

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2006

### 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 service** ~ 9:30 am  
                         **Adult Bible study** ~ 10:30 am  
**MONDAY ~**      **Men's Bible Study** ~ 6:00 am  
**TUESDAY ~**      **Chapel at Tieszen Home** ~ 9:00 am  
                         **Bible study** ~ 7:00 pm  
**WEDNESDAY ~** **Lifelight Bible study at church** ~ 9:30 am  
                         **Confirmation** ~ 5:30 pm  
**THURSDAY**      **Chapel at Leisure Living** ~ 2:00 pm  
**SATURDAY ~**      **Stewardship Committee meeting** ~ 9:00 am

### COMING EVENTS

Sun., Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> ~      Worship service w/communion ~ 9:30 am  
                         Sunday School and Adult Bible study ~ 10:30 am  
Fri., Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> ~      Church Council meeting ~ 7:30 pm  
Sun., Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> ~      SD District Theological Conference at Sioux Falls Lutheran  
                         School ~ 3:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
Sun., Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> ~      Shared meal ~ 12:00 noon  
                         Annual Voters meeting ~ 1:00 pm  
                         Lutherans For Life Soup Supper - Trinity-Hartford ~ 6:00 pm

### SERVING THIS WEEK: NEW YEAR'S DAY: SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2006

**Cleaners:** John & Carlene Barber, Carmen Barber, Casey Barber  
**Greeters:** Clarice Wixon, Stacy VanWesten  
**Head Usher:** Harvey Rehfeldt      **Acolyte:** Thad Johnson

### NEXT WEEK: NEW YEAR'S DAY: SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2006

**Cleaners:** Leslie & Brenda Erikson, Keith & Sherry Rueter  
**Greeters:** Keith & Sherry Rueter  
**Head Usher:** Harvey Rehfeldt      **Acolyte:** Megan Eggebraaten

### MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2005

**Worship Attendance:** 55      **Current offering:** \$ 194.00  
**Building fund:**      **Building fund:** \$ 350.00

### CHRISTMAS EVE: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2005

**Worship Attendance:** 110      **Current offering:** \$ 350.00  
**Building fund:** \$ 25.00      **Loose offering:** \$ 56.24

### WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2005

**Worship Attendance:** 37      **Communion:** 29  
**Current offering:** \$ 590.00      **Loose offering:** \$ 146.00  
**Mission offering:** 40.00      **Building fund:** 100.00  
**Future Church Worker:** 10.00      **Tuckpointing:** 80.00

First Sunday Special Offerings go to Campus Ministry

Third Sunday Special Offerings go to Amy Kashenov

## 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 is facing a major barrier. Thrivent has granted Main Street a Giving Plus account. This means that when a Thrivent member contributes money to Main Street Living, Thrivent will match \$1 for every \$2 donation. Main Street's ID number is 514006670. The program continues to be available on KDLT-NBC at 10:00 a.m. and on PAX at 11:00 a.m.

January 8, 2006. "The Visitation." A story of the downward slide because of gambling. A stern minister in Las Vegas gives in to the temptation to gamble. The featured speaker is Rev. Scott Sailer of Faith Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD. The sermon theme is "Sharing God's Love."

## OUTREACH THEMES FROM OUR READINGS

January 1 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas ~ Luke 2:25-40: Simeon and Anna gave thanks when they saw God's gift of a Savior as a tiny baby and joyfully told all who would listen about this great thing that had happened. May God help us to be as joyful and excited about sharing the good news of what Jesus means to us!

## HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY – EVOLUTION

The High School Bible study class is examining "Evolution: God's Amazing Creation" and video series "Journeys to the Edge of Creation" to better understand how the remarkable universe and the creatures all around us are proof of intelligent, divine design. All High School aged students are invited to join teachers Joe Krizan and Archie Wolfe in exploring this fascinating topic each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Invite your friends!

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas ~ Colossians 3:12-17: In our Epistle reading we as God's stewards are reminded to do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Maturing stewards know how to receive gifts with thanksgiving and share joyfully and generously.

## TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

On Tuesday evenings, from 7:00-8:00 p.m., we will meet to study various Bible lessons based upon the "Our Life in Christ" series. Those teaching Sunday School will find this study helpful in their preparation for teaching, as we carefully examine the coming week's lesson. But everyone else is invited to attend as well. Please consider joining this opportunity to grow in your Christian faith.

## BIBLE STUDY OF THE PSALMS

From the worship of the ancient children of Israel to the house gatherings of the early church, from the writings of Martin Lutheran to the newly published hymns and praise songs of today, the psalms have played a central role in the worship life of God's people. Yet to many people, the psalms seem inaccessible and foreign. The language is at times so far removed from our everyday speech that we are left wondering exactly what the writer is trying to say. Many passages inspire comfort, but others seem so harsh that one wonders why they are in the Bible at all.

Over the next couple of months we will study a sample of the Psalms in our Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.) adult Bible study. This Bible study will introduce you to the language, teachings, and history of the psalms so that this treasure chest of God's riches will not remain inaccessible, but will be opened to you and enrich your worship, personal devotions, and life. All adults are invited to join us each week!

## HEAVEN AND HELL

Some people ask quite glibly, "How can a loving God send good people to hell?" as if the reality of evil logically justified the denial of God's existence. Perhaps those asking such questions err not by going too far, but by not going far enough. We must also ponder: "How can a just God allow sinners into heaven?"

Beginning January 4<sup>th</sup>, our Lifelight Bible study will meet at 9:30 a.m. each Wednesday to study these questions. *Heaven and Hell* uncovers common misunderstandings people have about biblical teaching on life after death. It tells the awful truth about hell and describes the everlasting joy that awaits all who trust in Jesus Christ as their Savior. We invite everyone to join us. If you have any questions or to make sure we have materials for you, please speak to Pastor Moeller as soon as possible.

## Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation ..... #114  
"Jesus, Name of Wondrous Love"  
The Order of Morning Service ..... p. 5-6  
The Introit.....

P: For to us a child is born,  
**C: to us a son is given.**  
P: And he will be called  
**C: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God.**  
P: Sing to the Lord a new song,  
**C: for he has done marvelous things;**  
P: his right hand and his holy arm  
**C: have worked salvation for him.**  
P: He has remembered his love  
**C: and his faithfulness to the house of Israel;**  
P: all the ends of the earth have seen  
**C: the salvation of our God.**  
P: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,  
**C: shout for joy before the Lord, the King.**  
P: For to us a child is born,  
**C: to us a son is given.**

Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis..... p. 6-9  
The Salutation, Collect .....p. 9  
The Readings ..... Back of bulletin  
The Apostles' Creed..... p. 12  
The Sermon Hymn .....#156  
"Not All the Blood of Beasts"  
The Sermon..... "The High Priest Prepares"  
The Offering.....  
The Prayers ..... (insert)  
The Hymn ..... #115  
"O Blessed Day When First Was Poured"  
The Collect, Benediction..... p. 14  
The Closing Hymn ..... #117  
"The Ancient Law Departs"

### THE QUOTES SAY IT ALL

These are actual quotes from couples in this area who have attended a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend:

- “I looked forward to this weekend with positive expectations and was NOT disappointed. It is making a difference in all areas of our lives.”
- “After many years of marriage, we learned to listen and accept each other’s feelings.” We found healing and a new level of intimacy”
- “I am so glad we took the risk to make the Weekend!”
- “We were a stubborn team of horses, each pulling a different direction. Marriage Encounter helped us pull together in the same direction and how our lives were enriched!

The next opportunity for a Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend is March 3-5, 2006 in Sioux Falls, SD at the Country Inn and Suites. Questions? Registration?

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### THANK YOU

Thank you to Susan Kelley for singing at our Christmas Eve service.

Thank you to the families who helped with the opening of our worship services during Advent: the Krizan’s, Johnson’s, Thompson’s, and Kelley’s.

