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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2008

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.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

In order to prepare for next week's worship service you may study the assigned readings for the 1st Sunday in Lent, February 10, 2008:

First Lesson: Genesis 3:1-21

Epistle: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

SUNDAY ~

Worship ~ 9:30 am

Adult Bible study & Sunday School ~ 10:45 am

Elders meeting ~ 12:00 noon

Super Bowl party ~ 5:00 pm

Men's Bible Study ~ 6:00 am

TLC Chapel ~ 9:30 am

Chapel at Tieszen Home ~ 9:00 am

Bible study ~ 7:00 pm

Lifelight Bible study ~ 9:30 am

Confirmation ~ 5:30 pm

Supper ~ 6:00-7:00 pm

Choir practice ~ 6:00 pm

Ash Wednesday worship w/communion ~ 7:30 pm

TLC Bible study ~ 5:30 pm

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COMING EVENTS

Sun., Feb. 10th ~

Worship w/communion ~ 9:30 am

Adult Bible study & Sunday School ~ 10:45 am

Men's Club meeting ~ 7:30 pm

Valentine's Dinner Theatre ~ 12:00 noon

June 2nd - 6th ~

Vacation Bible School

SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2008

Cleaners: Denny & Walt Plagman, Chuck & Debbie Nelson

Greeters: Denny & Walt Plagman

Head Usher: Kim Kleba

Acolyte: Erik Krizan

Head Elder: Joe Krizan

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2008

Cleaners: Helen Wenzlaff, Pat Wenzlaff, Pastor & Aimee Moeller

Greeters: Helen Wenzlaff, Pat Wenzlaff

Head Usher: Kim Kleba

Acolyte: Megan Eggebraaten

Head Elder: Joe Krizan

WORSHIP SERVICE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2008

Worship Attendance: 9

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Worship Attendance: 66

Adult Bible study: 7

Loose offering: \$ 25.58

Mission Offering: 95.00

Comuned: 48

Current offering: \$ 1,165.00

Building fund: 400.00

First Sunday Special Offerings go to Campus Ministry

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.

PICTORIAL CHURCH DIRECTORY

Once again we will have the opportunity to have all of the members star in a pictorial directory. It has been several years since we have done this and we have many faces to enter that were not here the last time. It is also possible that some of us have changed slightly, like more kids or looking younger and things like that.

February 8 and 9 are the dates that we will be taking pictures of the congregation. If you have family members that are not members of Trinity you may have a family portrait taken but only the members of Trinity will be in the directory. You will receive a free 8x10 portrait of one of the pictures. We will set up a time for the family portrait and immediately after that take a picture of the people that are members. If you want to do this just sign up for two time slots and they will be happy to take both pictures. A free directory will be given to all members.

Please stop by and reserve a time so that you may be included. Thank you! Laura Johnson (528-7260) Ray Matthies (528-3457)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING

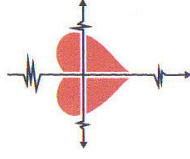
It is once again that time of year when we begin planning for our Vacation Bible School Program (June 2nd – 6th). VBS is a phenomenal ministry and opportunity to teach many children about their Savior and His great love for us.

Each year our numbers have grown and we anticipate an even greater number this year. Unless we are able to find enough teachers and other support staff, we will have to limit the number of children that we allow to be in our program. Please prayerfully consider the ways in which you may be able to help us out. For more information, please speak with Pastor Moeller or Jessi Moeller.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Last Sunday after Epiphany – Transfiguration Sunday ~ 2 Peter 1:16-21: Who are God’s modern-day wise stewards? They are the people of God who by faith cling to a risen and triumphant Savior and joyfully give of their lives and resources to support God’s mission.

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 several classes. If you are interested in participating, please speak with Pastor Moeller.

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

Last Sunday in Epiphany (Transfiguration Sunday) ~ Matthew 17:1-9: Peter, James and John were privileged to see with their own eyes the divine splendor and majesty of Jesus. That glorious sight gave them additional evidence that Jesus truly is the Son of God. That light of Jesus gave them a hope that lasted for a lifetime. By God’s grace the light of Jesus also shines in our hearts and gives us a sure hope that will last into eternity. We are privileged as God’s people to share that good news of hope and new life in Jesus.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY LEARNING CENTER

This week our lessons were based on Luke 19:1-10, where we heard how Jesus came to seek and save the lost. When Jesus reached out to Zacchaeus with love and forgiveness, the little man repented and changed his ways. Zacchaeus expressed his overwhelming joy at being accepted by Jesus by promising half of his possessions to the poor and a fourfold restitution for anyone who he had cheated. We talked about how Jesus still comes to us sinners today, giving us forgiveness through His Word and sacraments.

Chapel is each Monday at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us!

FELLOWSHIP HALL CLEANING

Volunteers are needed for cleaning the fellowship hall throughout the year. If you would be willing to help, please see the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the hall.

Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation#135
“Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here”
The Order of Morning Service p. 5-6
The Introit

P: Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his holy mountain,

C: for the Lord our God is holy.

P: The Lord reigns.

C: let the nations tremble;

P: he sits enthroned between the cherubim,

C: let the earth shake.

P: Great is the Lord in Zion;

C: he is exalted over all the nations.

P: Let them praise your great and awesome name-

C: he is holy.

