



Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Collect for the Day

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Head Pastor*

*Rev. Donald Garvue
Visitation Pastor*

SATURDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE 5:30 p.m. **Page 151**
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10:30 a.m. 539; 803; 588; 643; 806; 506

SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY: Isaiah 51:1-6 P. 611
Psalm 138 P. 521
Romans 11:33-12:8 P. 947
Matthew 16:13-20 P. 822

THE PRAYERS

Rejoicing in the certainty of salvation. Marshall McQuinn, Barry Nass, JoAnn Isham, surgery; Cathy Von De Bur, recovery from surgery. Jacob Tripp, Caryn Gram wedding 8/30/08.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL CALENDAR

Today:	<u>9:30-10:30 a.m.</u>	Church Library is Open
Mon:	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Board of Christian Day School - School
Wed:	<u>8:15 a.m.</u>	Chapel - School
	<u>12:10 p.m.</u>	Communion Service - Church
	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Confirmation Meeting - School
Thurs:	<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	Quilters - School
	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Board of Property Management - School
Sat:	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	Service - School
Sun:	Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost – August 31, 2008	
	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	Order of Matins
	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>	Order of Matins

Rev. James Klug, former Trinity and Lutheran High Teacher and Coach, will be preaching at our services next weekend. He will be here for the baptism of his grandson, Joseph Edward Klug, son of Jacob and Susan.

AUGUST DUTCH OVEN proceeds will benefit the Baptismal Bible Fund.

	Sat:	Sun:	Wed:	Total:
At Worship Last Week:	<u>121</u>	<u>112</u> , <u>176</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>423</u>
Adult Bible Classes:	<u>63</u>		Sunday School:	<u>30</u>
Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:				<u>\$14,398.59</u>

FLOWERS are placed on the altar today to God's glory by Mr. and Mrs. Ed James in loving memory of his parents, Herbert and Dorothy James.

Today in Sunday School, students studied "Journey with a Runaway" from Philemon. Discuss some of Paul's Letter to Philemon. Parents might ask, "How might you react to this Letter from Paul? How does forgiveness in Christ free us from slavery?"

WOMEN WITH MISSION – Join other Christian women who assist and encourage each other in affirming their relationship with God and use their gifts in support of Trinity and a variety of community organizations. **Women With Mission** will meet Tuesday, September 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Library (school location) for a devotion, Bible Study, fellowship and a short business meeting. All women are welcome to visit or join us! Questions, call Cindy Ushman (789-6103) or Cathy Von De Bur (487-7846).

AFTERNOON CONFIRMATION – On August 28 afternoon confirmation classes will begin for students who are not enrolled in Trinity Lutheran School. Classes will meet in the Science Room and will run from 4:00-5:30 p.m.

ADULT INSTRUCTION – A new class will begin on September 4. It meets in the Science Room and will start at 7:00 p.m. and end at approximately 8:30 p.m. The class will run for 10-12 weeks. Bibles, catechisms and the course book "I Have Good News For You" will be provided. If child care is needed, call Pastor Radtke.

THE ADULT CHOIR will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 3, at 7:00 p.m. at the church. The choir is open to all high school students and adults. Singers of all voice parts are needed. If you are looking for a joyful service opportunity, come join our choir!!

CAMP CILCA'S 11th Annual Chicken Dinner and Auction – Sunday, August 31st. The meal begins at 11:30 a.m. and goes until 2:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the door; price is \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children aged 4-12, children 3 & under are free. There will be a 10:30 a.m. worship service. Our **silent auction** begins at 12:30 a.m. and the **live auction** begins at 1:30 p.m. For more information, call 487-7497 or visit our website at www.cilca.org. Sponsored in part by Thrivent Financial.

YOU ARE INVITED – Margaret Krueger (who celebrated her 98th birthday earlier this month) will be in Springfield August 29-31. Friends are invited to call 544-1676 or 636-1628 to talk to Margaret or to schedule a brief visit with her. She is looking forward to hearing from her friends at Trinity.

YOU'VE GOT MAIL –

But we need your address (especially college students and military personnel). Take part in this ministry for those in our family away from us by sharing your address with any Building Caring Relationships member (bcr@trinity-lutheran.com) and have reason to check your mailbox. God bless and keep you while you're away. You remain in our hearts and prayers. Response received last year from a college student: "It made me feel a part of my Trinity family even when I was away from it." Contact Cathy Von De Bur or Sandy Booher for more information.

