



O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, 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 151**
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10:30 a.m. 685; 559; 625; 588; 806; 861

SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY: Genesis 50:15-21 P. 44
Psalm 103:1-12 P. 502
Romans 14:1-12 P. 948
Matthew 18:21-35 P. 823

THE PRAYERS

God's grace in Jesus Christ. Sue Gilman, Brandon Reed, Fred Brent, Bea Rippel. Service of Teachers Russell Benning and Pamela Sausamn, and Pastor Thomas Radtke.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL CALENDAR

Today:	<u>9:30-10:30 a.m.</u>	Church Library is Open
Tue:	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Board of Stewardship - School
Wed:	<u>8:15 a.m.</u>	Chapel - 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>	Board of Property Management - School
Sat:	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	Communion Service - School
Sun:	Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost – September 21, 2008	
	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	Holy Communion
	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>	Order of Matins

	Sat:	Sun:	Wed:	Total:
At Worship Last Week:	<u>127</u>	<u>129</u> , <u>1186</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>457</u>
Adult Bible Classes:	<u>85</u>		Sunday School:	<u>27</u>
Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:				<u>\$16,866.99</u>

FLOWERS are placed on the altar today to God's glory by Mr. and Mrs. Steve White in memory of mother and grandmother Elizabeth Thompson.

Sunday School students studied "The Twelve Spies in Canaan" today. We are like the faithless Israelites, doubting and revolting against God's ways and direction. God forgave them and He forgives us our sins of disbelief through Christ who fought sin for us on the cross. *Parents could ask, "How do we sometimes doubt God? What has God promised us?"*

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 Shemft – Chaplain; Rev. Nate Janssen, Indiana; Rev. Carl Wenck, Tennessee. Follow-up by the Call Committee will be made on these individuals.

Stewardship Corner

Scripture is full of instances where God has used ordinary people like us to accomplish extraordinary things. He chose a stammering Moses to lead His people out of bondage, self-serving fishermen, James and John, to lead His Church, and Paul, who spoke of a thorn in his flesh, to be the first great missionary of the Christian Church. God uses imperfect people, those whom the world considers weak and flawed, to extend His kingdom. When we allow ourselves to be used by God in whatever way He chooses, He takes our meager talents and blesses them.

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

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.

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 an 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 of 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.

Growing as Stewards – Class begins this morning. 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 will resume September 23 with 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.

“SURPRISED BY GOD’S PURPOSES”

Genesis 50:15-21

Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Radtke

[15] When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." [16] So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, [17] 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. [18] His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." [19] But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? [20] As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. [21] So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

- I. Forgiveness is in His hands.
 - A. As Joseph’s brothers discovered.
 - 1. They feared retaliation for their sin (v. 15).
 - 2. Their hope was in Jacob’s promise (v. 16).
 - B. As we know.
 - 1. We are not deserving of forgiveness (Romans 3:21).
 - 2. It is beyond our comprehension (v. 18).
- II. God always accomplishes His good.
 - A. In spite of outward appearances.
 - 1. Joseph’s brothers had sinned greatly (v. 15).
 - 2. Our difficulties can’t stop God’s providing (v. 20).
 - B. According to His plan.
 - 1. Which is greater than those of people (v. 20).
 - 2. It brings eternal assurance (v. 21).

Church Worker Anniversary Celebration Potluck at 5 PM, on Sept 14, at the Parish Center! Potluck to help celebrate some milestones in years of service to LCMS by three of our full-time church workers. All are invited. Please bring a dish to pass.



Mr. Russell Benning has served in the Teaching Ministry for 40 years, 20 of those years teaching 8th grade at Trinity. Russ received his undergraduate degree from Concordia University, Seward, NE and his Masters from VanderCook College, Chicago, IL. He and his wife, Cathy, are the parents of three sons: Johnathan (Wife, Jordan), Paul (Wife, Jessica) and David (Wife, Rachel), and four grandchildren.



Rev. Dr. Thomas Glenn Radtke has served in the Pastoral Ministry for 30 years, 25 of those spent here at Trinity. Pastor Radtke received his undergraduate degree from Central Missouri State University, his Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary, Springfield, IL & Fort Wayne, IN. He earned his Doctorate from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO. Pastor and his wife, Carol, are parents of three sons: Bryan (wife, Breanna), Brent (wife, Kathy) and Braden, five grandchildren.



Mrs. Pam Sausaman has served in the Teaching Ministry for 20 years, 14 of those have been spent teaching 6th grade at Trinity. Pam received her undergraduate degree from Concordia University, River Forest, IL and her Masters degree from Xavier University, Chicago, IL. She and her husband, James, are the parents of three children: Donald, Jeremiah and Brianna.