



Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Collect for the Day

*Trinity Lutheran Church
220 South Second Street, Springfield, Illinois
Lutheran Church ~ Missouri Synod 217-522-8151*

*Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Radtke
Head Pastor*

*Rev. Donald Garvue
Visitation Pastor*

SATURDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE 5:30 p.m. Page 285**HYMNS:** 744; 725; 691**SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE: 8:00 a.m. Page 184 10:30 a.m. Page 219****HYMNS:** 8:00 a.m. 648; 725; 633; 642; 806; 818

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SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY: Isaiah 55:1-5 P. 615
 Psalm 136:1-9 P. 520
 Romans 9:1-5 (6-13) P. 945
 Matthew 14:13-21 P. 820

THE PRAYERS

Trusting in God's providing. Pastor John E. Nelson Jr. called as Associate Pastor. Stuebs family. Candidate Samuel Janssen, Rochester. Marshall McQuinn, hospitalized.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL CALENDAR

Today: 9:30-10:30 a.m. Church Library is Open
 Wed: 12:10 p.m. **Service - Church**
7:00 p.m. New Parents Meeting - School
 Thurs: 9:00 a.m. Quilters - School
 Sat: 5:30 p.m. **Communion Service - School**
 Sun: Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost – August 10, 2008
8:00 a.m. **Order of Matins**
10:30 a.m. **Holy Communion**

AUGUST DUTCH OVEN proceeds will benefit the Baptismal Bible Fund.

VOLLEYBALL OPEN GYM – Mondays at Trinity. Girls going into 5th & 6th grade: 5:30-7:00 p.m.; Girls going into 7th & 8th grade: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Times may be modified based on turnout and/or we may set up two courts. Questions, call Ron Moll at 789-2881.

	Sat:	Sun:	Wed:	Total:
At Worship Last Week:	<u>140</u>	<u>158</u> , <u>156</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>475</u>
Adult Bible Classes:	<u>55</u>		Sunday School:	<u>16</u>
Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:				<u>\$11,349.14</u>

FLOWERS are placed on the altar today to God's glory by Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Radtke in observance of Pastor's 30th anniversary of ordination into the ministry.

"Journey to Gethsemane" from Mark 14:32–42 served as the basis for our Sunday School lesson this week. Have students recall the subject of Jesus' prayers in the garden. Parents could discuss, "What does Jesus pray for in the hours before His crucifixion? What kinds of things does God invite us to pray for?"

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THE LEARNING CENTER is looking for A.M. & P.M. part-time teacher aides to start mid-August. Must be 18+ years old. Call Barb at 546-4055.

CANDIDATE SAMUEL JANSSEN will be ordained and installed as Pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Rochester today. The service begins at 3:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1 Camelot Drive.

VISITORS, we welcome you to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church! The order of service and hymns are listed at the top of the first page of this bulletin. We hope you take the time to complete the attendance card that is at the back of the pew in front of you. Pass the cards to the center aisle after the offering. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study classes are held from 9:30-10:15 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran School on the southwest corner of Governor and MacArthur. If you have questions or need directions just ask someone or look for someone wearing an Usher or Elder badge. They will be happy to help you. Restrooms are located in the basement of the church. The stairway to the basement is at the Southeast exit of the Narthex. At the bottom of the stairs is an area where a parent and child can sit to hear the worship services, if need be. God bless you and we thank Him for bringing you to our services today. We pray that you will return to worship with us again.

SEMINARIAN MICHAEL SCHUERMANN - Michael and Katie Schuermann will be with us next weekend. Michael will be preaching at all three services. Michael is in his final year of seminary studies before he is assigned a vicarage and then his first call as a pastor following that. Whenever our seminarians preach, a door offering is taken to defray their travel and education expenses. We look forward to hearing Michael next Saturday and Sunday.

WORK DAY, Saturday, August 9, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Meet at the school at 8:00 a.m. for outside work, lunch provided.