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.

THANKS TO GREETERS! It truly is great to see so many of our members serve as greeters for our Church! Thank you for including your children as Greeters to welcome all to Trinity. The Board of Evangelism thanks the ***BCR in Christ*** and their families for serving as Greeters for the month of July! The ***Cub Scouts*** and their families are serving as Greeters during August. If you and your family would like to serve as Greeters for a specific service during the year, please call Dennis Boesdorfer (787-2270).

FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<u>July</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Receipts	54,807.25	54,807.25
Expenses	<u>80,496.66</u>	<u>80,496.66</u>
Over (Short)	- 25,689.41	- 25,689.41

God Calls Us to be His Workers

In spite of our foolish and sinful ways, God calls us to be His workers. Scripture tells us that Jesus did not pick people from society's elite when He chose his workers. Jesus' disciples were peasants, fishermen, and even a tax collector. Paul wrote, *"Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things. . ."* (1 Corinthians 1:26-28). The majority of God's work was done and continues to be done by the lowly and oppressed people.

Certainly, God can use celebrities and very successful people in His work. However, we need to remember that, even though we may not have accomplished anything of worldly significance, broken any records, or won any awards, God can use and transform us into effective workers in His kingdom. *"I can do everything through Him Who gives me strength"* (Philippians 4:13). Society gives many accolades to those who succeed, but there is no greater honor or privilege than to be chosen as God's vehicle to spread the Gospel. As John states in his Gospel, it is Jesus who does the choosing. *"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit"* (John 15:16).

So why does God elevate the foolish and the lowly to be His workers? A reason may be found in 1 Corinthians 1:29: *"so that no one may boast before Him."* It is only by God's grace that we are saved, called, and equipped to be in His service. If we come into God's work with impressive credentials, we risk taking the glory and credit for ourselves. God desires the weak and the lowly. As Paul said, *"Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong"* (2 Corinthians 12:9-10). God uses ordinary people to do extra-ordinary things. Are you ready for duty?

Growing as Stewards – Class begins September 13. Location: Parish Hall.
Leader: Dave Rohe
“I Believe” – The Early Church, Heresy, and the Creeds. Location: Science Room.
Leader: Eric Garvue
High School Bible Class – “What About?” Location: Youth Room. Leader: Sarah Knipp

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 is on summer hiatus. We will meet September 3 at 6:30 a.m. in the Church Library. Studying I Kings. 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.

“THE FINAL WORD ON SALVATION”

Isaiah 51:1-6

Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Radtke

[1] "Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. [2] Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. [3] For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste place and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. [4] "Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. [5] My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. [6] Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

- I. Brings comfort to us.
 - A. According to His promise.
 - B. He is not limited by what we see.
- II. Belongs to God.
 - A. It exceeds the physical world.
 - B. What He accomplishes is lasting.

Teacher Russell Benning

Today we celebrate forty years of service in the teaching ministry of Russell Benning. Twenty of those years have been teaching Eighth Grade here at Trinity Lutheran School.

Russell was one of four boys born to Maynard and Mary Frances Benning in Raymond, Illinois. His father, since deceased, was a farmer and his mother retired from teaching. Russ was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Harvel, Illinois.

He received his undergraduate degree from Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska, majoring in Education and History. He received a Masters of Music Education from VanderCook College, Chicago, Illinois.

Russ taught at Zion Lutheran School, 99th & Winston, Chicago, Illinois from 1968-1972. From 1972 to 1988 he was at Trinity Lutheran School in Lansing, Illinois coming to Trinity Springfield in 1988. While in Springfield he has served, or is serving, as Youth Director, Bible Class Teacher, Track Coach, Board of Christian Development, Lutheran High Board of Directors, Chairman of the Education Committee at Lutheran High and as Communion Assistant.

In 1970, he married Cathy Turis (her father, Paul Turis is now a Trinity member). Cathy teaches Fourth Grade at Our Savior's Lutheran School. They have three sons: Jonathan (Wife, Jordan), Paul (wife, Jessica) and David (wife, Rachel) and enjoy four grandchildren: Bralyn, Quartey, Caroline and Kathryn.

Russ enjoys gardening, hunting, fishing, traveling and visiting historic sites. His favorite hymn is #790 which we will be singing during this service.

"Remember your leaders, who spoke the Word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ the same yesterday and today and forever." Hebrews 13:7, 8