

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 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 service** w/communion ~ 9:30 am  
                         **Sunday School and Bible study** ~ 10:30 am  
                         **Quarterly Voters meeting** ~ 7:30 pm

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

**TUESDAY ~**      **Bible study** ~ 7:00 pm

**WEDNESDAY ~** **Lifelight Bible study at Connie Geide's** ~ 9:30 am  
                         **Confirmation class** ~ 5:30 pm  
                         **Choir** ~ 6:00 pm

**THURSDAY ~**    **Deadline for newsletter**

**FRIDAY ~**        **Rehearsal for Kirschmeyer-Miller wedding** ~ 7:00 pm

**SATURDAY ~**    **SD District Youth committee meeting** ~ 9:30 am  
                         **Kirschmeyer-Miller wedding** ~ 5:00 pm  
                         **YES group leaves for Corn Maze** ~ 1:00 pm

### COMING EVENTS

Sun., Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> ~    **Worship service** ~ 9:30 am  
                         **Sunday School and Bible study** ~ 10:30 am

Sat., Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> ~    **Couples Club** ~ 7:00 pm

Sun., Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> ~    **Installation of Rev. Christopher Boehnke at Risen Savior-Tea**

### SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2005

**Cleaners:**        Marlo Anderson, Mike Anderson, Matthew Anderson

**Greeters:**        Dwayne & Mary Anderson

**Head Usher:**     Melvin Matthies

**Acolyte:**          Ashley Matthies

### NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2005

**Cleaners:**        Ray & JoAnn Matthies, Bryan & Susan Kelley

**Greeters:**        Bryan & Susan Kelley

**Head Usher:**     Melvin Matthies

**Acolyte:**          Colin Kelley

### WORSHIP SERVICE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2005

<b>Attendance:</b>	35	<b>Communion:</b>	28
<b>Current offering:</b>	\$439.00	<b>Mission offering:</b>	\$45.00
<b>Building fund:</b>	70.00	<b>Future Church Worker</b>	10.00

### WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2005

<b>Worship Attendance:</b>	85	<b>Adult Bible Study:</b>	16
<b>Current offering:</b>	\$1,662.00	<b>Mission offering:</b>	\$110.00
<b>Building fund:</b>	450.00	<b>Future Church Worker</b>	10.00
<b>Amy Kashenov</b>	9.00		

First Sunday Special Offerings go to Campus Ministry

Third Sunday Special Offerings go to Amy Kashenov

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**C: Open our eyes to see the dangers of following our own sinful desires and prideful rebellion.**

P: Help us to see the way the Savior went,

**C: and strengthen us to follow His pure example.**

(sung) LW 381, TLH 409

**Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do our Father's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.**

P: Give us the courage to face the challenges of life with peace and hope.

**C: Help us to find joy in bearing our crosses for the sake of the Gospel.**

P: We pray for our congregation and our community in the midst of joys and struggles as we imitate the way of Christ . . . Guide as well the congregations of St. Martin's Lutheran, Alexandria; Mt. Calvary Lutheran, Brookings, and Mt. Olive Lutheran, Watertown. Lord, in Your mercy,

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**Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;  
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.**

P: In our baptism, gracious Father, You brought us through the death of Christ into new life.

**C: Help us to live our lives as Your obedient children, showing our love for You as we love one another.**

P: Strengthen us through Your gifts of Word and Sacrament.

**C: Bring us, when this life is ended, to the joys which You have prepared for us.**

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**Let us also live with Jesus, He has risen from the dead  
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, since You are our head,  
We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be  
In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.**

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## 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 23, 2005. “Face of Gabriel Ortiz.” This story deals not only with the difficult question of political sanctuary but also racial tension. The featured speaker is Rev. Jerry Troester of Zion Lutheran Church in Mitchell, SD. The sermon theme is “You Can Be Certain.”

## OUTREACH THEMES FROM OUR READINGS

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ~ Matthew 22:34-40: Christians make their best witness when they love the Lord their God with all their hearts, souls and minds, and love their neighbors as they love themselves. It is a joy to live in love and we are able to do it only because God first loved us in Christ. We who have experienced God’s undeserved love have the privilege of sharing God’s love with others.

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost ~ 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10: St. Paul thanked the Thessalonian Christians because they were imitators of him and of the Lord. Our Lord is a compassionate and giving God; as we imitate His compassion and giving in our stewardship lives we give a clear witness to what is really important to us.

