

May 21, 2017

8:00am

Trinity Lutheran Church

2163 Mayhew Lake Rd. NE
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

*Trinity is a member of the Prince of Peace Lutheran School Association
and the Good Shepherd Community.*

We welcome you...

Those Serving Today

Officiating Today	8:00am &	10:30am	Pastor Paul Cloeter
Organist	8:00am		Daniel Reineke
Musician		10:30am	Ruth Immerfall
Screen Team	8:00am		Andy Freihammer
		10:30am	Creighton Clark
Lector	8:00am		Rich Austin
		10:30am	Sue Bastian
Visuals	8:00am &	10:30am	Daniel Reineke
Acolyte	8:00am		Andrew Kath, Nick Lindquist
		10:30am	Emma Schwartz, Christa Weide
Altar Guild			Sue Bragelman, Gail Reginek, Connie Bump
Information Desk	8:00am	Zone – 4	Sandy Austin
	10:30am	Zone – 5	Marie Mendel
Greeters	8:00am	Zone – 4	Nancy Cloeter
	10:30am	Zone – 5	Diane Haffner, Marie Mendel, Amy Schaefer
Ushers	8:00am	Zone – 4	John Hirtel, Marvin Neubert, Karen Petron-Broda, Wayne & Sue Kulzer, Janet Renn, Chris Kutzorik
	10:30am	Zone – 5	Bob Behrendt, Luke Wendt, Jim & Kathy Stueve, Trevor Jevne, Andy Behrendt
Lay Minister	8:00am		Delano Schultz, Kyle Dusing
		10:30am	John Lentz

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Divine Service Setting 3 (LSB pg 184)

May 21, 2017

8:00 a.m.

AS WE GATHER “I believe in the Holy Spirit, . . . who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified.” The Holy Spirit is worshiped because He is God, the Third Person of the Holy Trinity. Today, Jesus continues to prepare His disciples for His departure. He will leave them by way of the cross and tomb of death. Even though He rises from the dead, He will leave them again at His ascension. Yet He wants us to know and believe that He never really leaves us. He tells us that He will be with us always. He calls the Holy Spirit “another Helper.” Though the Spirit is a person distinct from the Father and the Son, yet He is also the Spirit of Christ in the mystery of the Trinity in Unity. The Holy Spirit works through the Word of God delivering His gifts to bring us to daily contrition and repentance and faith in our Savior. The Holy Spirit is our eternal Helper.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

HANDBELL QUARTET:

“Faith of our Fathers” & “Just as I Am, Without One Plea”arr. by James D. Kimball

BAPTISM OF CLARA ANN SPRENGELER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: “All Who Believe and Are Baptized” LSB 601

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved, Jesus said, "I will be with you always." Let us take Him at His word and come into His presence, sharing our great need of Him as we confess our sins and ask for forgiveness.

C: I confess to almighty God all my sins with which I have offended You, especially the sin of trying to go it alone without You. On my own, I am weak, and sin so easily makes me forget Your Word and will for my life. I have sinned in many ways by evil thoughts, words, and deeds. Because of Your merciful death on the cross and in the power of Your resurrection from the dead, let me hear from You the words of Your grace and forgiveness and new life. Amen.

P: In keeping with His promise, the Lord sends another helper to deliver His own words of forgiveness. So now, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

INTROIT

P: Your word is a lamp to my feet

C: and a light to my path.

P: Forever, O Lord, your word

C: is firmly fixed in the heavens.

P: Your faithfulness endures to all generations;

C: you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

P: By your appointment they stand this day,

C: for all things are your servants.

P: If your law had not been my delight,

C: I would have perished in my affliction.

P: I will never forget your precepts,

C: for by them you have given me life.



ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Your word is a lamp to my feet

C: and a light to my path.

