



*O God, from whom all good proceeds,
grant to us, Your humble servants, Your
holy inspiration, that we may set our
minds on the things that are right
and, by Your merciful guiding, ac-
complish them; 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:** 725; 589; 837**SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE: 8:00 a.m. Page 184 10:30 a.m. Page 219****HYMNS:** 8:00 a.m. 868; 589; 625; 588; 806; 837
10:30 a.m. 868; 589; 837

SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY:	Ezekiel 33:7-9	P. 721
	Psalms 32:1-7	P. 462
	Romans 13:1-10	P. 948
	Matthew 18:1-20	P. 823

THE PRAYERS

Being obedient to God's word. Wilma Stowell. Leonard & Sandra Windau, 50th wedding anniversary. Edward William Bonnett, baptism. Jason Rasmussen, Stephanie Huskins wedding 9/13/08.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL CALENDAR

Today:	<u>9:30-10:30 a.m.</u>	Church Library is Open
Mon:	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	PTL Planning Meeting - School
	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Voters' Meeting - School
Wed:	<u>8:15 a.m.</u>	Chapel - School
	<u>12:00 noon</u>	Ladies Aid - School
	<u>12:10 p.m.</u>	Service - Church
Thurs:	<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	Quilters - School
	<u>4:00 p.m.</u>	Confirmation - School
	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Adult Information Class - School
Sat:	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	Communion Service - School
Sun:	Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost – September 14, 2008	
	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	Morning Worship
	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>	Holy Communion

	Sat:	Sun:	Wed:	Total:
At Worship Last Week:	<u>126</u>	<u>137</u> , <u>191</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>464</u>
Adult Bible Classes:	<u>70</u>		Sunday School:	<u>22</u>

Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:	<u>\$10,057.65</u>
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FLOWERS are placed on the altar today to God's glory by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Windau in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

This fall Sunday School students return to their study of the Old Testament. We begin by studying "Worship in the Tabernacle." In the tabernacle, God dwelled with His people, cleansing them and making them holy through the blood of sacrifices. In Christ, God now dwells among us, cleansing us and making us holy through His blood, sacrificed for us on the cross. *Ask students, "Why did God direct the people to build the tabernacle? Where do we worship God today?"*

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.

THE ADULT CHOIR rehearses Wednesday evenings 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!!

NOMINEES FOR ASSOCIATE PASTOR: The following are additions to our list of nominees: CTS Candidate Paul Nus; Rev. Dr. Martin Nolan, St. Louis; Rev. Jeffrey Pflug, Madison, Indiana; Rev. Aaron Schnelle, Indiana; Rev. Michael Shempt – Chaplain; Rev. Nate Janssen, Indiana; Rev. Carl Wenck, Tennessee. Follow-up by the Call Committee will be made on these individuals.

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.

AUGUST DUTCH OVEN PROCEEDS totaled \$186.50 for the Baptismal Bible Fund. Thanks to everyone who helped and to all who came, said "hi" and grabbed a coffee and some treats. Your generosity is overwhelming.

Stewardship Corner

In every church, there are people who continually rise to the occasion to get the work done. Although God calls each of us to follow and serve Him, many of us are much more concerned about our own lives and goals than assisting in the Lord's work. If we focus on "I, me, mine, and myself," we take care of "number one" to the exclusion of helping and serving. In our prayers, we should be asking God to grant us hearts that want to serve, and we would be asking Him, "What do You want to achieve through me today.

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.



RECEIVED THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM in the 5:30 p.m. service Saturday evening is Edward William Bonnett, infant son of William and Leighanne Bonnett. May God strengthen his parents as they oversee his spiritual growth.

POTLUCK MEAL - Save the date: **September 14, 5:00 p.m.** church potluck at the Parish Hall to honor our full time church workers celebrating a milestone anniversary of service to the LCMS. Mr. Russ Benning – 40 years; Pastor Radtke – 30 years; and Mrs. Pam Sausaman – 20 years. All are welcome and invited to attend. Please bring a dish to pass and a healthy appetite. See you there!

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.

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.**

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.

FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<u>August</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Receipts	70,754.22	125,561.47
Expenses	<u>87,768.32</u>	<u>168,264.98</u>
Over (Short)	- 17,014.10	- 42,703.51

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES

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 meets 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 meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Loretta Rodenburg, 12 Turnberry.

ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS – meets Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. at the school. 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 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.

“REJOICING IN HUMBLE SERVICE”

Romans 13:1-10

Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Radtke

[1] Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. [2] Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. [3] For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, [4] for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. [5] Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. [6] For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. [7] Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. [8] Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. [9] For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." [10] Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

- I. God provides those in authority as a blessing.
 - A. They care for us.
 - 1. As they serve God (v. 1).
 - 2. Public servants are God's hands to supply our needs (v. 2)
 - B. We follow God in our attitude toward them.
 - 1. Through our behavior (v. 3).
 - 2. In the use of His gifts (v. 7; Matt. 22:21).

- II. God calls us to look out for the welfare of others.
 - A. He gives us His commandments to guide us.
 - 1. They show us the way of love (v. 10).
 - 2. That we respect one another (v. 9).
 - B. Christ's love forms our behavior.
 - 1. As the example of Jesus shows (John 15:13).
 - 2. Love is the motivation of our obedience (v. 8).

Teacher Pamela A. Sausaman

Today we celebrate twenty years of service in the teaching ministry of Pamela A. Sausaman. Fourteen of those years have been as Sixth Grade teacher here at Trinity Lutheran School.

Pamela was one of four children (2 boys, 2 girls) born to Don and Barb Peper. Pam grew up in Springfield, Illinois being baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church. She was in the second graduating class of Lutheran High School, Springfield. Her father, now deceased, was a self employed truck driver and her mother retired from AT&T where she was an operator.

Pam received her undergraduate degree from Concordia University, River Forest, majoring in Elementary Education. In 2003 she received her Masters Degree of Teaching and Leadership from St. Xavier University, Chicago.

In 1987 Pam student taught at St. John's Lutheran School, New Berlin under the tutelage of Maryann and Ron Kroshe. Pam taught at Immanuel Lutheran School, Springfield from 1988-1995. In the fall of 1995 she began teaching here at Trinity. She has served, or is serving, as Recycling Coordinator, Scholastic Bowl Coach, Free Throw Shooting Contest Director, Outdoor Education, Computer Room Manager, Student Life Committee and LHS Math Contest Coordinator.

Pam has been married for 21 years to James Sausaman, an operator for Sangamon County Highway Department. They are the parents of Donald (15), Jeremiah (11) and Brianna (8). Her hobbies include gardening and reading, and she has been a lifelong Chicago Cubs fan. Her favorite restaurant is Smokey Bones. During this service we will be singing Pam's favorite hymn, #837.

"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 forever." Hebrews 13:7,8.

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 Leimkuehler 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.

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Hebrews 13:7,8