

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 5, 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 w/communion ~ 9:30 am**
 Summer Sunday School/Bible study ~ 10:30 am
 Men's Club meeting ~ 6:30 pm
 125th Anniversary Committee meeting
 Co-ed Softball game ~ 7:45 pm

MONDAY ~ **Men's Bible study ~ 6:00 am**
 VBS meeting ~ 7:00 pm

TUESDAY ~ **Chapel at Tieszen Home ~ 9:30 am**
 Choir practice ~ 6:30 pm
 Bible study ~ 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY ~ **LWML meeting ~ 1:30 pm**

COMING EVENTS

Sun., June 12th ~ Worship ~ 9:30 am
Sun., June 19th ~ Camp Minneboji begins
Sat., June 25th ~ Lutherans For Life Leadership/Speaker Training Seminar at
 Trinity ~ 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

Sun., July 10th ~ Church Council meeting ~ 8:00 pm
Sun., July 17th ~ Quarterly Voters meeting ~ 8:00 pm
July 18th – 22nd ~ Safari Adventure Vacation Bible School
July 25th - 27th ~ SD District Youth Gathering at Huron
Sept. 16-17th ~ SD Lutherans For Life State Conference at Zion, Sioux Falls

SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2005

Cleaners: Harvey & LaRaye Rehfeldt, Lynda Wollmann, Melvin Matthies
Greeters: Harvey & LaRaye Rehfeldt
Head Usher: Orrin Geide
Acolyte: Brady Eggebraaten

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2005

Cleaners: George & Donna Vogt, Lester & Jean Gregersen
Greeters: George & Donna Vogt
Head Usher: Orrin Geide
Acolyte: Jenny Eggebraaten

WORSHIP SERVICE, SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2005

Attendance: 44

Current offering	\$ 980.00	Loose Offering	31.00
Mission	70.00	Future Church Worker	10.00
Building Fund	210.00		

First Sunday Special Offerings go to Campus Ministry
Third Sunday Special Offerings go to Amy Kashenov

Centennial Hymn (Tune TLH 640)

Stanza 1

God the Father, Son, and Spirit, Ever blessed Trinity
Humbly now our thanks we offer, All unworthy tho' we be Freely
Thou hast showered blessings Countless as the ocean's sands,
Blessings rich and overflowing, On the labors of our hands.

Stanza 2

Our beloved South Dakota Is the home we hold so dear
As we view the many blessings Thou didst grant our fathers here.
May we ne'er forget Thy kindness, May we honor Thee always,
As we worship Thee in spirit, As we give Thee all our praise

Stanza 3

South Dakota plains to Black Hills, Settled with **Courageous Faith**,
Life was hard, but faith was stronger, In the Blessed Savior's name.
Who for us, and our salvation, Died and rose to live on high,
May we follow in their foot-steps, Give **Bold Witness** to the same.

Stanza 4

God of grace and love and blessing, Thine alone shall be the praise
Give us hearts to trust thee truly Hands to serve thee all our days
Lord, bestow thy future blessing till we join the heavenly host
There to praise and serve thee ever, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Our thanks to Mr. Howard Koosman who composed Stanza 2

Our thanks to Reverend Howard Shane who composed Stanza 3

Third Sunday After Pentecost – June 5, 2005 A.D.

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. Let us pray for the Church to be bold in its witness to Jesus Christ, that those who are helpless may find their hope in the Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: As you called Hosea, Abraham, Paul and Matthew, so call us each day to be bold in our witness. Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Let us pray for our country and its leaders that they may govern with compassion and justice. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Let us pray for those in need, that the hungry may be fed and the homeless may find shelter; and that God would move us to compassionate actions which share the blessings we have received from Him with those who are in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Let us pray for our congregation, that we may deal with one another in forgiveness and love, and that we may reach out in patience and with encouragement to those who have neglected the nurture of Word and Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for families, that we may give thanks for fathers and ask God's blessing on all parents that Christ may dwell in their homes. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray today for the congregations of St. John's Lutheran in Yankton, and First Evangelical Lutheran in Wall. Bless the ministry of their congregations and the ministry to their communities. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Let us pray for our church family and friends in the midst of joys and struggles Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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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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.

COED SOFTBALL

We are playing in the Hartford Area Church Coed Softball League again this year. Our first game is tonight at 7:45 p.m. If you are interested in playing, please speak to John Barber (528-7380). Everyone is welcome to play. Everyone is invited to help cheer on the team!

Children ages 3-13 are invited to our Vacation Bible School program



July 18-22, 2005

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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There will be Bible stories, fun learning activities, music, crafts, snacks, and much, much more!

