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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2006

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.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

SUNDAY ~ Easter Sunrise service w/communion ~ 6:30 am
Easter Breakfast ~ 7:30 – 9:00 am
Worship service w/communion ~ 9:30 am

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

TUESDAY ~ Chapel at Tieszen Home ~ 9:00am
Bible Study ~ 7:00 pm

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

THURSDAY ~ Circuit Pastor's meeting at Clayton ~ 9:30 am

SATURDAY ~ Couples Club ~ 7:00 pm

COMING EVENTS

Sun., Apr. 23rd ~ Worship service w/communion ~ 9:30 am
Adult Bible study and Sunday School ~ 10:30 am

Sun., Apr. 30th ~ Circuit Forum at Trinity-Hartford ~ 7:30 pm

Sun. May 7th ~ Rite of Confirmation

June 5th – 9th ~ Vacation Bible School ~ 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

June 18th – 21st ~ SD District Convention

July 17th – 19th ~ SD District Youth Gathering

Sept. 9th – 10th ~ 125th Anniversary Celebration

SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2006

Cleaners: Harvey & LaRaye Rehfeldt, Melvin Matthies
Greeters: 6:00 am Melvin Matthies 9:30 am Harvey & LaRaye Rehfeldt
Head Usher: John Barber **Acolyte:** Brady Eggebraaten

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2006

Cleaners: George & Donna Vogt, Lester & Jean Gregersen
Greeters: George & Donna Vogt
Head Usher: John Barber **Acolyte:** Jenny Eggebraaten

WORSHIP SERVICE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2006

Worship Attendance: 39
Mission offering: \$ 91.00 **Building Fund:** \$ 200.00

WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2006

Worship Attendance: 92 **Adult Bible study** 11
Communed: 66
Current offering: \$1,451.00 **Loose Offering:** \$ 34.75
Building fund: 345.00 **Future Church Worker:** 25.00
Mission Offering: 145.00 **Parking Lot** 135.00

First Sunday Special Offerings go to Campus Ministry
Third Sunday Special Offerings go to Amy Kashenov

Resurrection of our Lord – April 16, 2006 A.D.

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- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: We pray for our synod. Holy Spirit, as You came to the disciples to cheer them with Your resurrected presence, we pray, come to us. Bless the leaders of our church, especially our synodical president and our district president. Guide them and all our church leaders in ways that remain faithful to You as they help us all proclaim Your Gospel with boldness. Lord, in Your mercy,
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- P: Let us pray for the world. Dear Jesus, as You died for the world, so also You rose for the world, that it may have new life. Teach all humanity to value life as You value it. Make peace and justice a priority for all leaders of the world. Give them wisdom, insight, and hearts of compassion. Lord, in Your mercy,
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- P: Let us pray for our community. Dear Father in heaven, we thank You for the community in which we live and all the blessings You have showered down upon this community. Open doors of employment for the impoverished that they may enjoy the gift of meaningful and rewarding work. Prosper the work of all who labor, and give them satisfaction in work well done and a just return for their labor. Spoil the plans of the wicked, and let your justice be served in the judicial system. Defend our police and firemen from all harm and danger and every evil. Bless our schools, that they be safe and happy places and that our children may grow in useful knowledge and become responsible citizens. Lord, in Your mercy,
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- P: Let us pray for our church family and friends in the midst of joys and struggles . . . and we too pray that the joy of the Resurrection in filling the hearts of Your people this day at Trinity Lutheran in Corona, Zion Lutheran in Waubay, and Concordia Lutheran in Vermillion. Lord, in Your mercy,
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- P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
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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?

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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 23, 2006. My Other Son – A tale of responsibility. After 15 years, a Vietnam veteran is frightened and ashamed by the arrival of his half Vietnamese son. The featured speaker is Rev. Scott Spiehs of St. John Lutheran Church in Wolsey, SD. The sermon theme is "Peace Be with You."

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 students are invited to join in exploring this fascinating topic each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Invite your friends!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Easter Sunday ~ 1 Corinthians 15:19-28: The great good news of Easter is that Jesus rose again from the dead as the firstfruits of all who live and die clinging to the Christian faith. Since we know that our real life is yet to come we can already live and serve as stewards who use all we are and have to make an eternal difference. What we do today makes a difference for eternity!

LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

Easter "Christians, who stand under the cross on Good Friday and rejoice at the empty tomb on Easter Sunday, should know better than to question whether or not God can work in and through suffering. The darkest suffering of all time—Jesus, suffering for humanity's sins on the cross—brought about the brightest good of all time—humanity, redeemed from sin and eternal life to all who believe. To deny the power of God to bring meaning and purpose to *any* life is to deny the power of the cross and the empty tomb." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, Executive Director, Lutherans For Life* www.lutheransforlife.org / 888-364-LIFE

TODAY IN OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today in Sunday School, our students explore Mark 16:1–8 and 1 Corinthians 15:19–28, the wonderful story of when "Jesus Rises from the Dead." A family faith conversation might discuss ways that God does the impossible. Parents might ask, "What does it mean that Jesus rose from the dead? What can we learn from this account about our own resurrection on the Last Day?"

TRUSTEES REPORT

You may have noticed that the parking lot has taken on a new shape. The trustees were told of some dirt only a mile away from church and since it would cost about one third of what it normally cost we had some brought in to complete our parking lot. The cost was \$5,260.00. We have received gifts already for all but \$250.00 of the amount and we thank you for your generosity. We will also need around \$2,000.00 to gravel the lot before we can use it. If you can help with this, please mark your special offering for "parking lot"

CAMP MINNEBOJI

CAMP MINNEBOJI 2006 is coming! Camp week is June 25 – July 1 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 "Awesome God." The camp registration fee is \$210 (\$240 for 9th grade "Honors" Campers). At the end of March, registration materials will be mailed directly to last year's campers and are available on our greeter stand. Contact the camp dean, Rev. Scott Sailer (605/332-3401, scottsailer@aol.com), if you have any questions. Check out the camp on the Web: www.minneboji.com.

