

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## PALM SUNDAY/THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2007

### WELCOME

A special welcome to our guests worshiping 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.

### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

**SUNDAY ~** Worship ~ 9:30 am  
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study ~ 10:30 am  
Men's Club meeting ~ 7:30 pm

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

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

**WEDNESDAY ~** Lifelight Bible study ~ 9:30 am  
Confirmation classes ~ 5:30 pm

**THURSDAY ~** Lenten Supper ~ 6:00 pm  
Maundy Thursday worship ~ 7:30 pm

**FRIDAY ~** Good Friday worship ~ 7:30 pm

**SATURDAY ~** TLC Bible study ~ 8:30 am  
Stewardship Committee meeting ~ 10:00 am  
World's Largest Easter Egg Hunt ~ 1:00 pm

### COMING EVENTS

Sun., Apr. 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Sunrise Service w/communion ~ 6:30 am  
Easter Breakfast ~ 7:30-8:30 am  
Worship w/communion ~ 9:30 am  
Sunday School & Adult Bible study ~ 10:30 am

Sat., Apr. 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Clean-up Day

Sun., Apr. 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Church Council meeting ~ 7:00 pm

Sun., Apr. 29<sup>th</sup> ~ Voters meeting ~ 7:00 pm

June 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Vacation Bible School ~ 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

### SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2007

**Cleaners:** Talis & Laura Johnson, Tim & Kathy Totton  
**Greeters:** Tim & Kathy Totton  
**Head Usher:** Derek Johnson **Acolyte:** Jenny Eggebraaten

### MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE: APRIL 5, 2007

**Greeters:** Talis & Laura Johnson  
**Head Usher:** Jessi Moeller **Acolyte:** Emily Krizan

### GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: APRIL 6, 2007

**Greeters:** George & Donna Vogt  
**Head Usher:** Dale Snyder **Acolyte:** Eric Wolfe

### NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2007

**Cleaners:** Ken & Robin Kleba, Archie & Lisa Wolfe  
**6:30 am Greeters:** Archie & Lisa Wolfe **Head Usher:** Derek Johnson  
**Acolyte:** Eric Krizan  
**9:30 am Greeters:** Ken & Robin Kleba **Head Usher:** Dale Snyder  
**Acolyte:** Dustin Kleba

### WORSHIP SERVICE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2007

**Worship Attendance:** 55 **Mission Offering:** \$ 201.30

### WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2007

**Worship Attendance:** 87 **Communion:** 62  
**Adult Bible study:** 15 **Current offering:** \$ 2,302.00  
**Loose offering:** \$ 22.30 **Building fund:** 315.00  
**Mission Offering:** 190.00 **Future Church Worker:** 10.00

First Sunday Special Offerings go to Campus Ministry

Third Sunday Special Offerings go to Amy Kashenov

### LET THE CHILDREN COME . . .

Trinity Learning Center Daycare is proud to announce the opening of their doors on Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The purpose of Trinity Learning Center is to provide a caring atmosphere for young children in which they can experience the love of God and His people. Our primary mission is to extend the Gospel to young children through a quality, Christ-centered learning environment. The Center is committed to excellence in its programs, offering children a healthy, loving, Christian environment in which to learn and develop creatively and mature emotionally, physically, socially, and spiritually. Applications for registration can be picked up at Trinity Lutheran Church (46448 263<sup>rd</sup> St.), beginning March 19<sup>th</sup>.

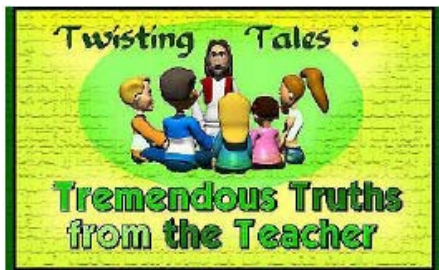
Beginning April 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will also start to take registration forms for Trinity Learning Center Preschool for the 2007-2008 school year.