We expect a great response, so enroll today!

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.

SD DISTRICT LCMS YOUTH GATHERING

The South Dakota LCMS Youth Gathering will be held Monday, July 25th to Wednesday, July 27th at the Crossroads Hotel & Convention Center in Huron, SD. It is open to all youth entering the 9th grade in the fall of 2005 to those who will have graduated from high school in the spring of 2005. The theme for this year’s gathering is “Courageous Faith/Bold Witness,” the theme for the upcoming 100th anniversary of the South Dakota District. “Against All Odds,” a professional band from Minneapolis, will lead the music throughout the gathering and put on a concert Tuesday evening. Other scheduled activities included servant events, worship, the “junk-food potluck,” and games.

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.

June 12, 2005 – “Independence and 76.” *This is the Life* drama tells of how a woman, who scavenges aluminum cans along the beach for a living teaches a wealthy old man about freedom. The featured speaker is Rev. Randall Pekari of Zion Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD. The sermon theme is “For the ungodly... and for us.”

Check the website at www.mainstreetliving.com for more information.

DIAPER DERBY

Our congregation is participating in the SESD Lutherans For Life Annual Diaper Derby. From now through Mother’s Day and until Father’s Day, we are collecting baby diapers that will be donated to the Alpha Center, or local crisis pregnancy center. Amy Valdes has set up a nice and collection box for your donations.

SERMON AUDIO TAPES

The Trinity Lutheran Church Evangelism Committee has audiotapes of each Sunday sermon available. These are great for use by the homebound, shut-in, nursing home residents, or to give to your unchurched neighbor or family member. If you or someone you know would like to receive these tapes on a weekly basis, please contact Brenda Erikson (363-3444) or Connie Geide (526-3840).

PREPARING FOR DEATH

Preparing people for death (their own or a loved one’s) is among the most important work a pastor does. It is at the time of death when we each try to ask those “why” questions that may not have a satisfying answer and our faith is tested most. But properly prepared, it can be the time in which our Christian witness is the most effective, where we may have unique opportunities to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, who has defeated death and transformed it into the gate to eternal life. We might say, that if we are better prepared for our death, we are better prepared for life.

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!

LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“The reality of problematic marriages, however, does not abdicate the essence of what marriage is. Jesus makes this clear. ‘But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’ For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one” (Mark 10:6-8). What God intended marriage to be in the beginning, He still intends marriage to be.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, Executive Director, Lutherans For Life* www.lutheransforlife.org / 888-364-LIFE

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.

Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation.....#334
“Let Me Be Thine Forever”
 The Order of Holy Communion.....p. 15-16
 The Introit.....

P: He who sacrifices thank offerings honors me,
C: and he prepares the way so that I may show him the salvation of God.
 P: The Mighty One, God, the Lord,
C: speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets.
 P: "Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, and I will testify against you:
C: I am God, your God.
 P: I do not rebuke you for your sacrifices or your burnt offerings,
C: which are ever before me.
 P: I have no need of a bull from your stall
C: or of goats from your pens,
 P: for every animal of the forest is mine,
C: and the cattle on a thousand hills.
 P: Sacrifice thank offerings to God,
C: fulfill your vows to the Most High,
 P: and call upon me in the day of trouble;
C: I will deliver you, and you will honor me."
 P: He who sacrifices thank offerings honors me,
C: and he prepares the way so that I may show him the salvation of God.

The Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis.....
 The Readings Back of bulletin
 The Nicene Creedinsert
 The Sermon Hymn#347
“Today Your Mercy Calls Us”
 The Sermon.....“Mercy Not Sacrifice”
 The Prayers (insert)
 The Offering.....
 The Service of Communionp. 24-30
 The Distribution Hymns.....
 #324 *“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”*
 #423 *“Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”*
 The Collect, Benediction..... p. 31
 The Closing Hymn (insert ~ tune #640)
“Centennial Hymn”

SIMPLY GIVING

The Trinity Stewardship Committee would like to introduce a new program that could help you in your giving of your tithes and offerings. Through *Simply Giving*, your tithes and offering are made through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account. You determine the frequency of your automatic gifts—weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly—the option is yours. Your gift is deposited into the church’s bank account on the same day it is withdrawn from your account. Because your gift is given consistently, you won’t need to play “catch-up” at year-end or worry about forgotten checkbooks or missed Sunday offerings. But you’re not the only one that benefits. Our congregation benefits from steady, more predictable revenues throughout the year, and more efficient bookkeeping.

To participate, all you need to do is fill out a simple form that is available from the members of the Trinity Stewardship Committee (John Barber, Tim Totton, Mary Krizan, Aimee Moeller, or Amy Valdes). If you have any other questions they are willing to help you.