SHUT-INS

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

Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation..... #199
"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today, Alleluia!"
The Order of Holy Communion.....p. 15-16
The Introit.....

P: Alleluia, (Christ) has risen, as he said.
C: He has risen from the dead. Alleluia.
P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
C: his love endures forever.
P: Let Israel say:
C: "His love endures forever."
P: I was pushed back and about to fall,
C: but the Lord helped me.
P: I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
C: you have become my salvation.
P: The stone the builder rejected
C: has become the capstone;
P: This is the day the Lord has made;
C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.
P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
C: from the house of the Lord we bless you.
P: Alleluia, (Christ) has risen, as he said.
C: He has risen from the dead. Alleluia.

The Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis.....
The Readings Back of bulletin
The Sermon Hymn #200
"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"
Sermon
The Offering.....
Litany Prayers (insert)
The Service of Communionp. 24-30
The Distribution Hymns
#208 "Ye Sons and Daughters of the King"
#305 "Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness"
The Collect, Benediction..... p. 31
The Closing Hymn#188
"Hallelujah! Jesus Lives"

GOOD NEWS MAGAZINE

If you are looking for an interesting and easy-to-read magazine which will help you understand key teachings of the Bible; if you want to learn more about God's good news and His strength for living each new day, for a complimentary copy or to subscribe write to:

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St. Louis, MO 63109-3061

2006 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Come join us at Treasure Cove VBS on June 5th – 9th. Together we will learn about Jesus our greatest treasure, and all the riches He gives us, each day from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Kids ages 3 through 6th Grade will meet friends, explore the Bible, eat snacks, play games and make crafts. Look for registration forms to come soon and plan to join us!

Adults: We are still looking for helpers of all kinds – teachers, teacher's aides, snack helpers and donators, music teachers, to name a few. Please prayerfully consider whether you are able to help in any way.



COUPLES CLUB



The Couples Club will be getting together on Saturday, April 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We will be discussing chapter five of "Men, Women, and Relationships": A Woman's Choice. You may bring a dessert to share. Please contact Kathy Totton (528-3849) to let her know if you are able to attend. All couples of the congregation are invited to join us for an evening of relaxation and fellowship!

HISTORICAL FACTS OF SD DISTRICT

A Lutheran congregation was formed in 1921 in Eagan, which later was moved to Flandreau and became Redeemer Lutheran Church of Flandreau. Redeemer Lutheran Church of Flandreau became one of the first congregations in the South Dakota District to place the Lutheran Witness into every home.

GOT PICTURES?

For the 125th celebration we are assembling a pictorial history. We would like pictures of anything pertaining to Trinity especially of the groups, LWML, Youth, etc., and confirmation group pictures. To update our serviceman roster we would like pictures of personnel in uniform. If you want the picture back we will scan it in and return your copy. Please contact Donna Vogt or JoAnn Matthies.

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.

OUTREACH THOUGHT

John 20:1-9: Easter Sunday reminds us of the truth that St. Paul penned when he wrote that Christ died for our sins and was raised again for our justification (Romans 4:25). Easter is God's guarantee that we and all who cling by faith to the resurrected Jesus will have eternal life. Who do you know that needs to hear this good news of salvation?

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped with the cleanup day and friendship telethon last Saturday, including: Melvin Matthies, Ray Matthies, Dale & June Snyder, John Barber, Clarice Wixon, Bryan & Susan Kelley, Colin Kelley, Laura Johnson, Brady Johnson, Connie Geide, and George Vogt.

Thank you to everyone who supported the LWML's efforts to raise over \$3,200.00 for the dishwasher, which will soon be installed in the kitchen.

Thank you to everyone who helped organize and serve at the state dartball tournament held here at Trinity on April 2nd.

Thank you to the Sunday School for singing at last week's Palm Sunday service.

Thank you to June Snyder and Carlene Barber for sharing their acting skills in our midweek Lenten service.

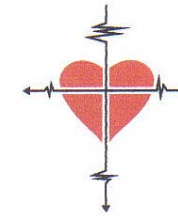
JUSTIFICATION AND SANCTIFICATION: THE LUTHERAN DIFFERENCE

Since the Reformation, Protestants have generally agreed that the doctrine of justification is "the article on which the church stands or falls." That is, justification is the foundation and cornerstone of the Christian Church and its faith.

What Protestants—as well as Roman Catholics and the Eastern Orthodox—have not so often agreed upon is the content of this doctrine. Even the definition of the word itself is disputed. Does God justify by *declaring* sinners holy or by actually *making* them holy? Is justification effected by God alone, or must we in some way cooperate with or assent to God's action? Very closely related to such questions, and perhaps even more hotly debated among Lutherans, is the definition of *sanctification* and the means by which this also takes place. Such questions are especially worth exploring from a Lutheran perspective because, while they are widely recognized to have a strong doctrine of justification, Lutherans are often accused of downplaying—or even ignoring—the doctrine of sanctification.

The Lifelight Bible study, which meets each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. is beginning a new study entitled "Justification and Sanctification: The Lutheran Difference." This study aims partially to correct this misunderstanding of Lutheran theology. But in the event that some Lutherans are in fact tempted to downplay the significance of sanctification, it is also hoped that this study will reveal some of the rich biblical and confessional testimonies to its importance. Likewise, our examination of the biblical doctrine of justification will reveal just how true it is that this is indeed "the article on which the church stands or falls." In fact, we will see just how intimately related justification and sanctification are. Please plan on joining us!

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.