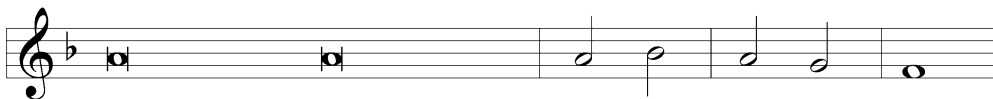
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS Luke 2:14; John 1:29



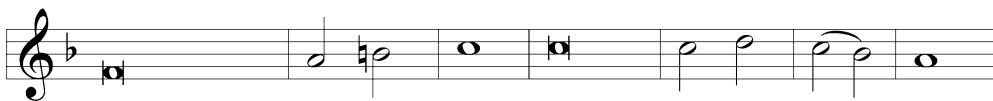
Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



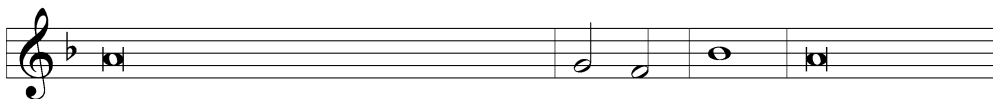
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Let us pray... Come to us, Spirit of Christ, and teach us the way, the truth, and the life. Help us to keep Your holy commandments and to love You with our whole heart and our neighbor as ourselves; for You live and reign with the Father and the Son, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sit

FIRST READING: Acts 17:16-31

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there. A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to dispute with him. Some of them asked, "What is this babbler trying to say?" Others remarked, "He seems to be advocating foreign gods." They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we want to know what they mean." (All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.) Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach

out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.' "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone--an image made by man's design and skill. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened." But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. It is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also--not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand--with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

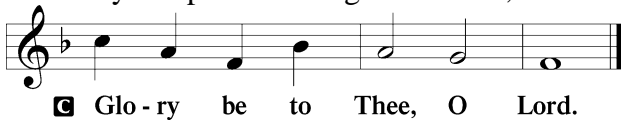
ALLELUIA



☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.



"If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever-- the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: "With High Delight Let Us Unite" LSB 483

SERMON: "Games People Play" (Acts 17:16-31)

OFFERING *(Please sign and date the Rite of Friendship pad located in the pew. The children are invited to bring their offerings to the front at this time.)*

HANDBELL QUARTET:

"This is My Father's World" & "My Jesus, I Love Thee".....arr. by James D. Kimball

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF CONSECRATION

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



☐ A - men.

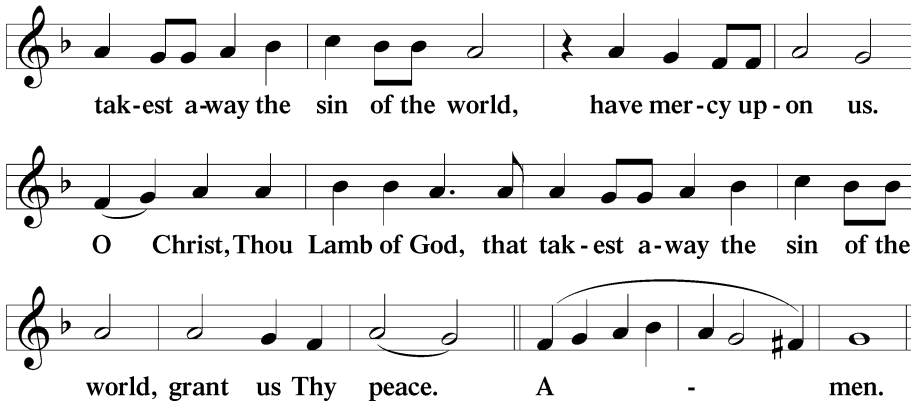
AGNUS DEI



☐ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

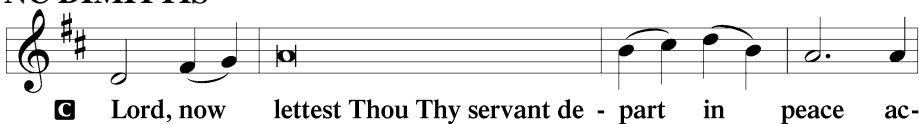
About Holy Communion—The Lord’s Supper is celebrated here in the belief and glad confidence that our Lord gives us as He says, not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If this is your belief, we welcome you to join us at the Lord’s table.

Because we are called to examine ourselves before receiving the Lord’s Supper (I Corinthians 11:28-29), we encourage you to consider the questions on p. 329-330 in the front of the hymnal. If you are communing with us for the first time, or if you would like a fuller understanding of what we as Lutherans believe about the Lord’s Supper, please pick up a copy of “**What is the Lord’s Supper?**” at the Information table in the entryway.

Please reserve the white grape juice cups in the center of the communion trays for those who for health reasons are unable to drink wine. If your health requires gluten-free wafers, they are available upon request. Speak to the pastor prior to the service. Our pastors are happy to speak to you further if you have any questions.

