

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## THE DAY OF PENTECOST

MAY 15, 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**  
                         **Sunday School/Bible study ~ 10:30 am**  
                         **Farewell dinner for Ruud's ~ 12:00 noon**

**MONDAY ~**      **Men's Bible study ~ 6:00 am**  
                         **Vacation Bible School planning meeting ~ 7:00 pm**

**TUESDAY ~**      **Choir practice ~ 6:30 pm**

**WEDNESDAY ~** **Lifelight at Pat Reichert's ~ 9:30 am**  
                         **New member class ~ 7:00 pm**

**THURSDAY ~**    **Circuit Pastor's meeting ~ 9:30 am**

### COMING EVENTS

Sun., May 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Worship w/communion ~ 9:30 am  
                         Sunday School/Bible Study ~ 10:30 am  
                         Reception for Graduates  
                         Elders meeting ~ 12:00 noon

Sat., June 25<sup>th</sup> ~ Lutherans For Life Leadership/Speaker Training Seminar at Trinity ~ 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

July 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Safari Adventure Vacation Bible School

July 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> ~ SD District Youth Gathering at Huron

### SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2005

**Cleaners:** Don & Pat Reichert, David & Faye Gilderhus  
**Greeters:** David & Faye Gilderhus  
**Head Usher:** Lance Wollmann                      **Acolyte:** Jennifer Muchow

### NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2005

**Cleaners:** Dale & June Snyder, Jerrad & Cheryl Snyder  
**Greeters:** Dale & June Snyder  
**Head Usher:** Lance Wollmann                      **Acolyte:** Austin Wolfe

### WORSHIP SERVICE, ASCENSION DAY, MAY 5, 2005

**Attendance:** 21  
**Current offering**                      \$ 38.00                      **Loose Offering**                      21.00  
**Building Fund**    15.00

### WORSHIP SERVICE, SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2005

**Attendance:** 92    **Communion:** 63  
**Current offering**                      \$ 731.00                      **Loose Offering**                      10.00  
**Mission**    46.00                      **Future Church Worker**                      10.00  
**Building Fund**    510.00

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.

### SD DISTRICT LCMS YOUTH GATHERING

The South Dakota LCMS Youth Gathering will be held Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at the Crossroads Hotel & Convention Center in Huron, SD. It is open to all youth entering the 9<sup>th</sup> 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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. Check your local listings for cable channels.

May 22, 2005 – “Jose of the Angels.” *This is the Life* presents a drama on the horror of drug addiction, death, uncontrolled anger and suicide. The featured speaker is Rev. Ken Soyk of Faith Lutheran Church in Parkston, SD. The sermon theme is “God’s Love.”

Check the website at [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://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 QUEST 2005

Dakota Extreme Events of Sioux Falls will be sponsoring an adventure race May 20-21<sup>st</sup> at Inspiration Hills near Canton with the proceeds donated to the Alpha Center.

Participants, volunteers, and sponsors are needed to make the event a success. Contact Adel Valdes (605) 201-7733 or check out the website: [www.dakotaextremeevents.com](http://www.dakotaextremeevents.com)

### LIFE QUOTES” FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“Purity/chastity focuses on our identity as redeemed sons and daughters of God. Purity/chastity is the best way to: avoid sexually transmitted diseases, prevent pregnancy, maintain moral values, build self-esteem.” *Real Love, Real Life brochure* [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org) / 888-364-LIFE

### Divine Service

Processional Hymn .....#224  
*“Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”*  
 The Order of Matins.....p. 32-34  
 The Psalmody.....

P: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,  
**C: and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.**  
 P: How many are your works, O Lord.  
**C: In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**  
 P: These all look to you  
**C: to give them their food at the proper time.**  
 P: When you give it to them,  
**C: they gather it up.**  
 P: When you send your Spirit, they are created,  
 C: and you renew the face of the earth.  
 P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
**C: and to the Holy Spirit;**  
 P: as it was in the beginning,  
**C: is now, and will be forever. Amen**  
 P: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,  
**C: and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.**

The Readings .....Back of the bulletin  
 The Sermon Hymn ..... #235  
*“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”*  
 The Sermon.... “Are We Missing Something?”  
 Hymn of Praise.....#250  
*“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”*  
 The Prayers .....  
 The Kyrie ..... p. 39  
 The Lord’s Prayer ..... p. 39  
 Salutation, Collect..... p. 40  
 Benediction .....  
 The Closing Hymn .....#236  
*“Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid”*

## 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. This allows you to share your gifts through planned giving and activates your generosity into ongoing stewardship. 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.

## LFL LEADERSHIP/SPEAKER TRAINING SEMINAR

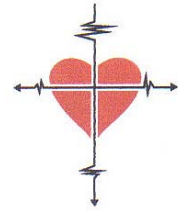
Lutherans For Life Executive Director Rev. Dr. James Lamb and Ed Szeto, LFL director of outreach, will present a one-day seminar designed for those who want to learn how to speak on life issues in their congregations, communities, and schools. The event will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday,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

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Pentecost Sunday ~ John 16:5-11: Jesus reminded his disciples that because the Holy Spirit was at work within them, they were freed up to do good works. The same is true of Christian stewards today who are freed and empowered by the Holy Spirit to be a blessing to others.

## 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.

## VBS PLANNING MEETING



It is time for planning this year's VBS, which will be held July 18<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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, teaching, driving, or providing us with supplies, please attend our informational meeting at the church on Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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.

## PRAYER CHAIN > PRAYER LINK

To insure better communication, the prayer chain now operates using email. If you want to be included in the Prayer Link, send your email address to Pat Reichert at [mmreichert@msn.com](mailto:mmreichert@msn.com). When prayers are requested, you will be sent an email including the prayer request. If you do not have email but want to be contacted when prayers are requested just call Pat at 526-6225 and you will be put on the list to call. Everyone is encouraged to contact Pat Reichert or Pastor Moeller with prayer requests. St. Paul encourages us, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God" (Philippians 4:6).

## RECEPTION FOR GRADUATES

We will be holding a reception for our high school graduates (Casey Barber, William Erikson, Erica Leisure, and Logan Moeller) on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> following the worship service. Please plan to join us as we celebrate the completion of their high school education and their individual achievements.

## OUTREACH THEMES FROM OUR READINGS

Pentecost Sunday ~ John 16:5-11: In our Gospel for today Jesus reminds us that our greatest spiritual enemy, Satan, has been defeated. Now we can look with confidence to our risen and ascended Lord and invite others to join us in this journey of faith.

## FAREWELL DINNER

On May 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon, the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is hosting a meal to thank Gerry Ruud for playing the organ for 50+ years at Trinity. Gerry and Roy are moving to Missouri and we wish them God's blessings in their new home. Everyone in the congregation is invited and, if you like, a card shower would be a nice thank you. Funds that are raised from the free will offering will be used in preparation for our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in September of 2006.

## A MILE OF PENNIES

The High School Youth Group is sponsoring "A Mile of Pennies" Fundraiser. Members are invited to donate their pennies and other spare change into the jar on the table by the entrance to the church nave. Other monetary donations will be accepted as well (\$1.00 = 100 pennies). The proceeds will be used to purchase a multimedia projector for the new building addition. We now have over a mile of pennies (91,400 or \$914.00) collected, which placed side by side would stretch over 1 mile. Thank you for contributing!