

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 3, 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 ~ 9:30 am
Adult Bible study & Summer Sunday School ~ 10:30 am

MONDAY ~ Men's Bible study ~ 6:00 am

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

THURSDAY ~ Chapel at Leisure Living ~ 2:00 pm
New member class ~ 7:00 pm

FRIDAY ~ SESD LFL at Parker ~ 7:00 pm

COMING EVENTS

Sun., July 10th ~ Worship w/communion ~ 9:30 am
Adult Bible study & Summer Sunday School ~ 10:30 am
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

Sun., Oct. 9th ~ Circuit Convocation at St. Paul, Freeman ~ 11:00 am

SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2005

Cleaners: DeWane & Joyce Carls, Ben & Michelle Matthies

Greeters: Ben & Michelle Matthies

Head Usher: John Barber

Acolyte: Megan Eggebraaten

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2005

Cleaners: Richard & Donna Bowden, Loren & Marsha Letsche

Greeters: Richard & Donna Bowden

Head Usher: John Barber

Acolyte: Ashley Matthies

WORSHIP SERVICE, SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2005

Attendance:	76	Communion:	61
Current offering	\$1,751.00	Loose Offering	2.00
Mission	141.00	Future Church Worker	10.00
Building Fund	1,020.00		

First Sunday Special Offerings go to Campus Ministry

Third Sunday Special Offerings go to Amy Kashenov

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost – July 3, 2005 A.D.

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- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: Enable us to boldly confess Jesus as our Savior and King. Ignite within us fervor to live righteous and holy lives that are equally marked by perseverance and gentleness of character. Lord, in Your mercy,
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- P: Comfort the lonely, the prisoner, and the enslaved. Bolster their spirits in a hope that is grounded in You as their refuge, fortress, and strong deliverer. Lord, in Your mercy,
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- P: Bless the preaching and use of Your Word in this congregation. Grant that we would treasure Your Word, taking great delight in its unending truth. Lord, in Your mercy,
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- P: By Your grace, grant us victory over our sinful natures. Where sin wages war against our faith, fortify us with Your armor and might. Lord, in Your mercy,
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- P: O Lord we pray for our church family and friends in the midst of joys and struggles . . . Lord in Your mercy,
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- P: We pray O Lord for the congregations of Bethlehem Lutheran, Milbank, First English Lutheran, Aurora and Holy Cross Lutheran, Dakota Dunes; Lord in Your mercy,
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- P: O Lord, Physician and Healer, many are burdened physically, mentally, and emotionally. Give rest to those we now name in our hearts. [Pause] We raise before You, these our brothers and sisters in the faith, especially . . . Lord, in Your mercy,
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- 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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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.

July 10, 2005. "Dreams Die" This week the "This is the Life" drama is a story of the strength of a Christian's faith. A woman's faith stops her, as she is about to enter an adulterous affair with a former boyfriend. The featured speaker is Rev. David Schwan of Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church in Black Hawk, SD. The sermon theme is "Focus on Christ."

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

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

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

"Legalizing abortion actually alters the form of government we have . . . It abolishes the notion of a government that secures rights that are beyond its reach (because they are given by the Creator), and establishes one in which those rights are given and taken by government decree. That affects everything." *Father Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life* www.lutheransforlife.org / 888-364-LIFE

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost ~ Romans 7:15-25: The turmoil St. Paul experienced in his spiritual life is similar to our attempts to be good stewards of all God's blessings. The good we want to do we often do not do, but the evil we do not want to do is what we catch ourselves doing. Thankfully we have a Savior who forgives the past and strengthens us for a preferred future.

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, an informal group approach for children ages three through the 8th Grade. Students will 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.

OUTREACH THEMES FROM OUR READINGS

7th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Matthew 11:25-30: "Rest for the weary" is a welcome thought for anyone who is harassed and worn out. Jesus promises to join up with us to face together all of life's cares, concerns and activities. The best "rest" is the assurance of eternal life, but "rest" also means relief and refreshment for our earthly lives. What good news to share!

Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation #536
"Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun"
The Order of Morning Service..... p. 5-6
The Introit.....

P: For your name's sake, O Lord,
preserve my life;
C: in your righteousness, bring me out of trouble.
P: O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;
C: in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.
P: Do not bring your servant into judgment,
C: for no one living is righteous before you.
P: Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,
C: for I have put my trust in you.
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Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis..... p. 6-9
The Salutation, Collectp. 9
The Readings Back of bulletin
The Apostles' Creed p. 12
The Sermon Hymn..... #277
"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"
The Sermon... "The War Being Waged Within"
The Offering.....
The Prayers
The Hymn #528
"If God Himself Be For Me" vv. 1-5
The Collect, Benediction p. 14
The Closing Hymn..... #276
"Come unto Me, Ye Weary"

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
- 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)

ARE YOU TRAINING?

Training? Training for what? The "Bike for Life" that's what! Join Pastor Nabil Nour and friends (including Pastor Moeller, Adel & Amy Valdes), who are thankful for the gift of life, as they bike from Armour, SD to the Alpha Center in Sioux Falls, SD on Saturday, September 24, 2005, to help raise funds for the ongoing ultrasound ministry at this crisis pregnancy center.

Participating in the ride is only one way you can help. You can pray for the project, help raise funds, donate funds, donate food for the riders, drive in the caravan, or be there to cheer the riders on. You can also ride in your own area. Just get involved somehow and see how God will bless you and your efforts to support God's precious gift of 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.

PICTURES

Howard Koosman is working on the SD District Centennial History book. He is looking for a picture or pictures that would represent our congregation to be included in the book. If you have one you would like to share, please contact Pastor Moeller.

THANK YOU

Thank you to DeWane & Joyce Carls, Earle & Connie Geide for hosting some of our guests who came for the LFL speaker's workshop.

Thank you to the Trinity LWML for serving lunch for the Lutherans For Life speaker's workshop.

Thank you to Don, Pat, and Marty Reichert for laying the sod and getting it growing in front of the addition.

Thank you to Adel & Amy Valdes for the use of their video camera for Ed Szeto's *Biotechnology 101* presentation.

HISTORICAL FACTS OF SD DISTRICT

Pastor F. W. Leyhe served St. John's, Wolsey for 53 years (1895-1948).

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.

LFL OF SD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

"Yet, O Lord, You are our Father. We are the clay, You are the potter; we are the work of Your hand (Isaiah 64:8). This is the verse that serves as the basis for the 2005 South Dakota Life Conference theme, "Work of His Hands."

Lutherans For Life of South Dakota invites everyone to attend this annual conference to be held September 16 and 17, 2005 at Zion Lutheran Church of Sioux Falls, SD. Dr. James Lamb, will be the main conference speaker. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Attendance awards for Trinity Lutheran Sunday School for the Spring 2004-2005 Session

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Heather Totton
Abby Totton
Colin Kelley
Brady Eggebraaten

FAITHFUL ATTENDANCE

Kaitlyn Valdes
Stephanie Rueter
Marcos Valdes
Tyler Rueter
Eric Wolfe
Megan Eggebraaten
Austin Wolfe
Holly Kelley

Attendance Awards for Trinity Lutheran Sunday School for the Entire Year 2004-2005

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Heather Totton
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SIMPLY GIVING

The Trinity Stewardship Committee would like to introduce *Simply Giving*, a program in which 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. To participate, all you need to do is fill out a simple form that is available at the greeter stand or 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.

Ladies of Trinity...

You are invited to

An LWML Tea

Saturday, July 30, 2:30 p.m.

Trinity Fellowship Hall

Refreshments, Friendship, Fun with Lutheran Women
in Mission, your sisters in Christ at Trinity.