## 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.

## 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!

## 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.

## COLD WEATHER! WARM CLOTHING

LSS Refugee and Immigration Center in Sioux Falls provides a wide range of services for newcomers to South Dakota. Refugees receiving these services are people who have been forced to flee from their home country due to persecution because of race, religion, nationality or participation in a particular social or political group. They usually leave their homes with little warning and with only what they can carry, enduring great hardships and trauma during their flight to safety. One of the items most do not have is warm winter clothing.

Winter clothing is needed for men, women, and children. We are accepting used coats, scarves, socks, hats, gloves, mittens and boots in good, clean condition. Donations may be brought to the Refugee and Immigration Center at 1609 W. 11<sup>th</sup> St., Sioux Falls. Any winter clothing you can donate would be greatly appreciated.

## QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING

The quarterly voters meeting will be held on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Please plan on attending.

## HISTORICAL FACTS OF SD DISTRICT

St. Paul Lutheran School of Freeman was organized in 1888 and served as the first parochial school in South Dakota.

## Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation..... #298  
“Baptized into Thy Name Most Holy” vv.1-4  
The Baptism of Janie Helen Schauuff .....  
The Order of Holy Communion.....p. 15-16  
The Introit.....

P: The Lord watches over the way of the righteous,  
**C: but the way of the wicked will perish.**  
P: Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked  
**C: or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.**  
P: But his delight is in the law of the Lord,  
**C: and on his law he meditates day and night.**  
P: He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither.  
**C: Whatever he does prospers.**  
P: The Lord watches over the way of the righteous,  
**C: but the way of the wicked will perish.**

The Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis.....  
The Readings ..... Back of bulletin  
The Sermon Hymn ..... #400  
“Take My Life and Let It Be” vv.1-2, 5-6  
Sermon .....  
“Love Is Hard Work” part one  
“Love Is Hard Work” part two  
The Offering.....(special music from the choir)  
Dedication of Building Addition.....  
Litany Prayers ..... (insert & #409)  
The Service of Communion .....p. 24-30  
The Distribution Hymns .....  
#313 “O Lord, We Praise Thee”  
#316 “O Living Bread from Heaven”  
The Collect, Benediction..... p. 31  
The Closing Hymn ..... #429  
“Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”

### **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? 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**

“People of all ages need to be touched, but sexual touching is reserved by God for the commitment of marriage. God helps men and women keep their desires under control by reminding them that their bodies are ‘temples of the Holy Spirit who lives within you’ (1 Corinthians 6:19). What we do with our bodies should bring glory, not to self, but to God!” *Real Love, Real Life brochure* [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org) / 888-364-LIFE

### **TODAY IN OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Today our younger Sunday school students learn how God provided food and housing for the prophet Elisha through the generosity of a kind believer (2 Kings 4:8–17). Older students learn about God’s call for Isaiah to speak the Word of God to people (Isaiah 6:1–8; 9:1–6). One conversation suggestion is for your family to discuss ways you could together reach out to help others. Some questions might include, Who really was taking care of Elisha? How can we tell others that God’s best care comes through 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.

### **THE BAPTISM OF JANIE HELEN SCHAUFF**

Being baptized and confirmed in our worship service today is Janie Helen Schauff. Please welcome Janie into our family here at Trinity Lutheran. We pray that her time as a member here will be a blessing to her and our congregation. Everyone is invited to stay for a new member reception following our worship service.

### **DEDICATION OF BUILDING ADDITION**

In today’s service we are dedicating the building addition to God’s glory and for the purposes of sharing His holy Word in our congregation and community. Thank you to everyone who has helped to make this possible.

### **MEN’S MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

The Men’s Monday Morning Bible study group has begun “Called to Remember,” a Bible study written with respect for the call of men. We meet each at Sunshine Foods in Hartford each Monday morning at 6:00 a.m. All men of the congregation are welcome to join our thought-provoking study and discussion.

### **COUPLES CLUB**

The Couples Club will be meeting in the fellowship hall on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. After a short discussion and study from “Men, Women, and Relationships” we will have a beanbag toss competition, dessert, and coffee. All couples are invited to attend.

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to Rod & Joy Hohn, and Aimee Moeller for installing the fabric and rock on the west side of the building addition.

Thank you to Dale and June Snyder for donating the use of their lawnmower and paying for the mowing this spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you to the members of the Future Facility Committee for their guidance during the planning and construction of the building addition. Special thanks to Don & Pat Reichert for all of the leadership, extra legwork, and follow-up they provided during this process.

### **MEN’S CLUB PIE SALES**

The Trinity Men’s Club is taking orders for pies now until November 6<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds will be used for various Men’s Club projects. To order, speak to one of the Men’s Club members.

### **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.