

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 24, 2004

### 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 at Trinity 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 unto 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, if you wish, 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!

### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

**SUNDAY ~**      **Worship w/communion ~ 9:30 am**  
                    **Sunday School/Bible study ~ 10:30 am**  
                    **High School Youth meeting ~ 11:30 am**

**MONDAY ~**      **Quarterly Voters meeting ~ 7:30 pm**  
                    **Men's Bible study ~ 6:30 am**  
**TUESDAY ~**    **Choir practice ~ 6:00 pm**  
                    **Bible study ~ 7:00 pm**  
**WEDNESDAY ~** **Lifelight Bible study ~ 9:30 am**  
                    **Confirmation ~ 5:30 pm**  
                    **Worship w/communion ~ 7:30 pm**

### COMING EVENTS

Sun., Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> ~    **Worship ~ 9:30 am**  
                            **Sunday School/Bible Study ~ 10:30 am**  
                            **Reformation Service at St. Martin's – Alexandria ~ 2:30 pm**  
Fri., Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> ~    **SESD Lutherans For Life at St. Peter – Clayton ~ 7:00 pm**  
Thurs., Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> ~ **Circuit Pastor's meeting at Trinity ~ 9:30 am**  
Wed. Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> ~ **Thanksgiving Eve worship service ~ 7:30 pm**  
Sun., Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> ~ **Sunday School Christmas program ~ 6:30 pm**

### SHUT-INS

Please remember in your daily prayers the following shut-in members or those in nursing homes: Walt Wenzlaff, Bud Plagman, Vivian Dansman, Floyd Matthies, Bonnie Edgecomb, and Martha Westphal.

### SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2004

**Cleaners:**        Merle & Barb Muchow, John & Wanda Barnhart  
**Greeters:**       John & Wanda Barnhart  
**Head Usher:**    Tim Totton  
**Acolyte:**         Kimberly Kleba

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2004

**Greeters:**        Merle & Barb Muchow  
**Head Usher:**    Melvin Matthies  
**Acolyte:**         Derek Johnson

### NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2004

**Cleaners:**        Marlo Anderson, Mike Anderson, Matthew Anderson  
**Greeters:**        Marlo Anderson, Mike Anderson  
**Head Usher:**    Tim Totton  
**Acolyte:**         Austin Kirschbaum

### WORSHIP SERVICE, OCTOBER 13, 2004

**Attendance:**    11

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**Attendance:**    82  
**Offering:**        Current                    \$ 1,057.00  
                          Loose Offering            67.54  
                          Building Fund            195.00  
                          Mission                    90.00  
                          Amy Kashenov            23.00

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.

## FULLNESS OF JOY—A SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY OF THE LUTHERAN LITURGY

The word *liturgy* itself is a good conversation starter. Many simply have no idea what a *liturgy* is. Others take it for a collective term for everything that is not important in a service. In other congregations, members doggedly sing the *liturgy* on a weekly basis. However, if we are to ask them why, the answer too often is “We’ve always done it this way before.”

As important as history and tradition is, “We’ve always done it this way before” is not an adequate reason for continuing what we’ve done in the past. With the *liturgy*, there is a far better reason. The liturgy teaches and rejoices in the outstanding truth that our crucified and risen Lord is present with His people in worship—present to serve us with the forgiveness of sins.

In order to learn more about the riches of the liturgy our Sunday morning adult Bible study group (10:30 – 11:45 a.m.) is looking at “Fullness of Joy: A Study of the Liturgy of the Church.” Please join us!

## EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

The Evangelism Committee is looking for members who would be interested in helping out in the area of evangelism. This would include things such as delivering service bulletins and tapes to shut-ins, making homemade gifts for visitors. Anyone who is interested may speak to Pastor Moeller or Joe Krizan.

## LIFE MINISTRY COORDINATOR

Thank you to Amy Valdes who has volunteered to be our congregation’s Life Ministry Coordinator. She will work with Pastor to help keep our congregation informed on sanctity of human life issues. If you are interested in information on life issues, please call Amy at 361-4455. .

## FINDING JESUS IN GENESIS SERMON SERIES

We are currently having a series of sermons in our Wednesday night services that explore the Book of Genesis. We are digging into the ancient stories of Biblical heroes and villains, heroic adventures and sinful lapses, all the while following the golden thread that leads to Christ our Savior. May God bless our excavations in these weeks ahead, knowing that the promises we unearth are fulfilled in Jesus Christ!

## 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.

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost ~ 2 Timothy 2:8-13: Maturing stewards live surrounded by the things of this world but keep their eyes and hearts focused on the risen Lord Jesus so they are not distracted by the things of this world.

## OUTREACH THEMES FROM OUR READINGS

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost ~ Luke 17:11-19: The love of Jesus is so lavish that he healed all ten lepers even though he knew only one would return to give thanks. As God’s redeemed people we seek opportunities to share God’s lavish love in Christ with others.

## HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

All High School-aged students are invited to come to the parsonage each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for a Bible study. We are studying “The Authority of Scriptures,” a youth seminar designed to outline some of the assaults on the authority of Scripture that Christians face today and how to respond to them. Joe Krizan is leading.

## LSS REFUGEE AND IMMIGRATION PROGRAMS

With cold weather upon us, the LSS Refugee and Immigration programs are in need of winter clothing for refugees so they can attend school and English classes, go to work, and do the many things required to support a family.

Clothing is needed for men, women, and children. They are accepting used coats, scarves, hats, gloves, mittens, and boots in good clean condition. .

Donations may be brought to LSS Refugee and Immigration Programs at 620 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St. Sioux Falls, SD 57104. For more information please call Alice at 731-2006 or Pat Reichert at 526-6225.

## Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation..... #394  
“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”  
The Order of Holy Communion..... p. 15-16  
The Introit.....

P: Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise,  
**C: in the city of our God, his holy mountain.**  
P: I will extol the Lord at all times,  
**C: his praise will always be on my lips.**  
P: My soul will boast in the Lord,  
**C: let the afflicted hear and rejoice.**  
P: Glorify the Lord with me;  
**C: let us exalt his name together.**  
P: I sought the Lord, and he answered me;  
**C: he delivered me from all my fears**  
P: The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them;  
**C: he delivers them from all their troubles.**  
P: Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise,  
**C: in the city of our God, his holy mountain.**

Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis.p. 16-19  
The Salutation, The Collect for the Day.. p.19  
The Readings ..... Back of bulletin  
The Nicene Creed ..... p. 22  
The Sermon Hymn ..... #393  
“From God Shall Naught Divide Me”  
The Sermon ..... “He Remains Faithful”  
The Offertory ..... p. 22  
The Prayers .....  
The Service of Communion ..... p. 24-30  
The Distribution Hymn ..... #528  
“If God Himself Be for Me”  
The Collect, Benediction..... p. 31  
The Closing Hymn ..... #352  
“O Savior, Precious Savior”

### **LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE**

“We know it is not politically correct to be pro-life; but right and wrong, good and evil, are never revealed in a poll. All human life is sacred.” *Bishop William K. Wiegand*

### **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.

A new session of this course will begin soon. If you are interested in participating, please speak with Pastor Moeller soon, letting him know a day and time that would work well for you and/or your friends.

### **TUESDAY NIGHT 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 taking part of this opportunity to grow in your faith.

### **A MILE OF PENNIES**

The High School Youth Group is sponsoring “A Mile of Pennies” Fundraiser. Members are invited to donate their pennies and other spare change into the jar on the table by the entrance to the church nave. Other monetary donations will be accepted as well (\$1.00 = 100 pennies). The proceeds will be used to purchase a big screen television set for the new building addition. Our goal is to accumulate 84,480 pennies (\$844.80). Thank you for your support.

### **125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEETING**

The committee that is planning for our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in 2006 will be meeting on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Anyone who is interested in helping is welcome to attend.

### **QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING**

The quarterly voters’ meeting will be held on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Please plan on attending this important meeting.

### **E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR THE NEWSLETTER**

The Stewardship Committee is collecting e-mail addresses for those would like to receive our monthly newsletter electronically rather than through the mail. Those who choose this method will be able to receive their newsletter more quickly and save the cost of postage as well. If you are interest in this option please send your request to [pastor@trinitylutheran-hartfordsd.org](mailto:pastor@trinitylutheran-hartfordsd.org)

### **UNDERSTANDING STEM CELLS AND CLONING**

With the recent deaths of President Ronald Regan and actor Christopher Reeve, stem cell research has been in the news a lot lately. Unfortunately there has been much misinformation, even propaganda, or the subject. Lutherans For Life has published a short paper on the biological and Biblical basics of stem cell research and cloning. The Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb has written this informative piece in language that can be understood by those of us who are not research scientists. Pastor Moeller has a copy of this paper posted on the bulletin board, which anyone is welcome to borrow. If you would like your own copy you may copy it or go on the internet at [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

### **PARKING DURING CONSTRUCTION**

While the building addition is under construction, parking places will near the church will be at a premium. We ask that you leave the parking spaces closest to the entrance of the church for those unable to get around as easily as you can. Gary Miles has called and said you may park in his driveway, which is located directly south of the church. We suggest everyone park on the west side of the driveway and that way everyone will be able to drive up by the house and turn around.

### **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.

**JEFF & CARLA KALB**

The Kalb's say "hello" and would love to hear from you. Their address is: 8006 Leesburg Rd., Ft. Wayne, IN 46818. Their telephone number is (260) 625-5567.

**DIGITAL CAMERA AVAILABLE**

Thanks to a generous donation, we have a digital camera available for all groups of the church to use to record their activities. This will be nice to use for updating our website, writing articles for the newspaper and newsletter, and chronicling each group's activities. If your group has an activity scheduled please contact Pastor Moeller so you can use this camera.

**MAIN STREET LIVING**

Main Street Living, a televised worship service sponsored by the SD District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod can be seen each Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. on KDLT.