



*Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; 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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*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:** 535; 584; 575

**SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE: 8:00 a.m. Page 235 10:30 a.m. Page 235**

**HYMNS:** 8:00 a.m. 790; 531; 575

10:30 a.m. 790; 531; 575

SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY: Jeremiah 15:15-21 P. 643  
Psalm 26 P. 459  
Romans 12:9-21 P. 948  
Matthew 16:21-28 P. 822

**THE PRAYERS**

Living under the cross of Christ. Jacob Tripp, Caryn Gram wedding 8/30/08. Joseph Edward Klug, baptism. Tucker Alexander Murphy, born 8/22/08 and Joseph Andrew Hardway, born 8/25/08. Marshall McQuinn, Wilma Stowell, Brandon Reed, hospitalized. JoAnn Isham, recuperating. Frank Walters, grandfather of Kimberly Garvue, terminally ill.

**CHURCH AND SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Today: 9:30-10:30 a.m. Church Library is Open  
Mon: Holiday  
Tue: 4:00 p.m. Market Day - School  
6:00 p.m. Call Committee - School  
7:00 p.m. Women With Mission - School  
Wed: 8:15 a.m. Chapel - School  
12:10 p.m. Service - Church  
1:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Board - School  
7:00 p.m. Acolyte Confirmation Meeting - Church  
Thurs: 9:00 a.m. Quilters - School  
4:00 p.m. Confirmation - School  
Fri: 5:30 p.m. PTL Open House - School  
Sat: 5:30 p.m. Service - School  
Sun: Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost – September 7, 2008  
8:00 a.m. Holy Communion  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

	Sat:	Sun:	Wed:	Total:
At Worship Last Week:	135	150, 179	9	473
Adult Bible Classes:	65		Sunday School:	20
Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:				\$16,376.11

**FLOWERS** are placed on the altar today to God's glory by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gilman in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

**On this final Sunday of the summer quarter**, students in Sunday School studied "Journey to Heaven" from Revelation 22. Discuss the images that John uses to describe his vision of heaven. Parents might ask, "What is your favorite part of John's description of heaven? How do we know that we will go to heaven one day?"

**AUGUST DUTCH OVEN** proceeds will benefit the Baptismal Bible Fund.

**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).

**TRINITY LADIES AID** will meet Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at 12:00 noon in the Parish Hall. The luncheon will be served by the newly elected officers: President Debbie Rodenburg, Vice-President Donna Harshaw, Secretary Joyce Burkhart, Treasurer Dee Boehm, and Assistant Treasurer Paula Boehme. The program will be "WITCHING" an underground experience, by Bob Walters, Weldon, IL. Come and hear this fantastic presentation. All Trinity ladies are invited to join us for the next year. The yearly dues are \$15.00. If you have any questions regarding the Ladies Aid, please call President Debbie Rodenburg at 787-5796.

**The Fall LWML Springfield Zone Rally** will be held on September 18, 2008 at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1225 North Main, Chatham, IL. Registration fee is \$10.00 which includes lunch. More details at the September meeting.

**All Board Members** are to attend the September 3, 2008 meeting at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

**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!!

**Rev. James Klug**, former Trinity and Lutheran High Teacher and Coach, is our guest preacher this weekend. He is here for the baptism of his grandson, Joseph Edward Klug, son of Jacob and Susan.

**ATTENTION VOTERS** – The regularly scheduled Voters' meeting is on Monday, September 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Among the regularly scheduled items on the agenda will be a report from the Call Committee as to the status of our filling the position of Associate Pastor.

**YOU ARE INVITED** – Margaret Krueger (who celebrated her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday earlier this month) is 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.



**RECEIVED THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM** in the 10:30 a.m. service this morning is Joseph Edward Klug, infant son of Jacob and Susan Klug. May God strengthen his parents as they oversee his spiritual growth.

**WE THANK** Mr. Andy Wiesenhofer for the special music in our services this morning.

**WEBSITE – ARCHIVES – HISTORY ...** Regular monthly meeting: same place – Parish Library; same day – first Tuesday, September 2; new time – the meeting time has been moved back to 7:00 p.m. **Interested??** Just show up!

**SCHOOL LIBRARY HELP NEEDED** on Monday mornings from 9:00-11:30 a.m. to read to the Learning Center students. Each class spends one-half hour in the library listening to stories and checking out books. If you can help, contact Mary Denham or the school office.

**THE TRINITY WILLING WORKERS** are looking for work! We quilt every Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall on quilt tops that people have made themselves and every so often have acquired at the death of a loved one. If you have such a quilt top, **now is time** to sign up, our waiting list is very short.

**BROKEN PROMISES**, a 14 week divorce recovery program for parents and children (age 4-12) will begin at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Springfield on Monday, October 20, at 6:30 p.m. This ministry addresses the issues, emotions, and behaviors oftentimes seen in divorce situations and offers some help in handling those things. For more information or to register, contact Kim Meyer at 546-4532.

**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](mailto: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 Caitlin Cameron, Ann Rodenburg, Molly Filter, Lauren Rodgers, Anna Booher, and Hannah Esselman for being the Summer Sunday School Teachers this summer! We appreciate their faithfulness and hard work this summer. **Fall Sunday School Classes** will begin on September 7<sup>th</sup> at the school, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

**FOOD COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND** – Please bring non-perishable food either to the Saturday (September 6<sup>th</sup>) evening service or to church Sunday (September 7<sup>th</sup>) morning. Last month 21 bags of food were delivered to those in need. **Thank you!**

<b>FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE</b>		
	<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

## **SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES**

**Fall Classes begin September 7, 2008**

9:30-10:15 a.m.

**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** will resume September 2<sup>nd</sup> at the home of Debbie Rodenburg, 400 Tecumseh Trail. We will continue our study on The Daughters of Eve. For more information, call 787-5796.

**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.**

## **“A STORY OF TWO DADS”**

Luke 15:20

Rev. James Klug

***[20] And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.***

- I. The boy with two dads.
- II. Another boy with two dads.
- III. The son with a dream and a scheme.
- IV. The dad with the answer.

## **Rev. Dr. Thomas Glenn Radtke**

Today we honor Pastor Radtke for 30 years of service in the Office of the Holy Ministry. Thomas Glenn Radtke grew up in Brookfield, Illinois. He is the only child of Glenn & Vernelle Radtke. His father and mother both worked at Western Electric in Chicago.

He was baptized at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Chicago, Illinois and was confirmed at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Brookfield.

In 1971 he received his undergraduate degree majoring in Mass Media (Communications) from Central Missouri State University.

After graduation he worked at CNA and AAL, marrying Carol Leimkuhler on May 27, 1972. Pastor and Carol are the parents of three sons, Bryan (wife, Breanna), Brent (wife, Kathy) and Braden. There are five grandchildren: Cheyenne, Hayden, Micaela, Rylan, Mia.

In 1975 he became a "Second Career" student at Concordia Seminary in Springfield. The following year the Seminary moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana requiring yet another move for the Radtkes. Pastor Radtke received his Master of Divinity Degree in 1978 and that year accepted a call to Trinity Lutheran Church in Coal Valley, Illinois. He continued his service there until coming to Trinity, Springfield in 1983.

He has served as LWML Zone and District Counselor, LLL Zone Counselor and Circuit Counselor. He was also the chaplain at Lutheran High School for several years. In 2005 Pastor Radtke received his Doctor of Divinity Degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Pastor Radtke enjoys sports (he's a Cub fan!), music, history and exercise. During this service we will be singing his favorite hymn, #575.

*"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*