Thank you to Dale and June Snyder for the roses on the piano in memory of Jonpaul Snyder.

Thank you to the LWML for providing the white poinsettias on the altar.

### LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“From the womb of the Virgin Mary to the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea, Jesus took our place. From the womb to the tomb, He showed how much God values human life. We too value life from the womb to the tomb. We do so not just because it is fun to say. We do so not just because it is the right thing to do. As Christians, we do so because God does so.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, Executive Director, Lutherans For Life*  
**A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life / [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org) / 888-364-LIFE**

### HISTORICAL FACTS OF SD DISTRICT

St. John Lutheran Church of Howard had a Day School from 1892 to 1921.

### CHURCH COUNCIL AND VOTER’S MEETINGS

The Church Council will be meeting on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. All committees, boards, and groups are asked to have their annual reports turned into Secretary, June Snyder by that day.

The annual voter’s meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Included on the agenda will be the election of officers.

The 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee will be providing a meal before the meeting. Free will donations will be used to defray expenses for the upcoming 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, including defraying the expenses of former pastors who will be attending. Everyone from the congregation is invited to attend this dinner. You need not bring anything!

### SESD LUTHERAN FOR LIFE SOUP SUPPER

The Southeast South Dakota Lutherans For Life will be holding their annual soup supper at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 22, 2006 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 46448 263<sup>rd</sup> St., Hartford, SD.

The Rev. Dr. Raymond Hartwig, Secretary of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and former President of the South Dakota District will be our speaker. We will also hear from a representative from Alpha Center, a crisis pregnancy center in Sioux Falls. Southeast South Dakota Lutherans For Life raised over \$10,000 in this year’s “Bike for Life” to be used for the cost of operating the ultrasound at the Alpha Center. We will hear an update of how God is using the free ultrasound service at the Alpha Center to save the lives of babies and their mothers.

Everyone is welcome to come! It’s a wonderful opportunity for you to learn more about Lutherans For Life and to be able to hear some inspiring speakers.

### SHUT-INS

Please remember in your prayers the following shut-in members: Bud Plagman, Vivian Dansman, Bonnie Edgecomb, and Martha Westphal.

### MEN’S MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Each Monday morning at 6:00 a.m. a group of men from Trinity gather at Sunshine Foods in Hartford for Bible study. We are beginning a study of Leviticus, perhaps one of the least understood and appreciated books of the Bible. During the coming weeks, we will examine how Leviticus points to the efforts of the thrice-holy God in dealing with human sin through offerings and feasts, priesthood and blood atonement. Truly what one reads in Leviticus is fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Yet the richness of His person and work can be more fully appreciated through the study of the types, symbols, and shadows found in Moses’ third book. All men of the congregation are invited to join us!

### New Year's Day - January 1, 2006 A.D.

P: Lord as we bring our prayers to You on this New Year's Day, we ask Your blessing on all of our years.

**C: Bless us by Your name, O Lord.**

P: Listen to us as we bring our petition for our world. May the coming year know a growing peace and good will among all nations.

**C: Hear our prayer for the world, O Lord.**

P: Source of all power, strengthen Your Church in Your Name and Your Truth. Grant a sense of caring and cooperation between Church leaders and among all of the people within each congregation.

**C: Hear our prayer for the Church, O Lord.**

P: As You have commanded us to do, we pray for our fellowship in this congregation, that Your will may be done even among us. May we not only greet each other in peace but also live that peace all through the coming year.

**C: Hear our prayer for our congregation, O Lord.**

P: As we begin this New Year, we bring our special needs and joys to Your throne of majesty and grace. . . Lord in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayers and answer them according to Your will, O Lord.**

P: As we continue celebrating in this New Year the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the South Dakota District, we would humbly ask O Lord, Your blessing upon the congregations of St. John's Lutheran in Gregory and Blessed Redeemer in Brandon.

**C: Hear our prayer for our District and its congregations.**

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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