MEN’S CLUB

The Men’s Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. this evening at the Hartford City Park. All the men of the congregation are invited to join us.

HISTORICAL FACTS OF SD DISTRICT

The first recorded English service held in the South Dakota District was at the church dedication in Howard, South Dakota in an evening service (year unknown).

LFL LEADERSHIP/SPEAKER TRAINING SEMINAR

Lutherans For Life Executive Director Rev. Dr. James Lamb and Ed Szeto, LFL director of outreach, will present a one-day seminar designed for those who want to learn how to speak on life issues in their congregations, communities, and schools. The event will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, June 25th, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hartford, SD.

The seminar cost is \$50 for a single registration (includes one manual/CD) or \$60 for husband/wife registration (includes one manual/CD). Scholarship money is available through LFL of SD. Class size is limited, so register early. To register, please speak to Pastor Moeller.

VBS PLANNING MEETING

It is time for planning this year’s VBS, which will be held July 18th through the 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Because we are expecting a large turnout again this year, we are going to need a bunch of help and support. If you are at all interested in contributing to this year’s *Safari Adventure*, whether it is by helping to make snacks, hanging posters, teaching, driving, or providing us with supplies, please attend our informational meeting at the church on Monday, June 6th at 7:00 p.m.

All of your ideas, opinions, and prayers are greatly appreciated. If you are interested in helping out or would like more information about his year’s program, please contact Jessi Moeller at 321-1642.

SAFARI ADVENTURE BIBLE STUDY

Beginning June 14th, we will be meeting each Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. to study the Bible stories that will be taught at this year’s Safari Adventure Vacation Bible School. All teachers and helpers will find this to be an excellent preparation for the lessons they will teach. Parents are also encouraged to attend so they will be able to review the stories and reinforce the lessons at home. **Everyone** is invited to take advantage of this opportunity to grow in their faith and knowledge of God’s Word.

NEEDS FOR VBS

- Sturdy cardboard paper tubes (posters, mailing)
- Empty thread spools
- Milk jug lids
- Large empty cereal boxes
- Clear fishing line
- Large brown paper grocery bags
- Black electrical tape
- Stuffed animals to be used for decorations (lions, elephants, rhinoceroses, giraffes, and zebras)
- Large coolers to use for holding lunches during the week of VBS (electric would be awesome)
- Volunteers (teachers, assistants, snacks, drivers)
- Prayers (that God would bring many eager students and provide skilled teachers)
- Students (register your children as soon as possible and invite your friends and neighbors)

PRAYER LINK

Do you have email? If you answered yes, we need you as part of Trinity’s *Prayer Link*. Members are linked in for prayer, but more links are needed. All you need to do is read the email sent to you regarding a need for our prayers and then PRAY. You do not need to forward email or contact anyone. Everyone receives the same information at the same time. If you think you can be part of this small service to your congregation, send your email address to Pat Reichert, mmreichert@msn.com and you will be included in the next Prayer Link.

God wants us to come to Him in prayer. He listens to our desires, our thanks and our praise. Please join the Prayer Link and add your prayers.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Romans 4:18-25: Christian stewards, like Abraham, believe that God has the power to do all that he has promised, and so they give their generous first fruits, confident that God will supply all their needs.

ROY & GERRY RUUD

We would like to thank the 125th Anniversary Committee for the good dinner they served for our farewell Sunday and all of those who helped. Thank you to all who came and for the nice cards and gifts we received. Thank you to the choir for all their nice songs. We had a good day.

Roy & Gerry Ruud
5803 SW Maple Ridge
Trimble, MO 64492

OUTREACH THEMES FROM OUR READINGS

Third Sunday after Pentecost ~ Romans 4:18-25: Our Epistle reading assures us that God has the power to do what he has promised. He has promised forgiveness of sins, life and salvation in Jesus. We rejoice in that sure hope and share it as we have opportunity.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who has helped sheet rock the upstairs room; Louis Thompson, John Barber, DeWane Carls, Leslie, William, Daniel, & Patrick Erikson. Thanks also to those who helped serve lunch: Bob & Ruth Moore, Joyce Carls.

WANTED: TEACHERS FOR SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are looking for a number of volunteers who would be willing to lead sessions of Summer Sunday School. Summer Sunday School is a more informal group approach children ages three through the 8th Grade. Students listen to Bible stories, do craft projects, and watch videos. If we have enough volunteers to take turns, we can arrange a schedule that allows for vacations and the opportunity to be able to participate in the Adult Bible study. If you are able to help, please speak to Pastor Moeller.