Please contact Trinity Learning Center Director/Teacher, Jessi Moeller, via e-mail at [tlc@trinitylutheran-hartfordsd.org](mailto:tlc@trinitylutheran-hartfordsd.org) or call Trinity Lutheran Church at (605) 526-3571 with any questions.

### WANTED

We need volunteers to clean the fellowship hall for each month of 2007. If you are able to help with one or more months, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

### CAMP MINNEBOJI 2007 IS COMING!



Camp week is June 24-30 at Camp Okoboji in northwest Iowa. The camp, for kids in grades 4-9, features Bible study, mission presentations, music, crafts, sports, recreation, and the chance to meet new Christian friends. This year's camp theme is "Twisting Tales: Tremendous Tales from the

Teacher," dealing with Jesus' parables. The camp registration fee is \$215. (\$245 for 9th grade "Honors" Campers). Registration booklets will be mailed in late March. Contact the camp Dean, Rev. Scott Sailer, [scottsailer@aol.com](mailto:scottsailer@aol.com), for more information, or check out the camp web site: [www.minneboji.com](http://www.minneboji.com).

### EASTER LILIES

The High School youth group will be selling Easter lilies again this year. There is an order form on the counter in the fellowship hall. The last date to order will be Wednesday April 4, 2007. The cost for the lilies is \$10.00 and they will be available for pickup on Good Friday, April 6th. Contact Lisa Wolfe at 351-6179 with questions.

### A LEGENDARY JOURNEY...



At *Quest for Truth* VBS, kids join Dakota Joe and his faithful dog, Digger, as they tackle daily challenges to unearth the Keeper of the Truth Artifact. Kids will love their journey through the Holy Land as they collect Gospel Glyphs and discover important truths about Jesus!

*Quest for Truth* Vacation Bible School will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup> through June 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please keep this date in mind as you schedule your summer activities.

Look for information on a special planning meeting. If you are interested in teaching or helping in any other way, please contact Jessi Moeller (321-1642).

### CLEAN UP DAY

The trustees are sponsoring a clean-up day on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your own rakes, shovels, and other tools. We will be having a potluck meal at noon. Everyone should bring a dish to share.

### ASLAN'S WORLD

Since its first publication in 1950, C.S. Lewis' *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* has delighted both children and adults with its magical world of talking beasts, mythical creatures, high adventure, and a clear demarcation between Good and Evil. Together with memories from his own childhood, classical mythology, fairy tales from his native British Isles, and clear Christian concepts, Lewis weaves into a beautiful tapestry the colorful and lively world of Narnia—and worlds beyond.

In his Bible study, *Aslan's World*, respected author and professor Angus Menuge draws out and highlights the biblical allusions found in this classic book and recent motion picture. He does so in such a way that it not only engages Bible study participants, but also leads us deeper into the Scriptures. There we hear not the voice of the great lion, Aslan, in the world of Narnia, but rather his counterpart in our own. It was He who said, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem" (Luke 24:46-47).

All High School students are invited to join in this study each Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

## 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'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 outreach in your daily prayers.

Main Street Living may be seen on KDLT-NBC at 10:00 a.m.

**April 8, 2007. "Three Days."** More than just another reenactment of the Resurrection, "Three Days" portrays the often told Easter story with a "you are there" feel. The clever script and skillful acting bring true human dimensions to the events from Good Friday to Easter morning.

The featured speaker is Rev. Tim Rynearson of Peace Lutheran Church in Brookings, SD. The sermon theme is "Remember?"

## LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

"It is more significant that God walked on earth than that man walked on the moon . . . my own life is given purpose and perspective through God who walks on this earth in Jesus. In that sense we are a visited planet!"  
*Astronaut James Irwin, lunar module pilot for Apollo 15, and one of the astronauts who walked on the moon.* **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life / [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org) / 888-364-LIFE**

## OUTREACH THOUGHTS

Palm Sunday ~ Luke 22-23: On that first Palm Sunday Jesus rode humbly into Jerusalem, not coming to overthrow the world by power and might, but rather to love sinners like us into God's family. We who have been redeemed by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus welcome opportunities to share this amazing love story with others.

