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8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, JULY 6, 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.

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.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

In order to prepare for next week's worship service you may study the assigned readings for 9th Sunday after Pentecost, July 13, 2008:

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 55:10-13

Second Lesson: Romans 8:12-17

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

SUNDAY ~ Worship service ~ 9:30 am

Sunday School & Adult Bible study ~ 10:45 am

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

TLC Chapel ~ 9:30 am

WEDNESDAY ~ Lifelight Bible study ~ 9:30 am

The Fire and The Staff (w/supper) ~ 6:00 pm

Worship ~ 7:30 pm

THURSDAY ~ "Fit for Life" ~ 7:00 pm

COMING EVENTS

Sun., July 13th ~ Worship service w/communion ~ 9:30 am

High School & Adult Bible study ~ 10:45 am

Church Council meeting ~ 8:00 pm

Farewell for Jeff Kalb & family

Quarterly Voters meeting ~ 7:00 pm

Sat., Aug. 16th ~ TLC Silent Auction & Prime Rib Dinner ~ 6:00 pm

Sun., Oct. 19th ~ Circuit K Convocation at Trinity

SUNDAY, JULY 6, 2008

Cleaners: Helen Wenzlaff, Pat Wenzlaff, Pastor & Aimee Moeller

Greeters: Helen Wenzlaff, Pat Wenzlaff

Head Usher: James Muchow

Head Elder: Joe Krizan Acolyte: Kylee Thompson

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2008

Cleaners: Orrin Geide, Earle & Connie Geide, Matthew Anderson

Greeters: Earle & Connie Geide

Head Usher: James Muchow

Head Elder: Joe Krizan Acolyte: Eric Wolfe

WORSHIP SERVICE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2008

Worship Attendance: 3 Communion: 2

WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2008

Worship Attendance: Adult Bible study: 11

Current offering: \$ Loose offering: \$

Building fund: Mission offering:

First Sunday Special Offerings go to Campus Ministry

PRIESTHOOD AND MINISTRY



“So, what’s the deal? You Lutherans say that every Christian is a priest to God, but you have ministers dressed up in fancy robes who speak on behalf of God.”

“That’s true. Our pastors speak in the stead and by the command of Jesus Christ.”

“But doesn’t every Christian do that? I just don’t get it.”

As Lutherans interact with other Christians, they often find themselves struggling to explain their beliefs and practices. The Lutheran Difference Bible study series helps identify how Lutherans differ from other Christians and show from the Bible why Lutherans differ.

Our Sunday morning Bible study is exploring the biblical teaching of the priesthood of all believers and the office of the Holy Ministry. We will look at the distinction between these two wonderful gifts that God has given to the church the unique, but corresponding roles that He gives to both pastor and people in His plan to bring salvation to the world through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

All adults and high school students are invited to join us each Sunday at 10:45 a.m. as we explore this important issue.

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.

July 13, 2008- *Kid’s Crossing* will discuss a problem with most of us, listening. Memory verse is Matthew 13:9.

The featured speaker is Rev. Gary Klatt from St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne, MN. The sermon theme is “And the Word Grows.”

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

8th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Matthew 11:25-30: In our Gospel reading for today Jesus invites all who are weary and burdened to come to Him for rest. What good news to know that even in the midst of the turbulence of this life we can find our rest and peace in Jesus. This is truly a peace that passes all human understanding. May we be willing at all times to share this good word of rest and peace.

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“The world sees those not yet born as ‘products of conception’ or a source of stem cells. We see children who need to be cherished, defended, and protected.” www.lutheransforlife.org / 888-364-LIFE

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

8th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Romans 7:14-25: St. Paul describes the conflict we Christians face each day of our lives. What we want to do we do not do, and what we hate we do. This sinful reality makes our lives as stewards more challenging but, thanks to Jesus, we have the victory over sin and the power of the Holy Spirit to help us do that which is pleasing to God and good for others as well as ourselves.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY LEARNING CENTER

This week we learned how even when God’s people stray from Him, He brings them back. The nation of Israel had abandoned God to chase after idols. After many years of exile, God brought them back to Jerusalem and they began rebuilding. After building the wall around the city, the people took time to praise God with a special service.

We heard how God has rescued us by sending His Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. By the work of His Holy Spirit in Word and Sacraments, God continues to protect us and care for us. For this it is our duty and privilege to thank and praise Him with our worship in the singing of hymns, prayers, and our offerings.

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

LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY OF 1 & 2 THESSALONIANS

God gave Paul a vision. In it, a man from Macedonia pleaded with Paul saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us” (Acts 16:9). Following the Lord’s call, Paul and his entourage eventually reached Thessalonica. In his two letters addressed to the Thessalonian Christians, Paul expresses his deep care as a founding pastor concerned about his fledgling congregation. In addition to Christian persecution, the Lord’s second coming, the Antichrist, and Christian discipline, in this Bible study you will learn

about

- the power of the Word of God;
- the importance of living a God-pleasing life;
- the reason why we are faithful to the Bible’s teachings.

Please join the Lifelight Bible study each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., as we study 1 & 2 Thessalonians.

DIVINE SERVICE

Hymn of Invocation #14
“All People that on Earth Do Dwell”
The Order of Morning Service..... p. 5-6
The Introit

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good;
C: **blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him.**

P: The Lord has chosen Zion,

C: **He has desired it for His dwelling:**

P: “This is My resting place for ever and ever”;

C: **here I will sit enthroned, for I have desired it—**

P: I will bless her with abundant provisions;

C: **her poor I will satisfy with food.**

P: I will clothe her priests with salvation.

C: **and her saints will ever sing for joy.”**

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good;

C: **blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him.**

Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis p. 6-9

The Salutation, Collect p. 9

The Readings..... Back page

The Apostles’ Creed p. 12

The Sermon Hymn.....#116

“To the Name of Our Salvation”

The Sermon “Hold High God’s Name”

The Offering.....

The Prayers.....

Hymn.....#118

“Father, Let Me Dedicate”

The Collect, Benediction p. 14

The Closing Hymn.....#334

“Let Me Be Thine Forever”

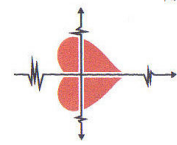
HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF TRINITY LUTHERAN

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?

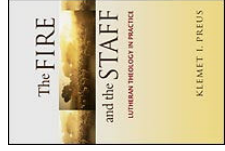
If these are questions that you have asked, please plan to attend “Fit For Life in Christ,” an exciting course in Christian growth that presents the Word of God in new and meaningful ways. It is a course for those who are interested in membership in our church, or for anyone who wants to know more about our Savior Jesus Christ.

We are beginning a new class, Thursday, July 3rd at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in participating, please speak with Pastor Moeller.

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED TO JEFF KALB & FAMILY

We will be having a farewell for the Kalb's on July 20th. In addition to a formal farewell rite in the worship service, we will also have a potluck dinner at 12:00 noon. We are taking a collection for a gift certificate for Jeff to from Concordia Publishing House and a special gift for his family. If you would like to donate, please indicate the amount and add it to your weekly offering envelope.

THE FIRE AND THE STAFF



“Why do we sing all those same old hymns from the hymnal instead of the new songs they’re singing in many other churches?”
“Why does our church still insist on the practice of ‘closed communion’?”
“Why shouldn’t we make a few changes so our worship service would be more “dynamic” and “exciting.”

These are common questions that are asked today all across the country and even in our congregation. At its core, each one of these questions touches upon the relationship between doctrine and practice, between teaching and customs and tradition.

In his book, *The Fire and the Staff: Lutheran Theology in Practice*, Klemet I. Preus explores the impact of the American Evangelical and Church Growth Movements on the modern Lutheran Church. We invite everyone to join us in reading, studying, and discussing this important book. It deals with many challenges and controversies facing our synod and congregation today and to discover from Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions how we can best walk together as God’s people gathered around His Word and Sacraments, sharing the Good News of

salvation in Jesus Christ with our neighbors and the world. Each Wednesday night, we will meet at the church from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. to discussion a chapter of this book. A light supper will be provided. Our regular Wednesday worship service will follow at 7:30 p.m.

WANTED

Trinity Learning Center is looking for the following items for our summer art program. Before throwing your garbage out, please check this list to see if your trash may be our treasure,

- Styrofoam meat trays
- Paper towel tubes
- Toilet paper tubes
- Wrapping paper tubes
- Egg cartons
- Brown paper grocery bags
- Milk cartons (cardboard and plastic)

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY ON JUDGES



As “salvation history,” the book of Judges is summed up in the book’s last verse: “In those days Israel had no kings; everyone did as he saw fit” (21:25). Despite Israel’s disobedience and apostasy, God was faithful to Israel. God preserved His people from being absorbed by pagan cultures through the ministry of savior-judges. God’s gracious work through these men and women foreshadows His greater work of deliverance through the true and perfect Savior-Judge, Jesus Christ.

All men of the congregation are invited to join us in the fellowship hall each Monday at 6:00 a.m. for breakfast and Bible study.

SUMMER SERMON SERIES ON THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

We are currently having a sermon series on The Ten Commandments, “Accent the Positive.” Each week this summer, we will examine one of the Ten Commandments from a Law/Gospel point of view.

A quick examination of our own lives in the mirror of the Ten Commandments shows us how we have all sinned and fall short of the glory of God. The Law shows us our sin and our need for a Savior. In Jesus Christ, our heavenly Father has given us the Savior. Christ kept the Ten Commandments perfectly in our place. He died on the cross, suffering God’s righteous wrath as the penalty for our sin. Through His Word and Sacraments, Christ brings forgiveness, life, and salvation. In these means of grace, He also equips us for godly living.

Join us each week (Sundays at 9:30 a.m. or Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.) as we study the Ten Commandments and “Accent the Positive.”

THANK YOU FROM TOUR DE KOTA

Jessi and all those involved from Trinity...

I hope I said enough times Sunday morning, June 8th but I just needed to say again... THANK YOU ever, ever so much for making the sandwiches, being out there, so early, helping me with the outlets and keeping the coffee going. Throughout the week I received so much positive feedback on what a great stop Hartford was this year!!! You were all awesome! God bless! Pam Swier

REMEMBER TO CALL

Remember to give your church & pastor a call if you are:

- going to the hospital
- facing challenges
- in need of prayer
- having a baby