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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

MARCH 27, 2005

WELCOME

A special welcome to our guests worshipping 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 coat room. 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 ~ 6:30 am**
Easter Breakfast ~ 7:30-9:00 am
Worship w/communion ~ 9:30 am
Sunday School/Bible study ~ 10:30 am

MONDAY ~ **Men's Bible study ~ 6:00 am**
VBS Planning meeting ~ 7:00 pm

TUESDAY ~ **Choir practice ~ 6:30 pm**
Lenten Bible study ~ 7:00 pm

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

FRIDAY-SATURDAY ~ SD LWML Retreat at Watertown

COMING EVENTS

Sun., Apr. 3rd ~ **Worship ~ 9:30 am**
Sunday School/Bible Study ~ 10:30 am
125th Anniversary Committee meeting ~ 7:00 pm
Men's Club meeting ~ 7:30 pm

Sun., Apr. 10th ~ **Church Council meeting ~ 7:30 pm**

Sun., Apr. 17th ~ **Junior Confirmation**
Quarterly Voters meeting ~ 7:30 pm

Wed., Apr. 20th ~ **Circuit K Forum at First English – Parker**

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

July 25th- 27th ~ **SD District Youth Gathering at Huron**

Serving this Week: Acolyte: Kimberly Kleba

SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2005

Cleaners: Marvin Mielke, Wilbur & Lois Mielke, Jennifer Bauer
Greeters: 6:30 am Marvin Mielke 9:30 am Wilbur & Lois Mielke
Head Usher: 6:30 am Bryan Kelley 9:30 am Denny Plagman
Acolyte: 6:30 am Thad Johnson 9:30 am Megan Eggebraaten

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2005

Cleaners: Dwane & Audrey Matthies, Randy Matthies, Shary Muchow
Greeters: Dwane & Audrey Matthies
Head Usher: Melvin Matthies
Acolyte: Ashley Matthies

WORSHIP SERVICE, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2005

Attendance:	49		
Loose Offering	\$ 5.00	Mission	\$ 101.00
Current	180.00	Building Fund	25.00

WORSHIP SERVICE, SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2005

Attendance:	79		
Current	\$1,189.00	Loose Offering	\$ 3.00
Mission	50.00	Future Church Worker	10.00
Building Fund	170.00	Amy Kashenov	8.00

First Sunday Special Offerings go to Campus Ministry

Third Sunday Special Offerings go to Amy Kashenov

CAMP MINNEBOJI 2005

KIDS IN GRADES 4-9: Camp Minneboji is coming! June 19-25 is the time. Camp Okoboji in northwest Iowa is the place. The camp features Bible study, mission presentations, music, crafts, sports, recreation, and the chance to meet new Christian friends. This year's camp theme is "Courageous Faith: Bold Witness." The camp registration fee is \$210 (\$240 for 9th grade "Honors" Campers). Camp registration booklets will be sent to congregations in mid-March.

Check out the camp Web site: www.minneboji.com or contact the Camp Dean, Rev. Scott Sailer (Faith Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD), for more information (605/332-3401; scottsailer@aol.com).

WANTED:

We are also looking for people who would be willing to share their musical talents (vocal/instrumental) at our worship services. If you are interested in helping, please contact Pastor Moeller.

KEEPSAKE COOKBOOK

If you have submitted a recipe, **Thank You!** Please feel free to submit a couple more of your special recipes. We are short of recipes for beverages and snack things but will be happy to accept any you want to share.

If you have not submitted any, **please do so now**, as we would like to have a few recipes from everyone in the congregation. There are forms available on the stand at the rear of the church. You may return them to the box that is next to the forms.

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.

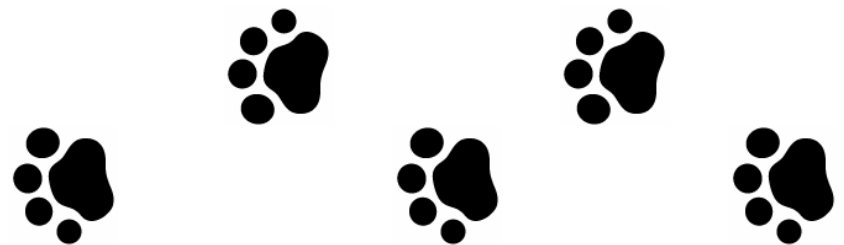
SHUT-INS

Please remember in your daily prayers the following shut-in members or those in nursing homes: Walt Wenzlaff, Bud Plagman, Vivian Dansman, Bonnie Edgecomb, and Martha Westphal.