## TLC BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Moeller is leading a Bible study, which explores the weekly Bible stories the children will hear at Trinity Learning Center. Everyone is invited to attend. Please join us each Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

## TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

The key point of Sunday School today was that Jesus is our Passover Lamb, who with His very body and blood grants us forgiveness, life, and salvation. The children learned about the Last Supper, the Lord's Supper (Luke 22:1-23). In your family discussions, talk about the benefits and blessings that we receive in the Lord's Supper. Talk about and remind the children that such benefits are theirs through their Baptism, in Holy Absolution (the forgiveness of God spoken by the Pastor), and through God's Word, which is preached and taught to them. In the catechism, review the Lord's Supper.

## 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 several classes. If you are interested in participating, please speak with Pastor Moeller.

## THE LUTHERAN DIFFERENCE: ANGELS AND DEMONS

Cherubim. Angel of the Lord. Satan. Demons. Seraphim. So many opinions. What do you believe? As Lutherans interact with other Christians, they often struggle to explain their beliefs and practices. Based on God's Word as faithfully reflected in the Lutheran Confessions, this study will help you state clearly what you believe.

Among the topics discussed will be:

- Angels and their beginning
- Ranks and numbers of angels (demons)
- What do evil angels do?
- What do good angels do?

Please join the Lifelight Bible study each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., as we study this interesting and important topic.

## Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation ..... #160  
*"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*  
Special music from the Sunday School.....  
The Order of Morning Service ..... p. 5-6  
The Introit.....

P: Into your hands I commit my spirit;  
**C: redeem me, O Lord, the God of truth.**  
P: In you, O Lord, I have taken refuge;  
**C: let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.**  
P: Since you are my rock and my fortress,  
**C: for the sake of your name lead and guide me.**  
P: Into your hands I commit my spirit;  
**C: redeem me, O Lord, the God of truth.**  
P: I hate those who cling to worthless idols;  
**C: I trust in the Lord.**  
P: My times are in your hands;  
**C: deliver me from my enemies and from those who pursue me.**  
P: Let your face shine on our servant;  
**C: save me in your unending love.**

Gloria Patri, Kyrie ..... p. 6-7  
The Salutation, Collect ..... p. 9  
The Readings ..... Back page  
Hymn ..... #162  
*"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"*  
The Apostles' Creed..... p. 12  
The Sermon Hymn ..... #151  
*"Christ, the Life of All the Living"*  
The Sermon..... "The Mind of Christ"  
The Offering.....  
Special music from the choir .....  
The Prayers .....  
The Collect, Benediction..... p. 14  
The Closing Hymn ..... #158  
*"Glory Be to Jesus"*

### STUDY OF THE FORMULA OF CONCORD

Martin Luther died on February 18, 1546. A year later, in the Smalcald War, Lutheran princes were defeated by Catholic forces. The Lutherans all too quickly fell to squabbling about doctrine. How such contentiousness and which doctrinal viewpoints would be affirmed would mark the future of the Church for centuries to come.

The Formula of Concord, published in 1577, helped the Lutheran Church deal with the previous three decades of internal conflicts. Perhaps the Lutheran Church would not have survived the sixteenth-century doctrinal wars without the Formula of Concord. This study will help us to discover anew how the Formula of Concord helps the Church today with theological, doctrinal, and daily life issues. All adults of the congregation are invited to join us each Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

### WANTED: DATA ENTRY

We are looking for a volunteer or volunteers, who would be willing to help update our membership records on a computer database. Please speak to Pastor Moeller.

