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26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 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 27th Sunday after Pentecost, November 16, 2008:

Old Testament Lesson: Zephaniah 1:7-16

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

SUNDAY ~	Worship service w/communion ~ 9:30 am Sunday School ~ 10:45 am Special Voters meeting ~ 10:45 am
MONDAY ~	Men's Bible Study ~ 6:00 am TLC Chapel ~ 9:30 am
TUESDAY ~	Lutheran Confessions Reading Group ~ 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY ~	Lifelight Bible study ~ 9:30 am LWML Meeting ~ 1:30 pm Catechism Class ~ 5:30 pm Choir ~ 6:00 pm Worship service w/communion ~ 7:30 pm
THURSDAY ~	Fit for Life ~ 12:30 pm TLC Bible study ~ 5:30 pm Elders meeting ~ 6:30 pm

COMING EVENTS

Sun., Nov. 16th ~ Worship service ~ 9:30 am
Sunday School & Adult Bible study ~ 10:45 am
Men's Club meeting ~ 7:00 pm
Sun. Nov. 23rd ~ Circuit K Forum at St. Paul, Scotland ~ 7:00 pm
June 1st through 4th ~ Vacation Bible School

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2008

Cleaners: Ken & Robin Kleba, Archie & Lisa Wolfe

Greeters: Ken & Robin Kleba

Head Usher: Colin Kelley

Head Elder:

Acolyte: Zach Wiseman

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2008

Cleaners: Denny & Walt Plagman, Chuck & Debbie Nelson

Greeters: Denny & Walt Plagman

Head Usher: Colin Kelley

Head Elder:

Acolyte: Travis Eggebraaten

WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2008

Worship Attendance:	78	Communion:	58
Sunday School:	16	Sunday School Offering:	\$ 7.60
Current offering:	\$1,850.00	Loose offering:	21.00
Building fund:	1,000.00	Mission Offering:	120.00

First Sunday Special Offerings go to Campus Ministry

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.

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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: The Movie "Religulous," The Family & Civil Society, Abraham, Christians & Voting, UFO's & Extraterrestrials, The Prosperity Gospel & the Subprime Mortgage Crisis 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 Ruth, a woman from Moab. Ruth was the daughter-in-law of Naomi. When their husbands had died, Naomi decided to go back to Israel. She urged Ruth and Orpah to stay in Moab, with their own families. But Ruth insisted that she would go along. "Your people will be my people, and your God my God," she said.

We heard how God used Ruth to accomplish His purposes for our salvation. Ruth found favor with Boaz. They got married, had a son, and through their family God brought forth His Son, the Savior of all people including Jews and Gentiles, men and women.

Chapel is at 9:30 a.m. each Monday. Everyone is invited to join us!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

26th Sunday after Pentecost ~ 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18: As Christians we live with the sure hope that the best is yet to come regardless of what challenges we face in life. Therefore we can use all of life and life's resources according to God's purposes not just our own. That truth makes our stewardship free and joyous in our living and our giving.

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, please speak to Jessi Moeller.

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.

November 16, 2008 - *Kid's Crossing* will look at what it means to be a servant, especially a servant of Jesus Christ.

The featured speaker is Rev. Duane Duley, Senior Pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Rapid City, SD. The sermon theme is "A Great Change is Coming."

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

26th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Matthew 25:1-13: As we near the end of the church year we are reminded to live each day as God's people, prepared at all times for our call to heaven. Therefore, we strive to live as God's children in Christ and look for every opportunity to share our living faith with others who are not yet prepared to meet their maker.

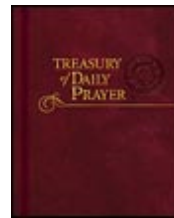
LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

"There will be nothing new under the sun until Christians realize that abortion is not just a political issue. There will be nothing new under the sun until Christians realize they can influence and transform society when it comes to honoring life because they have been transformed by the Word of Life who does not change." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life.* www.lutheransforlife.org / 888-364-LIFE

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.

TREASURY OF DAILY PRAYER



We are pleased to introduce *Treasury of Prayer*, the comprehensive Lutheran resource for daily devotions from Concordia Publishing House. Everything you need for a rich devotional time is included. Save 30% on this brand-new title when you order through your church.

We receive FREE shipping if members order 10 or more copies. For more information, look for the sign-up poster on the bulletin board in the fellowship hallway.

Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation.....#609
"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"
The Order of Holy Communion.....p. 15-16
The Introit.....

P: I am laid low in the dust;
C: renew my life according to your word.
P: Blessed are they whose ways are blameless,
C: who walk according to the law of the Lord.
P: Blessed are they who keep his statutes
C: and seek him with all their heart.
P: I seek you with all my heart;
C: do not let me stray from your commands.
P: I have hidden your word in my heart
C: that I might not sin against you.
P: Praise be to you, O Lord;
C: teach me your decrees.
P: I delight in your decrees;
C: I will not neglect your word.

Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis...p.16-19
The Readings Back of bulletin
The Nicene Creed p.22
The Sermon Hymn # 604
"Great God, What Do I See and Hear"
Sermon.....
The Offering.....
Prayers
The Service of Communionp. 24-30
Visitors: Please refer to the insert entitled
"The Confession Declared at Communion"
for our Communion attendance practices"
The Distribution Hymn #206
"Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense"
The Collect, Benediction..... p. 31
The Closing Hymn #72
"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

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

Sunday School students studied the life of Samuel today. They learned how God calls His people to repentance through preachers such as Samuel; that He might forgive us for the sake of Christ. *Parents might ask, “How did God use Samuel to speak to His people? How does God use our pastor to speak His Word today?”*

LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY OF ISAIAH



Justice and the sternness of God’s Law are important themes in Isaiah, but there is much more. Amid Isaiah’s many concerns, he focuses most intently on God’s promise about the coming Savior. Throughout his prophecies Isaiah paints a picture of God’s love for us in the

Messiah. The Savior would bring more than social justice—He would bring personal righteousness. The Savior would bring more than stern condemnation through the Law—He would bring forgiveness and new life through the Gospel.

All these promises find their fulfillment in Jesus of Nazareth, who is God Incarnate, Israel condensed to One, the Davidic Messiah. The book of Isaiah points to Christ, and foretells His birth, life, and death in very vivid terms, even though it was written about 700 years prior. For that reason, it has often been called “the fifth Gospel.”

Please join the Lifelight Bible study each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., as we study the Old Testament book Isaiah.

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.

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.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

The stewardship committee is sponsoring Financial Peace University, a life-changing 13-week program on personal finance. It is designed to empower people to manage their money better, eliminate debt and build wealth. All material is biblically based and taught via entertaining video by Dave Ramsey. Find out how to:

- Make a budget that you will understand and use.
- Get out of debt and stay that way.
- Gain control of your money.
- Communicate with your spouse about finances.
- Invest with confidence.
- Change your financial future.

New classes will begin in January. For more information speak to Adel Valdes (201-7733).

GROCERY CART

The LWML is collecting canned goods and non-perishable food items, and paper products, which will be donated to local families in need. These donations will be collected in the grocery cart in the fellowship hallway. Everyone is welcome to contribute.

SIGN UP FOR SUNDAY SNACK

Anyone who wishes to provide snacks for Sunday morning coffee and Bible study is invited sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway.