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21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 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

SATURDAY ~ Stewardship Committee meeting ~ 9:00 am

Worship w/communion ~ 7:30 pm

SUNDAY ~ Circuit Convocation at St. Paul, Freeman ~ 11:00 am

Men's Club meeting ~ 7:30 pm

MONDAY ~ Men's Bible Study ~ 6:00 pm

TUESDAY ~ Chapel at Tieszen Home ~ 9:00 am

Bible study ~ 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY ~ Lifelight Bible study at Lois Mielke's ~ 9:30 pm

LWML meeting at Connie Geide's ~ 1:30 pm

Confirmation class ~ 5:30 pm

Choir ~ 6:00 pm

Lifelines of Love ~ 7:00 pm

SATURDAY ~ Couples Club Progressive Dinner ~ 6:00 pm

COMING EVENTS

Sun., Oct. 16th ~ Worship service ~ 9:30 am

Sunday School and Bible study ~ 10:30 am

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: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2005

Cleaners: Steve & LeAnna Oligmueller, Josh & Heidi Nyreen

Greeters: Steve & LeAnna Oligmueller

Head Usher: Melvin Matthies

Acolyte: Thad Johnson

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2005

Cleaners: Merle & Barb Muchow, John & Wanda Barnhart

Greeters: John & Wanda Barnhart

Head Usher: Melvin Matthies

Acolyte: Megan Eggebraaten

WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2005

Attendance: 75

Current offering \$2,503.00

Loose offering 31.25

Mission 331.00

Building Fund 555.00

Future Church Worker 10.00

Tuckpointing 25.00

First Sunday Special Offerings go to Campus Ministry

Third Sunday Special Offerings go to Amy Kashenov

Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost - October 9, 2005

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs, that we may not turn down the heavenly banquet invitation God has issued to us in Christ but receive His gift by faith. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That we may not attempt to earn, purchase, or accomplish on our own what God has given to us in Christ, but cling to His unmerited gift always. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That we may not forget that although God's grace is freely given to us, it cost Jesus His life on the cross. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That we boldly proclaim God's gracious invitation to the whole world, that many may come to believe and receive the gift of eternal life. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That God may give healing to the sick, relief to the suffering, and peace to the dying. We pray as well O Lord for Your blessings upon the congregations of St. John's Lutheran, Howard; St. Paul's Lutheran, Ferney; and Zion Lutheran, Presho. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That we may not neglect the foretaste of this eternal glory given to us in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar but faithfully receive this meal as the pledge of heaven's eternal banquet. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That God may bless the leaders of our Church, especially our Synod President, our District President, and our pastor. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That God may bless our land and our leaders as well as those who protect our liberty and work for freedom and justice, here and throughout the world. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

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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 16, 2005. “A Shameful Kind of Death.” This drama deals with the effects of suicide on those people closest to the victim. The featured speaker is Rev. Christopher Ascher of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Huron, SD. The sermon theme is “The Power of God’s Word.”

OUTREACH THEMES FROM OUR READINGS

21st Sunday after Pentecost ~ Matthew 22:1-10: The Parable of the Wedding Banquet reminds us that God has prepared an eternal celebration for those who are called and gathered in Christ Jesus to be part of His Kingdom. All people are invited to share in this eternal bliss and we are His servants to share the good news of God’s invitation in Christ to live in endless joy!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost ~ Philippians 4:4-13: Paul thanked the Philippians for their partnership and sharing of their material possessions for him and the sake of the Gospel. We Christian stewards are privileged to use some of our resources of time, talent and treasure for the support of the ministry of sharing the good news of Jesus.

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..... #346
“Jesus! and Shall It Ever Be”
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.

The Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis.....
The Readings Back of bulletin
The Nicene Creed p. 22
The Sermon Hymn #371
“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”
Sermon
“Everything’s Ready; Come to the Banquet”
Litany Prayers (insert)
The Offering.....
The Service of Communionp. 24-30
The Distribution Hymns
#306 “Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Hast Prepared”
#324 “Jesus Sinners Dost Receive”
The Collect, Benediction..... p. 31
The Closing Hymn#349
“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

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!

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!

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.

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.

HISTORICAL FACTS OF SD DISTRICT

Pastor Ernst Melcher was ordained at Centerville in 1878 and served the Menno-Heilbronn area, serving as many as 17 preaching stations in 8 counties traveling a round trip of 400 miles and being gone from home for weeks at a time.

LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“We need to help with the unexpected pregnancies in our communities. We can do this by volunteering at our local pregnancy center, helping a woman with a ride to the doctor’s office, or simply being a supportive ear to an unwed mother who just wants to share her difficulties.”

Dennis Di Mauro, President, Northern Virginia LFL

www.lutheransforlife.org / 888-364-LIFE

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.