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20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 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 21st Sunday after Pentecost, October 5, 2008:

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-7

Second Lesson: Philippians 3:4b-14

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

SUNDAY ~	Worship service w/communion ~ 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 ~	Chapel at Tieszen Home ~ 9:00 am Elders meeting ~ 6:30 pm
WEDNESDAY ~	Lifelight Bible study ~ 9:30 am Catechism Class ~ 5:30 pm Choir ~ 6:00 pm Worship service ~ 7:30 pm
THURSDAY ~	Chapel at Tieszen Home ~ 5:00 pm TLC Bible study ~ 5:30 pm

COMING EVENTS

Sun., Oct. 5 th ~	Worship service ~ 9:30 am Sunday School & Adult Bible study ~ 10:45 LWML Sunday
Sun., Oct. 12 th ~	Church Council meeting ~ 7:00 pm
Sun., Oct. 19 th ~	Circuit K Convocation at Trinity ~ 2:00-5:00 pm
Sun., Oct. 26 th ~	Quarterly Voters meeting ~ 7:00 pm
June 1 st through 4 th ~	Vacation Bible School

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2008

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

Greeters: George & Donna Vogt

Head Usher: Austin Eggebraaten

Head Elder: Dale Snyder **Acolyte:** Kylee Thompson

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2008

Cleaners: Bob & Ruth Moore, Louis & Michelle Thompson

Greeters: Louis & Michelle Thompson

Head Usher:

Head Elder: Archie Wolfe **Acolyte:** Abby Totton

WORSHIP SERVICE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2008

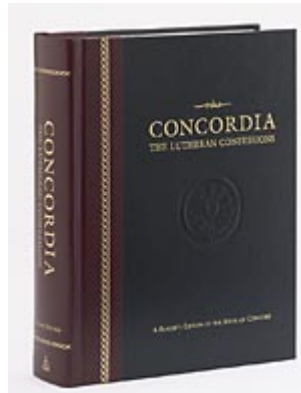
Worship Attendance: 13 **Communion:** 7

WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2008

Worship Attendance:	75	Adult Bible study:	15
Sunday School:	17	Sunday School Offering:	\$ 3.00
Current offering:	\$ 1,375.00	Loose offering:	\$ 111.00
Building fund:	485.00	Mission offering:	115.00

First Sunday Special Offerings go to Campus Ministry

LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS READING GROUP



Would you like to have a richer understanding our Lutheran Confessions? Is the study of our Confessions only for 7th and 8th grade students in Catechism class? Does catechesis stop when we leave grade school? 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 of Jesus Christ, they are the standard by which all teaching and practice in our churches must be judged.

At Trinity Lutheran Church, we are beginning a Confessions Reading Group every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. In this class, we will read from the Bible and the Book of Concord. Class members will have the opportunity to learn more about our sacred faith and grow in knowledge and faith in God's Holy Word.

In a day when many in our Church underestimate the importance of our Lutheran heritage in favor of a more "seeker sensitive" approach to worship and teaching, it is vital that we become more knowledgeable of our Confessional heritage as Lutherans. What better way to do so than to get into the Holy Scriptures and our Lutheran Confessions! It is a class that will bond you with your fellow members and pastors in our blessed, sacred, and precious faith.

We will be reading from *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions*. Many of you have already purchased a copy, but if you still need one please order one through Pastor Moeller. Concordia Publishing House once again has a special price for a limited time. Hurry! **Our class will begin on Tuesday, October 14th**. Everybody is invited to join us!

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 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.

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.

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 brass serpent placed on the pole. The people of Israel grumbled about living in the wilderness. They grumbled about the food that God provided each day. In order to call them to repentance, God sent poisonous snakes. When the people called out for forgiveness, God told Moses to put a brass serpent up on a pole so that anyone who looked up at it would be healed and lived. Jesus used this Old Testament story to teach His disciples about His upcoming death on the cross. Those who look up to Christ crucified in faith, receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life!

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.

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.

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.

October 5th The *Kid's Crossing* discussion will center on the need for the corner stone in a building and Christ being the corner stone of our life and the church.

The featured speaker is Vicar Gregg Lehr from Zion Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD. The sermon theme is "Loved by God."

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

20th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Matthew 21:23-27: In our Gospel reading for today we see the enemies of Jesus asking who gave him the authority to do what he was doing. We know, of course, that Jesus had the authority of his Father in heaven to forgive, heal and preach good news to the lost. In the closing chapter of the Gospel of Matthew Jesus gives us the authority to make disciples by baptizing and teaching the only way of life. May we do so with joy and enthusiasm!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

20th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18: Good stewards are those who look not only to their own interests, but also to the interests of others. To do this well requires a spirit of humility, compassion and kindness. Doing these good things without complaining makes us shine like stars in a darkened and sinful world.

Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation#367
"Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus"
 The Order of Holy Communion p. 15-16
 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.

Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis . p.16-19
 The Readings..... Back of bulletin
 The Nicene Creed..... p.22
 The Sermon Hymn.....#219
"The Head that Once Was Crowned with Thorns"
 Sermon
"By What Authority: From Heaven or from Man?"
 The Offering
 Prayers.....
 The Service of Communion p. 24-30
Visitors: Please refer to the insert entitled "The Confession Declared at Communion" for our Communion attendance practices"
 The Distribution Hymns
 #313 *"O Lord, We Praise Thee"*
 #292 *"Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide"*
 The Collect, Benediction p. 31
 The Closing Hymn.....#261
"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word"

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

At the Jordan River, led by Joshua, Israel leaves the desert in this week’s Sunday School lesson “Entering the Promised Land.” In Baptism, led by Christ, we leave behind the desert of sin, death, and Satan so we may enter into the promised land of heaven. *Parents might ask, “What did the Israelites create to remind them of their crossing into the Promised Land? What do you have to remind you of your Baptism?”*

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.

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“Lutherans who love life can tell others that life is precious because God created and redeemed it, that evil exists because of sin, and that heroes are men and women who remember God’s Word and use it in the daily battle for life.” *Linda D. Bartlett, former president of Lutherans For Life.*

www.lutheransforlife.org / 888-364-LIFE

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.

TLC BIBLE STUDY

Each Thursday night at 5:30 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.

MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

We are holding mid-week services each Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. This provides an opportunity for those who are unable worship here on Sundays, whether because of work schedules or weekend travel plans. Everyone is invited to join us!

THANK YOU

Thank you to DeWane Carls for trimming the weeds between the building and around the parking lot.

Thank you to Melvin Matthies for building the covers for the air conditioners.