### DID MY BAPTISM COUNT?

“Why should I baptize my baby?” “Should I wait until my child knows what is going on before I have him baptized?” “Should my relative, who is joining a new church, allow herself to be baptized—even though she was baptized as an infant?” These three questions have, somewhat unfortunately, become common nowadays within Lutheran congregations. Cultural changes and the rise of Evangelicalism have influenced our understanding of the blessed sacrament. Sadly, it seems, we Lutherans have failed to teach the value of baptism and its blessings. Fortunately, Martin Luther addressed this issue almost 500 years ago when two pastors sent him a letter asking him about the practice of baptizing a Christian a second time. Luther’s response provides a nice summary of the theology of baptism in general, and infant baptism in particular. Recently, Luther’s letter has been translated and published in a useful booklet entitled, “*Did My Baptism Count?*”

All members of the congregation are invited to join us each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. as we review the blessings of baptism in our daily life.

### MEN’S BIBLE STUDY

1 & 2 Timothy and Titus—are often called the Pastoral Epistles because they address issues concerning the pastoral office (or ministry). Paul is aware that his ministry is coming to a close and is concerned about the future of the Church. He is led by the Holy Spirit to give divine counsel to those who will succeed him in order that the Gospel and its ministry will continue just as he received them from the Lord. And through these divinely inspired words, he prepares every generation that follows to maintain faithfulness to the Lord and keep the faith.

The Men’s Bible study is meeting each Monday at 6:00 a.m. to study *1 & 2 Timothy, Titus: Keeping the Faith*. All men of the congregation are invited to attend. If you are interested in attending, please speak to Pastor Moeller so he can get the appropriate materials for you.

### LWML CONVENTION

Only three months until we hear the majestic music of the opening service of the 2007 LWML convention, until the beautiful district banners triumphantly enter the arena and until we join with thousands of our LWML sisters in prayer and praise to “**ROCK! Rest On Christ the King.**” Will you be there? Are your plans made? It’s time to finalize your travel, registration and accommodations. Registration for convention and hotels must be postmarked by May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007 to avoid late fees.

Start getting those pledges now for the *Rockin’ Trail Mission Pledge Walk* or sign someone’s form if you don’t plan to be a walker!! There are two different times you can walk so you get to choose! All contributions go toward the LWML Mite goal. When LWML members from all over the United States gather in convention, God always makes great things happen !! BE a part of it. Come to Sioux Falls, South Dakota on June 21-24 for the 32nd Biennial 2007 Convention of the LWML. For more details, visit [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org)

### STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Stewardship Committee will be meeting on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Anyone who is interested in learning to grow in Christian stewardship is invited.

### SHUT-INS

Please remember Martha Westphal in your prayers.

### NUTRITION MEALS

Trinity Lutheran is scheduled to serve Hartford Nutrition Meals on April 18, 26, and 27, at the Senior Center. If you are able to help, please contact June Snyder (526-6681).

### WORLD’S LARGEST NEIGHBORHOOD EASTER EGG HUNT

Trinity Lutheran Sunday School is hosting the World’s Largest Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt.

When: Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church

Why: To learn of your hope for eternal life in Christ, hunt for Easter eggs, win various prizes, play games, and have good things to eat.

It’s free for all ages!!

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

In order to prepare for next week’s worship service you may study the assigned readings for The Resurrection of Our Lord, April 8, 2007:

Old Testament: Isaiah 65:17-25

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Philippians 2:5-11: The “riches” of this world can attract our attention away from true “riches in Christ.” Just as Jesus “emptied” Himself to become a Servant for the good of others, so we also strive to empty ourselves of that which hinders our spiritual lives and, instead, to manage our lives and resources to bring glory to God and blessings to others.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to Roger & Bert Carls, DeWane & Joyce Carls, and Ray Matthies for cleaning the fellowship hall during March.

Thank you to Penny Eggebraaten for volunteering to help with the data entry.

Thank you to Ben Matthies for setting up a new website for Trinity Learning Center. Look for more information about this site.

Thank you to everyone JoAnn Matthies for painting the Trinity Learning Center sign in front of the church.

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