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THE HOLY TRINITY

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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 w/communion ~ 9:30 am**
 Sunday School/Bible study ~ 10:30 am
 Reception for Graduates ~ 10:30 am
 Elders meeting ~ 12:00 noon
MONDAY ~ **Men's Bible study ~ 6:00 am**
TUESDAY ~ **Choir practice ~ 6:30 pm**
WEDNESDAY ~ **New member class ~ 7:00 pm**
THURSDAY ~ **Newsletter deadline**

COMING EVENTS

Sun., May 29th ~ Worship ~ 9:30 am
 Sunday School/Bible Study ~ 10:30 am
Sun., June 19th ~ Camp Minneboji begins
Sat., June 25th ~ Lutherans For Life Leadership/Speaker Training Seminar at
 Trinity ~ 9:30 am – 4:00 pm
Sun., July 10th ~ 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

SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2005

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

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2005

Cleaners: Roger & Bert Carls, Henry Dansman, Jr. Dianne Dansman
Greeters: Henry Dansman, Jr. Dianne Dansman
Head Usher: Lance Wollmann
Acolyte: Austin Wolfe

WORSHIP SERVICE, SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2005

Attendance:	86		
Current offering	\$ 917.00	Loose Offering	226.25
Mission	45.00	Future Church Worker	35.00
Building Fund	1,305.00	Amy Kashenov	12.00

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 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.

May 29, 2005 – "Julio." The *This is the Life* drama tells the story of a young man and his deceitful attempt to get money from his father. The young man convinces the shoemaker father to sell his property. The featured speaker is Rev. Geoffrey Wagner of First English Lutheran Church in Parker, SD and Bethesda Lutheran Church in Marion, SD. The sermon theme is "Built on the Rock- The Church Doth Stand."

Check the website at 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 QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

"People need an understanding that the unborn child is a living, functioning but immature human being who is exactly what they once were. That fact might help them remember that no family can survive without new babies and that no society that throws its babies away can endure." *Dr. Mildred F. Jefferson, M.D., President, Right to Life Crusade, Inc.* www.lutheransforlife.org / 888-364-LIFE

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 22nd following the worship service. Please plan to join us as we celebrate the completion of their high school education and their individual achievements.

Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation.....#233
"Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest"
The Order of Holy Communion.....p. 15-16
The Introit.....

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.
C: Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.
P: Ascribe to the Lord, O mighty ones,
C: ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
P: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
C: worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.
P: The voice of the Lord is powerful;
C: the voice of the Lord is majestic.
P: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
C: the Lord is enthroned as King forever.
P: The Lord gives strength to his people;
C: the Lord blesses his people with peace.
P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.
C: Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

The Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis.....
The Readings Back of bulletin
The Athanasian Creedinsert
The Sermon Hymn#250
"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"
The Sermon....."The Image of God"
The Offering.....
The Service of Communionp. 24-30
The Distribution Hymns
#241 "Father in Whom We Live"
#239 "Come, Thou Almighty King"
The Collect, Benediction..... p. 31
The Closing Hymn #240
"Father Most Holy, Merciful and Tender"

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

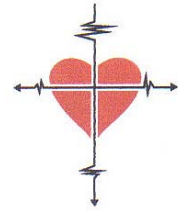
Lutherans For Life Executive Director Rev. Dr. James Lamb and Ed Szeto, LFL director of outreach, will present a one-day seminar designed for those who want to learn how to speak on life issues in their congregations, communities, and schools. The event will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday,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

First Sunday after Pentecost ~ 2 Corinthians 13:11-14: St. Paul reminds us Christian stewards that the God of love and peace is with us to help us aim for perfection, listen to good advice, be of one mind and live in peace. What a witness to who we are and whose we are!

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.

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.

OUTREACH THEMES FROM OUR READINGS

First Sunday after Pentecost ~ Matthew 28:16-20: The classic words of our Gospel for today give to us the commission to make disciples by baptizing and teaching as we go about our daily living. We are witnesses each day; the only issue is how faithful we are as witnesses.

NEW ADDRESS OF ROY & GERRY RUUD

Roy & Gerry Ruud
5803 SW Maple Ridge
Trimble, MO 64492

THANK YOU

Thank you to the 125th Anniversary Committee for organizing the farewell dinner for Roy and Gerry Ruud.

Thank you to everyone who supported the baked potato bar dinner. Over \$300 was raised for the expected expenses of the 125th Anniversary.

Thank you to the choir for singing in last week’s worship service.

THE CONFESSION DECLARED AT COMMUNION

The New Testament Church *continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread (Communion) and in the prayers (Acts 2:42)*. The Sacrament of the Altar is a confession of oneness in doctrine – that those attending believe, teach and confess what Trinity Lutheran Church believes, teaches and confesses. Those attending the Lord's Supper are baptized Christians who have been instructed in the Chief Parts of Christian Doctrine: The Ten Commandments, The Apostles' Creed, The Lord's Prayer, The Sacrament of Holy Baptism, The Office of the Keys and Confession, and The Sacrament of the Altar.

Those attending the Lord's Supper have been formally admitted to the fellowship of the Altar and continue in that fellowship as a member of Trinity Lutheran Church or sister congregation of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod committed to rightly teaching the Word of God and administering the Sacraments according to Christ's institution. (Even children of Trinity congregation only come to the Sacrament after they have confirmed the confession of faith.)

While we acknowledge and appreciate the oneness of the Church which crosses denominational lines, we practice a confessional communion because attendance at the Altar is a declaration of oneness in doctrine. We would not want you to make that declaration without an opportunity of explaining what we believe, teach and confess. Therefore we ask that if you are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation that you would refrain from receiving the Sacrament before first speaking with Pastor.

QUESTIONS FOR YOUR COMMUNION PREPARATION

Q: Do you believe you are a sinner?

A: Yes, I believe it; I have failed God and others in my life. I am a sinner.

Q: Are you sorry for your sins?

A: Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.

Q: Do you need God's forgiveness?

A: Yes, I need the gift of life He gives through Jesus Christ.

Q: What has Christ done for you?

A: He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of my sins.

Q: How do you know this?

A: From the holy Gospel and the words of the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.

Q: Do you believe that in communion you receive the true body and blood of Christ with the bread and the wine?

A: Yes, I believe it because of His Word and promises.

Approach the altar with joy and thanksgiving as you receive Christ for your forgiveness and strength.