Hello Everyone!
It is time that we begin to plan for this year's VBS. 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 March 28th 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 Pastor Moeller at 526-3572 or Jessi Moeller at 321-1642.



LUTHERANS FOR LIFE 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, which will be disbursed at the LFL of SD's discretion. Class size is limited, so register early. To register, please speak to Pastor Moeller.

SD LWML 2005 RETREAT

The SD LWML will hold their district retreat April 1-2, 2005 at the Watertown Event Center in Watertown, SD. The theme is "God's Own Amazing Leaders. Trinity's own Brenda Erikson, the SD LWML Young Women Representative Chairman will be among the presenters. All women of the congregation are invited.

LIFE QUEST 2005

Dakota Extreme Events of Sioux Falls, an organization that works to further the sport of adventure racing, promote healthy living, and generate funds for local charitable organizations LIFE Quest 2005, will be sponsoring an adventure race May 20-2 at Inspiration Hills near Canton, SD. Any money raised after costs will be donated to the Alpha Center.

During the race, four-person co-ed and two-person open teams will work together to conquer an established course, which will include elements like mountain biking, running/hiking, canoeing, rope skills, map and compass navigation, and some surprises on a 50- to 60- mile course with a time limit of about 12 hours will challenge participants' skills and endurance.

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

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!

PARKING DURING CONSTRUCTION

During construction, parking places near the church will be at a premium. Please leave the two handicapped parking spaces for those with state handicapped permits. If you park in front of the church please park diagonally, headed toward the **west**. Gary Miles has given permission to park in his driveway, directly south of the church. We suggest parallel parking on the west side of the driveway and turning around by the house. Please do not park near the road on the south side. The edge of the road is very narrow and with all the traffic that goes by, it can be very dangerous for pedestrians crossing the road, coming between cars. Thank you for your patience and consideration of others!

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

On Sunday, April 17th we will have the pleasure of welcoming five young men and women as communicant members through the rite of confirmation. Those completing their instruction from Luther's Small Catechism who will be making a public profession of their faith are: Derek Johnson, Austin Kirschbaum, Kimberly Kleba, Aubrey Larson, and Lyndze Thompson. There will be a reception for these confirmands following the 9:30 a.m. worship. Everyone in the congregation is invited!

NEWS ARTICLES

Help to publicize your group and the work it does at our church. Pat Reichert and Marty Reichert are willing to submit articles to the newspaper of our activities. You can write your own article or just send them the details at mmreichert@msn.com or Pat Reichert, 26373 463rd Ave., Hartford, SD 57033. Remember, we also have a digital camera that is available for the use of any group or committee here at the church. If you have any questions, please call Pat (526-6225).

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 will be collecting baby diapers that will be donated to the Alpha Center, or local crisis pregnancy center. Amy Valdes has set up a nice display and collection box for your donations.

SERMON AUDIO TAPES

The Trinity Lutheran Church Evangelism Committee has audio tapes 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 be interested in receiving these tapes through the mail on a weekly basis, please contact Brenda Erikson (363-3444) or Connie Geide (526-3840).

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.

OUTREACH THEMES FROM OUR READINGS

Easter Sunday ~ Colossians 3:1-4: Jesus truly rose from the dead and ascended victoriously into heaven. Paul encourages us to raise our sights toward heaven where our glory will come to pass. Let's help others to also look up to see the grandeur of spending an eternity in heaven.

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. The main speaker will be the Rev. Terry Dittmer, who is in charge of youth ministry for the Synod. "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.

April 3, 2005 – "The Return of Luke Jones." "This Is the Life" presents a drama on telling the truth. The story of an older man, who thinks he's more than he is, returns to town. The featured speaker is Rev. Victor Dorn, associate pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Mitchell, SD.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Easter Sunday ~ John 20:1-9: Christ lives and because he lives we also will live forever. What an incentive to use this present life as a preparation for a more glorious life to come.