HANDBELL QUARTET: “Beautiful Savior”arr. by James D. Kimball
DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “Beautiful Savior” LSB 537

NUNC DIMITTIS



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P: Let us pray... We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



☐ A - men.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P: The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

P: Bless we the Lord.



☐ Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor ☒ and give you peace.



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN: “We Know That Christ is Raised” LSB 603

WE WELCOME FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

We are glad you are here! If there is a time during the Worship Service that you feel your child (or you) needs a “time out,” please feel free to leave the service. If you leave the service, you can go to the **lobby** or use the **large conference room** across from the church office. The conference room has speakers and one-way glass so you can still participate in Worship. During the Sunday school hour, (9:15am – 10:15am) and during the 10:30am worship service the **nursery** is staffed for children 0-3 years old. The nursery is in the preschool on the north end of the building. It is the first classroom on the left as you enter the preschool parent lounge area. There are also speakers in the nursery so you can listen to the service.

Calendar for the Week

Sixth Sunday of Easter Military Biblestick Collection

TODAY 8:00am Worship Z4 (HC)
 9:15am Bible Class and SS
 10:30am Worship Z5
 12:00pm Anyuak Worship

MONDAY 6:00pm Bev's CC
 6:30pm Call Committee Mtg.

TUESDAY
 7:00pm Friends in Harmony

WEDNESDAY
 7:00am Men's Bible Study @ GS
 6:00pm Prince of Peace Preschool
 Graduation

THURSDAY
 6:30pm Worship Team Rehearsal
 7:30pm Benton Co. Jail Study

FRIDAY 9:00am Parish Workers
 6:00pm Narcotics Anon.

SATURDAY 9:00am Altar Guild
 6:45pm Traditional Worship Rehearsal

In Our Worship Services Next Week

Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00am Worship Z1
 9:30am Worship Z2 (HC)
 12:00pm Anyuak Worship

Scripture Lessons:

*Acts 1:12-26; 1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11
 John 17:1-11*

Ephesians 4:32

*"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted,
 forgiving one another, as God in Christ
 forgave you."*

Church Office Hours:

M-F 8:30am-2:30pm
 Open during the noon hour.
Church Office Phone 252-3670

WEEK OF	TIME	ATTENDANCE	OFFERINGS	
5/14/17	8:00am	130	General Fund Offerings	\$8,643.62
5/14/17	10:30am	143	Building Debt Offerings	\$713.00
	Total	273	Total	\$9,356.62
Missions this Week		\$504.00	Weekly Need:	\$11,938.00
Received to-date		\$11,079.66		
Annual Funds Promised		\$27,500.00		



Baptized into God's family of grace during our 8:00am service today is Clara Ann Sprengeler, infant daughter of John & Jennifer Sprengeler. Sponsors are Seth & Abigail Brashear. We pray God's blessing upon Clara and her family as they grow in faith. The flowers on the altar today are in

thanksgiving for God's blessings in little Clara.



Sharing the Caring Christ with All People John 14:15-21: At the time that Peter wrote today's Epistle, Rome was in great need for Jesus Christ. Rome needed people who were truly committed to Jesus Christ as their Lord in their hearts, in their minds, and in their daily lifestyles. Our world needs such people today. Jesus has sent His Holy Spirit to teach our hearts and equip us to defend that which we love. Have you set apart your heart for Jesus Christ and Him alone because He first loved you? Ask the Holy Spirit to create a clean heart in you and then prepare that heart by setting it aside, consecrating it for Jesus Christ as your Lord. Spend time in prayer asking for God to prepare you to share the hope that you have in Christ. And then look out, because God will answer that prayer with people and opportunities. So be bold. Be ready. **Be prepared. In this hope, you have the forgiveness of your sin, your future secured, and your love unconditionally realized: Because He lives, you live!**

Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Carol Kiekow in memory of Carl Kiekow. We thank her for sponsoring this broadcast. We have sponsorship openings in July and August. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast please complete a form and turn it in. Forms are available in the church office. The radio transmission enables our shut-ins, as well as others in our community to hear and participate in our worship. The service airs on WVAL 800 on the AM dial, at 8:00am, and live on the internet at www.800wval.com.

