing a military leader from a foreign country, based on 2 Kings 5:1–19. A topic to discuss might focus on God’s care and healing for His children. Parents might ask, “What was the sin in this story? How did God deal with that sin? How does Jesus provide eternal healing for us?”

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.

CIRCUIT K FORUM

Our circuit will be holding its fall forum at Risen Savior Preschool in Tea on Sunday, October 16th at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting in which representative from each of the eleven congregations in Circuit K will share what is happening at their congregation. We will also receive reports on the SD District Planning Conference from our representatives, Rev. John Werner and Don Reichert. If you are interested in attending, please speak to Pastor Moeller.

COUPLES CLUB

The Couples Club will be having a progressive dinner on Saturday, October 15th beginning at 6:00 p.m. Please contact Kathy Totton (528-3849) **as soon as possible** if you are interested in participating. Following dessert we will have a brief introduction to Men, Women, & Relationships, a study that will explore the Scriptural foundation of the relationship between men and women and contrast it to the view of modern culture. All couples of the congregation are invited to join us!



HISTORICAL FACTS OF SD DISTRICT

We once had a congregation called the Odessa Lutheran Church, located four miles north of Lesterville, which disbanded on April 2, 1950.

SD DISTRICT PASTOR’S CONFERENCE

Pastor Moeller will be leaving this afternoon to attend the SD District Pastor’s Conference in Rapid City through Wednesday. Please note each of the change in the regular schedule. If you need to contact Pastor you may get in touch with one of the elders or call his home where his family will be able to pass on the message.

LWML FALL RALLY

The LWML Fall Rally will be held at Christ Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, on Sunday, October 2nd at 1:30 p.m. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

The Trinity Stewardship Committee will be meeting on Saturday, October 8th at 9:00 a.m. Anyone interested in growing in stewardship is invited to join us.

SPECIAL WORSHIP DAY AND TIME

Due to the Circuit Convocation scheduled for next Sunday, our worship service will be **moved to Saturday, October 8th at 7:30 p.m.** Please help tell everyone about this change of day and time for this week only.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Melvin Matthies for replacing the paneling in the church sanctuary.

Thank you to Louis Thompson, Archie Wolfe, and Bryan Kelley for chaperoning the YES group to the concert last week.