PREDESTINATION—THE LUTHERAN DIFFERENCE

As Lutherans interact with other Christians, they often find themselves struggling to explain their beliefs and practices. Although many Lutherans have learned the "what" of the doctrines of the church, they do not always have a full scriptural foundation to share the "why." Because of insecurities about explaining particular doctrines or practices, some Lutherans may avoid opportunities to share what they have learned from Christ and His Word, including our understanding of prayer.

Our Lifelight Bible study group meets on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in people's homes. Our study—Predestination: The Lutheran Difference—will identify how Lutherans differ from other Christians and demonstrate from the Bible why Lutherans differ on predestination, one of the most misunderstood doctrines of the church. These studies will help you grow in your understanding and appreciation for your Baptism and help to prepare you to share your faith with others. Please join us!

THANK YOU

This Sunday concludes our **Ten for Ten** program. We thank you for your participation through your growth in giving. This program has been exciting for our congregation because many of you have not only experienced the joy of giving, but you have also grown spiritually. As you give faithfully, you trust and depend on the Lord which deepens your relationship with Him. God's blessings as you continue to honor Him generously with your firstfruits.

This is the tenth and final week of our **Ten for Ten** program. God's blessings as you continue giving to Him your firstfruits.



LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

"The resurrection story of Easter Sunday is pivotal to all that we believe in, not just for eternity but for now as well. We know that we are strangers here and that heaven is our home. We also know that the reason we are here is to serve God and share His message of life everlasting. We do that with an obedient life, a ready tongue, and a Christ-focused heart that faces all of life's trials with confidence. Even in the harshest of times, the Christian faith prevails." *Rev. Robert Fleischmann, National Director, Christian Life Resources* Divine Service

Divine Service 6:30 a.m.

Hymn of Invocation.....#203
"Morning Breaks Upon the Tomb"
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 Readings Back of bulletin
The Nicene Creed p. 22
The Sermon Hymn #200
"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"
The Sermon..... "I Have Seen the Lord!"
The Offering.....
The Service of Communionp. 24-30
The Distribution Hymns.....
#206 "Jesus Christ My Sure Defense"
#188 "Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"
The Collect, Benediction..... p. 31
The Closing Hymn #199
"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Divine Service 9:30 a.m.

Hymn of Invocation.....#205
 "The Day of Resurrection"
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
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 "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"
The Sermon..... "Come Take Your Crown!"
The Offering.....
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The Distribution Hymns
 #208 *"Ye Sons and Daughters of the King"*
 #207 *"Like the Golden Sun Ascending"*
The Collect, Benediction..... p. 31
The Closing Hymn #200
 "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

EASTER LILIES

In memory of their parents Felix & Ella Geide and sister Lila Mae, from Earle & Connie Geide, Ruth & Arnold Arends, Jean & Lester Gregersen, Donna & George Vogt.

In memory of Kelly & Elsie Muchow and James and JoAnn Waybright, from Monte & Shary Muchow.

In memory of Bertha Matthies, from Ray & JoAnn Matthies.

In memory of Joann Laufenberg. In honor of Bill & Kathy Laufenberg and Bob & Shirleen Moeller, from Pastor & Aimee Moeller.

Other Easter lilies purchased to be placed in the sanctuary by Talis & Laura Johnson, Dwane & Joyce Carls, and the Trinity LWML (2)

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.

Simply Giving is a reliable, safe way from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans to move your stewardship plan into action. It 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.

PHOTOS! PHOTOS! PHOTOS!

We are sorting through 300 to 400 photos taken by our unsalaried church photographer, Ray Matthies. The photos cover most of the activities that have occurred in the last 20 years at Trinity. There are pictures of pastor’s installations, church anniversaries, VBS, Men’s Club, LWML, AAL, church building renovations, etc. We are using appropriate photos to be on display at the 125th anniversary. The rest will be returned to each of you, personally, if you are the lead person in the picture. So within the next 6 weeks you will get a picture or many pictures of your involvement at Trinity.

Thank you to Ray and JoAnn Matthies for the dedication of taking these pictures, for the film, and the development of them – our unsung heroes.

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 try to make sense out of what *does not make sense*. At such times our faith is tested the 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 plan on joining us!

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.