Sunday Morning Fellowship Our servers for May are Fred and Pat Kjorlien. Members who have last names beginning with the letters "K" are asked to bring treats for our fellowship time during the month. If you can help, please sign up on the bulletin board.



Enrollment at Prince of Peace Lutheran School for the 2017/2018 School Year is now open. We are a Christ-centered school offering an excellent education for children from Preschool through 8th Grade. Class sizes are small and the faculty both caring and experienced. Financial aid is available for qualified families. We also have "Before School" and "After School" care programs. Please contact Pastor Dave Strohschein for information at 251-1477 or admin@princeofpeaceels.org.

Summer Worship Schedule

Beginning next Sunday, May 28th (Memorial Day Weekend) and continuing through Sunday, September 3rd (Labor Day Weekend) our worship schedule will be two services each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. The goal is to provide worship opportunities which allow families to plan other summer activities without missing worship as well as to informally bring our “first service congregation” together with our “second service congregation” for some fellowship time as the first group leaves worship and the second group arrives for worship. This schedule also enables us to maintain our radio ministry with the 8:00 a.m. service. While we will not offer a midweek opportunity for worship, it is our encouragement when you are away from home for the weekend to enjoy a worship service at one of our congregations in the area where you are vacationing.

Wishing to thank all my friends and staff at Trinity for thoughts and prayer support during recent full knee replacement surgery. Every minute I could feel the prayers and it brought me peace. The surgery went very well and I am home recuperating for most of the month of May. Thank you so much, and God bless!
Linda Kothman

TODAY is “Faith Comes by Hearing Sunday” We remember, give thanks and support those who serve us in the Armed Forces. You can support our troops by giving a gift of \$25.00 that will provide a Military BibleStick to one of our troops that requests one from their chaplain. The Military BibleStick is a portable, digital audio player, which comes pre-loaded with the Audio Drama New Testament and selected Psalms. This Audio Bible, which is about the size of a pack of chewing gum, easily fits into a uniform pocket.



What a tremendous opportunity to give a gift that will create and strengthen the faith of those who sacrifice so much for us. I am encouraging each family at Trinity to consider providing a Military BibleStick for one of our troops. Today we will receive a “door offering” after both services to support this important outreach ministry. Checks can be payable to: Trinity Lutheran Church with “BibleStick” in the memo.)

The Military BibleStick reaches service men and women deployed in some of the most dangerous areas of the world. God’s Word in audio can go with them and sustain them in even the most difficult circumstances.

Each service member who receives a Military BibleStick also has the option to request a free Audio New Testament or Kids Bible for family back home.

“Mighty Fortress: In Jesus, the Victory is Won!” Vacation Bible School is just weeks away! Register your children or grandchildren at the table in the Narthex today! It begins on Sunday, June 11th and runs through Thursday, June 15th, from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. Children ages 3 through 5th grade are welcome.



Vacation Bible School is just around the corner. We are in need of plastic bottles for a VBS decorating project...20 oz. or 2 liter size. Please leave them in the box in the narthex. Thank you!

Notice to all leaders of Trinity groups, organizations, boards and activities: The Heritage committee will be meeting this summer to organize and file materials to the historical collection of information. We request that you write a brief update about what your group has been doing in the past year or two, list the names of officers, leaders or other significant volunteers. Photos are encouraged - please date and label them. You can bring your materials to Judy in the office to be inserted into the Heritage file. Help us to preserve Trinity's past by recording the present.

Next week we will recognize our Graduates!

2017 High School Grads from Trinity are:

Tristyn Anderson, Kaitlyn Hejhal, Tyler Kranz, Kayla Larsen,
Georgiana Okello, Debraha Omot, Brodie Randall, Paige Sunstrom
Katelyn Weide and Mason Weyhrauch

Please join us for worship so we can congratulate you!

The Sunday School at Trinity will be returning to a traditional structure next fall. Please volunteer today to help! We have a need for 8 – 10 people to teach and help with our classes. Prayerfully consider giving your time to this educational ministry. Call Lisa Hejhal at 980-0433, or email her at: lhejhal@charter.net

***Sewing and Crafts will be selling rugs and quilts today
between the services. Check it out!***



Orphan Grain Train Collection at the State Pastors Conference Thank you to all of the individuals and congregations who donated the items for Orphan Grain Train and brought them to the MN State Pastors Conference last week. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously!
