



Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live by Your Word; 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

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

*Rev. Donald Garvue
Visitation Pastor*

SATURDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE 5:30 p.m. Page 285**HYMNS:** 809; 711; 761**SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE: 8:00 a.m. Page 184 10:30 a.m. Page 219****HYMNS:** 8:00 a.m. 709; 711; 715; 809; 816

10:30 a.m. 709; 711; 816

SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY: Isaiah 55:6-9 P. 615
 Psalm 27:1-9 P. 460
 Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30 P. 980
 Matthew 20:1-16 P. 825

THE PRAYERS

Living in the hope that God provides. Tucker Alexander Murphy, baptism. Andy & Shelley Wiesenhofer, 30th wedding anniversary. Alberta Hines, Charles Shipman, Merle Casolari.

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 Elders - Church
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>	Adult Information Class - School
Sat:	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	Communion Service - School
Sun:	Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost – September 28, 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>186</u>	<u>102</u> , <u>145</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>443</u>
Adult Bible Classes:	<u>70</u>		Sunday School:	<u>22</u>
Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:	<u>\$9,563.12</u>			

FLOWERS are placed on the altar today to God's glory by Mr. and Mrs. Andy Wiesenhofer in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary.

Today's Sunday School lesson "The Bronze Serpent" is one of the more challenging stories in the Old Testament. Just as the bronze serpent was lifted up to heal and save the Israelites, Christ was lifted up on the cross to heal and save us from sin, death, and the devil. *Ask students, "How did God rescue people bitten by the serpent? How does God rescue you?"*

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

In 1 John 4:16 we read, *"God is love."* God's love is evident in His giving. *"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life"* (John 3:16). Because of His love, God gave us the gift that we needed the most – our Savior. Out of love and gratitude for who God is and what He has done for us, we strive to live as Christ did. Through our giving, we become like Him. The more we give from hearts filled with love and gratitude, the more we reflect Christ's likeness.

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

MISSION OFFERINGS – Just a quick reminder so that everyone is on the same page and everyone's intentions are honored. If you use one of the Missions envelopes in your envelope packet, or write on another envelope "Mission(s)", then the enclosed contribution will be deposited in Trinity's designated fund for Missions. Those monies are used to support our Together in Missions missionary(ies), as well as other mission projects proposed by the Board of Evangelism and approved by the Voters' Assembly. If, however, you wish your mission(s) contribution(s) to be forwarded to District or Synod, then please also write on the envelope you use "District" or "Synod." In that case, the enclosed contribution(s) will be forwarded to the Central Illinois District of the LCMS in a timely manner. If you have some questions in this regard about Mission contributions you have made so far this year, please contact Bill Denham (546-8387). Thank you for your cooperation.



RECEIVED THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM in the 10:30 a.m. service this morning is Tucker Alexander Murphy, infant son of Ryan and Jamie Murphy. May God strengthen his parents as they oversee his spiritual growth.

THANK YOU!!! The Lord has truly blessed all three of us through Trinity Lutheran Church and School. This blessing has come through members of this congregation as well as parents and students. We would like to thank the Board of Evangelism, the PTL, and all the other individuals who were so kind to remember our years of service. The cards and gifts were very touching and a joy to read. Thank you for your love and care! Pastor Radtke, Mr. Benning, Mrs. Sausaman

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.

Growing as Stewards – . 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.

“THE UNEXPECTED WAY OF GOD”

Matthew 20:1-16

Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Radtke

[1] "For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. [2] After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. [3] And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, [4] and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' [5] So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. [6] And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' [7] They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' [8] And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' [9] And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. [10] Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. [11] And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, [12] saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' [13] But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? [14] Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. [15] Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' [16] So the last will be first, and the first last."

- I. He has come into our world.
 - A. He operates according to His plan.
 - B. He uses us in His service.

- II. He blesses us beyond our understanding.
 - A. It is not due to our efforts.
 - B. It is a result of His promise.