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The Gifts of Cain and Abel

The first gifts that we read about in Scripture are the offerings made by Cain and Abel who were the sons of Adam and Eve. In Genesis 4:2-4 we read, *“...Now Abel kept flocks and Cain worked the soil. In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock.”* Cain and Abel, having been instructed by Adam in the knowledge of the Lord, brought offerings or gifts for the Lord. Because one worked the land and the other raised animals, their gifts were different. We read that Cain *“brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering,”* whereas Abel *“brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock.”*

Between the two brothers there is also an indication of a difference in the attitudes of their hearts. While Cain wasn't concerned about giving the first or best of his crop, Abel brought in his best. God looked with favor upon Abel's offering. God looked into the hearts of both Cain and Abel as He looks into our hearts. He saw Abel's humble faith. In his gift, Abel showed his sincere gratitude for all that God had done for him.

We need to understand that it's not the size of our gifts and offerings which makes them acceptable to the Lord, but rather it is the attitude of our hearts and minds toward God. God wants our gifts to be an expression of our love for Him. He wants us to give cheerfully rather than grudgingly. He wants us to give out love through faith. We are told by the writer in Hebrews that without faith it is impossible to please God. (Hebrews 11:6)

May this story of giving by Cain and Abel help us to examine our attitude toward giving. If we are not giving our first and best out of faith and love to the Lord, God does not look with favor upon our giving. May God grant us all faithful, loving, and giving hearts.

Stewardship Corner

Jesus said, *“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well”* (Matthew 6:33). Unfortunately, many people seem to transpose this verse as they first seek worldly things with the hope that God's blessings will still be there. Are you more focused on your lifestyle, what you drive, or what you wear than with seeking God? God's promise to those who seek Him is that He will provide for them and bless them. Do you trust in His promise?

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES

9:30-10:15 a.m.

Great Truths of Scripture – “God Promised” We will look at Old Testament prophecies pointed to Jesus. Location: Parish Hall. Leader: Pastor Radtke

“I Believe” – The Early Church, Heresy, and the Creeds. Location: Science Room. Leader: Eric Garvue

High School Bible Class – Location: Youth Room. Studying Science and Faith. Leader: Principal Trip Rodgers

WEEK DAY BIBLE CLASSES

TUESDAYS:

LADIES MORNING STUDY is on summer recess.

SENIOR CITIZENS BIBLE CLASS – Refreshments at 9:30 a.m., class at 10:00 a.m. Studying Psalms. Parish Hall. Leader: Pastor Garvue

LADIES AFTERNOON STUDY is on summer recess.

ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS – A new class will start on September 4. If you are interested or know someone who is, please notify Pastor Radtke so enough materials can be ordered.

WEDNESDAYS:

BIBLE AND BREAKFAST meets at 6:30 a.m. in the Church Library. Studying Amos. Leader: Pastor Radtke

ABOUT THE LORD’S SUPPER ... We believe that the Lord’s table must be approached with sincere faith and full understanding. We believe that approaching the Lord’s table is a declaration of unity of faith with this congregation. Thus, we ask anyone who has not made that declaration of faith or is not a confirmed member in good standing of a Missouri Synod congregation to please refrain from communing until you can be brought into full doctrinal fellowship with us.

“MORE THAN YOU KNOW”

Matthew 14:13-21

Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Radtke

[13] Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. [14] When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. [15] Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." [16] But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." [17] They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." [18] And he said, "Bring them here to me." [19] Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. [20] And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. [21] And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

- I. God provides for all of your needs.
 - A. He shows compassion in times of weakness.
 - B. His word is a source of comfort.

- II. God blesses the use of His gifts to you.
 - A. Working beyond your imagination.
 - B. Using you in His greater plan.

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School Brick Garden Dirt Moved in and Primary Playground Renovation Started on Saturday, July 12th -- 22 volunteers moved tons of dirt into the brick garden so landscaping can be installed. In addition, the primary playground will undergo renovation and improvement over the next several months. *Volunteers* included *new volunteers* Tim Sharp and Rich Wagner and *regular volunteers* Kevin Riechers, Mickey Reed, Dennis Ryan, John Rodenburg, Rob Cunningham, Brent Radtke, Jake Klug, Adam Strong, Charlie Bowden, Adrian Harless, Rick Koopman, Dave Wilcox, Dave Richards, Dave Booher, Tim Milbrandt, Doug Gustafson, Barb Zweifel, and John & Mitsy Mellor. Lunch was provided by new volunteer Dennis Boesdorfer.

Our Savior Lutheran Church is in need of a leader for the Celebration Praise Service. Kevin Buelmann currently serves in this capacity, but will be leaving in August to attend the seminary. The position is a paid position, and requires the ability to lead musical teams. Interested persons should contact Betty Lou Hicks, Board of Worship Chair, at 217-433-7755, for a complete job description.

FOR THE RECORD

NEW MEMBERS

[Received 5/25/08]
William & Carol Curtis
Billie Jo Friday
[Received 7/20/08]
Ruth Bojarzin
Bill Bojarzin
Jeremy & Shelba Fox
Michelle O'Hara
Tara Reimer

MARRIAGES

Matthew Grogan & Margaret
Marquedant, 7/19/08

BAPTISMS

Isaac Franklin Alexander, 5/4/08
Ashleigh Lynn Friday, 5/25/08
Autumn Elizabeth Friday, 5/25/08
Finnian Mahon O'Hara, 6/22/08
Bailey Logan Fox, 7/20/08
Parker Ethan Fox, 7/20/08

DECEASED

Monroe Penick, 5/4/08
Gladys Krueger, 5/7/08
Arnold Kochman, 6/5/08

MEMORIALS:

Monroe Penick

[Faith Forward]
Mrs. Elizabeth Foss
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Flagg
Mrs. Florence Ackmann
Mr. & Mrs. Jake Lyons
Mrs. Loretta Rodenburg
Mr. & Mrs. Alan Nimke
Mr. & Mrs. Eldon Launer
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Boehme
Mr. & Mrs. David Booher
Mr. & Mrs. Stewart James
Mr. & Mrs. Pat Devine
Mr. & Mrs. Dick Bowers
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Von De Bur
[Building Fund]
Mrs. Helen Hoffman
Mrs. Virginia Owens & Family

MEMORIALS

Arnold Kochman

[Faith Forward]
John & Linda Rodenburg
Bill & Jan Firth
Kent & Vickie Douglas
Bob Mookley
Janet Hazlett
Ron & Carol Oldani
Russ & Cathy Benning
Ray & Bonnie Martinich
Dave & Ruth Young
Ray Jr. & Cathie Martinich
Yvonne Martinich
[Building Fund]
Loretta Rodenburg
Orville & Dorothy Ladage
Dan & Linda Wellenreiter
Wm. Kochman Family
Rick & Rachel Koopman
Larry & Paula Boehme
Stuart and Judy Fliege
Nancy Fuchs & Terry Phelan
Tim & Laura Fliege
Barb Peper
Scott, Chrissey & Dominic Oldani
Jasper & Carolyn Selvaggio
Lorene Schrenk
Dick & Melissa Bowers
Helen Ropke
Jim & Pam Sausaman
Tiffany & Douglas Whitaker
Herb & Esther Theilen
Scott & Donna Mapes
Glenn Theilen
Mark & Cindy Ushman Family
Robert Werner
David & Jo Ann Isham
Steve & Lila White
Diane Williams
Harold & Virginia Kopplin
Lois Tarr
Jack & Eunice Dale
Helen Hoffman
Tom & Shirley Kopatz
Fred & Becky Fliege
Paul & Cathy Von De Bur
Don Reick
Mick & Suzie Weissberg
Cliff & Lisa Krueger Family
Bill & Karen Bade
Bill and Nancy Dillon
Mary Frances Conwill
Fred & Dixie Roegge