P: The King is mighty, he loves justice-

C: you have established equity;

P: in Jacob you have done

C: what is just and right.

P: Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his holy mountain,

C: for the Lord our God is holy.

Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis p. 6-9

The Salutation, Collect p. 9

The Readings..... Back page

The Apostles’ Creed p. 12

The Sermon Hymn.....#306

“Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Hast Prepared”

The Sermon

The Offering.....

The Prayers.....

Installation of Church Council

Hymn.....#359

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

The Collect, Benediction p. 14

The Closing Hymn.....#657

“Beautiful Savior”

THE HOLY SPIRIT: THE LUTHERAN DIFFERENCE



“Are you filled with the Holy Spirit?”
“Sure . . . well, aren’t all Christians filled with the Holy Spirit?”

As Lutherans interact with other Christians, they often find themselves struggling to explain their beliefs and practices.

The Lutheran Difference Bible study series will identify how Lutherans differ from other Christians and show from the Bible why Lutherans differ. These studies will prepare Lutherans to share their faith.

All adults and high school students are invited to join us each Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY

Terrorism has changed the way we think about war. It will change the way we wage war. How does this affect us as Christians who resolve to follow God’s holy will as revealed in His Word? Our next Men’s Bible study, “Holy Resolve: Terror and War Today,” will help us understand what the Bible teaches about war, justice, and peace as we pray about the current challenges facing our nation.

All men of the congregation are invited to this Bible study each week. We meet in the fellowship hall each Monday at 6:00 a.m.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

The following were elected as officers at our annual voters meeting on Sunday, January 20th:

5th Member ~ Michelle Thompson
Secretary ~ JoAnn Matthies
Financial Secretary ~ Mary Krizan
Trustee ~ Ray Matthies
Elders ~ John Barber, Ben Matthies

Thank you to everyone who was willing to let their name stand for election. It is wonderful to have so many qualified candidates from which to choose. Installation of officers will be on Sunday, February 3rd.

SONG OF SOLOMON BIBLE STUDY

One of the most beautiful books in the Bible, Song of Solomon is also perhaps one of the most difficult to interpret for people of faith. However, the themes of love and longing, and expectation and fulfillment take on a wondrous cast and hue when seen as a reflection of God’s love for His people. Properly understood this book will teach you about:

- the power and beauty of physical love within the clearly defined boundaries that God has established.
- the reflection of Christ’s love for His Church, through faithful, human marriage.
- the consummation of God’s love for us in Christ, to be celebrated at the marriage feast of the Lamb.

Please join us for this interesting and informative Bible study each Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited!

LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY

When the Book of Jeremiah first appeared, it was cut in pieces and burned. It was rewritten and is now more than twenty-five hundred years old. Jeremiah’s prophecy is long, longer than all the biblical books except Psalms. Jeremiah’s writings are difficult to study, for they have many passages of grief and tragedy. Yet, God wants you to study these books and treasure their message. As you study the writings of Jeremiah—his prophecy and his lament—may the Lord richly bless you.



There are about forty direct and indirect references to Jeremiah’s writings in the New Testament. Half of them occur in the Revelation to St. John, which compares the Old Testament kingdom of Babylon with the kingdom of Satan. Special passages in this study will help you see Jeremiah’s influence on the New Testament and his relationship to the Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth.

Please join the Lifelight Bible study each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., as we study portions of these two important Old Testament books.

LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Give your wife or husband a gift of love this year! A gift of love that will bless you year after year! What better gift to give your spouse than the experience of a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend?

What is Marriage Encounter? In a nutshell, it is a weekend away from the daily pressures of life and responsibilities. It is an opportunity to help improve our communication in a relaxed and private setting. It is for couples with “good” marriages who want to enrich what they already have. There are NO “group discussions.” It is a series of presentations that touch on many aspects of marriage given by three lay couples and a clergy couple. After each presentation, the couple has time in the privacy of their own room for personal sharing using the communication techniques learned on the weekend.

The next opportunity for a Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend is March 7-9, 2008 in Sioux Falls, SD at the Good Samaritan Retreat Center. The cost is \$45 to register (this reserves your room and meals) and a freewill donation at the end of the weekend. If you want to know more, or to register, go to www.GodLovesMarriage.org or contact Pastor and Aimee Moeller.

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today’s Sunday School, lesson is about the Transfiguration of our Lord as recorded in Matthew 17:1–9. At the transfiguration, Jesus’ glory was unveiled before the disciples. Today, His glory is unveiled for us in the Word preached by the pastor, in the water of Baptism, and in the bread and wine of His Holy Supper. In heaven, we shall see Him in all His glory! Talk with your children about how we are like the disciples, who trembled at the sound of God’s voice, because we, too, are sinful and unworthy to see Him face-to-face. Emphasize that through His Word and Sacraments, Jesus makes us clean and worthy to stand face-to-face with God, our Father.

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“The superior position, surely, is that human beings possess equally an intrinsic dignity that is the moral ground of the equal right to life of all . . . It does not depend on an individual’s age, or size, or stage of development; nor can it be erased by an individual’s physical or mental infirmity or condition of dependency.” *Robert P. George, McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence at Princeton University, addressing the issue of “personhood.”*
www.lutheransforlife.org / **888-364-LIFE**

REQUESTS FROM CHOIR

The choir is looking for someone to play the flute with them. If you are interested, please contact Susan Kelley (528-3812).