



Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Collect for the Day

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*Rev. Donald Garvue
Visitation Pastor*

SATURDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE 5:30 p.m. Page 151**HYMNS:** 544; 523; 633; 621; 842**SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE: 8:00 a.m. Page 235 10:30 a.m. Page 151****HYMNS:** 8:00 a.m. 534; 523; 729 Junior Choir
10:30 a.m. 534; 523; 809; 919; 729 Adult Choir**SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY:** Ezekiel.18:1-4, 25-32 P. 705
Psalm 25:1-10 P. 459
Philippians 2:1-18 P. 980
Matthew 21:23-27 P. 826**THE PRAYERS**

Following God's word. Bill and Jan Firth, 43rd wedding anniversary. Dee Thomas, mother of Paula Boehme, recovering from surgery; Sandra O'Brien, daughter of Bob O'Brien, hospitalized. Barry Nass, surgery 10/3/08. Aria Mohler, born to Abraham and Rachel (nee Douglas). Frank Walters, grandfather of Kimberly Garvue, terminally ill, Carl Benning, brother of Russ, ill.

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
Tue:	<u>4:00 p.m.</u>	Market Day - School
Wed:	<u>8:15 a.m.</u>	Chapel - School
	<u>12:10 p.m.</u>	Service - Church
	<u>1:00 p.m.</u>	Ladies Aid Board - School
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>	Service - School
Sun:	Twenty-first Sunday of Pentecost – October 5, 2008	
	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	Holy Communion
	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>	Morning Worship

	Sat:	Sun:	Wed:	Total:
At Worship Last Week:	<u>147</u>	<u>155</u> , <u>175</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>488</u>
Adult Bible Classes:	<u>94</u>		Sunday School:	<u>27</u>
Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:				<u>\$15,152.47</u>

FLOWERS are placed on the altar today to God's glory by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Firth in celebration of their 43rd wedding anniversary.

At the Jordan River, led by Joshua, Israel leaves the desert in this week's Sunday School lesson "Entering the Promised Land." In Baptism, led by Christ, we leave behind the desert of sin, death, and Satan so we may enter into the promised land of heaven. *Parents might ask, "What did the Israelites create to remind them of their crossing into the Promised Land? What do you have to remind you of your Baptism?"*

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!!

Stewardship Corner

Jim Elliot, who was a missionary and a martyr for his faith, gave us this profound statement: "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." Through faith, we understand the truth in this statement. All of our worldly possessions will at some time be taken away from us. We will lose them during our lifetimes, or they will be taken away at death. They cannot be kept forever. However, we have the opportunity to use our material possessions in service to the Lord by giving to those in need and God's Church. What we give through faith will provide spiritual dividends for us as well as for others. As Paul wrote, "*[The gifts you sent] are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God*" (Philippians 4:18). In verse 17, he wrote, "*Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account.*" What we can do in Christ's name for Him, we cannot lose.

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

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.

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.

TRINITY LADIES AID will meet on October 8, 2008 in the Parish Hall at 12:00 noon. A potluck will be served by the committee. Members with last names A-H are to bring a dish which should serve at least 10 people. This is new policy for our Split Alphabet Potluck for this year. Program: ***"Explaining Financial Terminology"*** by Patrick Phalen, Senior Vice President at INB. Devotions will be presented by Melissa Bowers; also we will have our MITE BOX COLLECTION.

LWML SUNDAY will be observed on Saturday night October 11 church service and both Sunday services October 12.

LWML FALL RETREAT at Camp Cilca October 17-18, 2008. Registration fee \$50 for Friday/Saturday, \$30 for Saturday only. Deadline for registration October 10 (see form).

MISSION SERVICE PROJECT FOR OCTOBER: Please bring to the October meeting the following: **Bar Soap** – 4 to 5 oz. Bath size bars in original wrapping. We will continue to collect soap all year. Choose any month, bring as many bars as you want. **School Kit Items – Notebooks** -- spiral or pad, 8"x10 ½", 150-200 sheets or three 70 sheet notebooks - - **no loose leaf paper.**

SPRINGFIELD RIGHT TO LIFE is holding it's **Annual Benefit Dinner** on Saturday, **October 4, 2008**, at the Sangamon Prairie Center on Rt. 4 in Chatham. Reception and Silent Auction will begin at 6:00 p.m. with Dinner at 6:45 p.m. The evening's program includes featured speaker, **Pastor Todd Greiner**, Community of Faith Church, Carterville, IL. He is an excellent presenter on pro-life topics. Reservations for adults \$35, and for students \$20. Please make a reservation by mailing your check, payable to SRTL, to 316 East Monroe St., Springfield, IL 62701. For any further information, contact SRTL at 523-2700, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Please support this important event coming in **October** which is **"Respect Life" Month.**

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF COLLECTION – The Ladies Aid invites the congregation and school families to participate in the collection of bar soap and school kits supplies for Lutheran World Relief (LWR)

Sharing tools for better health and education brings new hope and dignity to thousands of women, children and men throughout the world. New bars of soap contribute to dignity and cleanliness. Children are encouraged in their education by LWR school kits and kits may also be used in adult literacy classes.

The collection dates are October 1st through November 2nd. Collection boxes, labeled LWR, will be located in the school parish hall lobby, in the school entry lobby and in the church basement. Donations of any of the following items will be greatly appreciated. For more information call Melissa Bowers (546-9156), Kathy Richards (546-8822) or Sharon Helmann (793-3749).

Items being collected:

Bar soap – 4 to 5 oz. bath size bars in original wrapping.

Spiral notebooks, ruled paper 8"x10 ½" totaling 150-200 sheets, or three 70 sheet notebooks

Scissors, blunt end

Ruler, with inch and centimeter markings

Pencils, #2 unsharpened with erasers

Pencil sharpener, small manual

Eraser, approx. 2 ½ " long

Crayons, 16 or 24 count

NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN PRAYER WITNESS, Sunday, October 5, 2008 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Life chain, an annual event which began in 1987, invites Christians in each city and town across North America to stand on a designated sidewalk and silently pray to stop abortion. Please come out and join fellow members of Trinity in this prayerful, peaceful witness to the truths that "Abortion Kills Children" "Adoption: the Loving Option," and "Jesus Forgives and Heals." Trinity members will gather on MacArthur Boulevard north of Laurel Street near Family Video and Luers. Please do not park in business parking lots; park on city streets. For further information, contact Larry or Paula Boehme, 626-2179.

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. Study on The Daughters of Eve. For 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.

WEDNESDAYS:

BIBLE AND BREAKFAST meets at 6:30 a.m. in the Church Library. Studying I Kings. Leader: Pastor Radtke

THURSDAYS:

ADULT INFORMATION 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.

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 FAITH TO FOLLOW”

Matthew 21:23-32

Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Radtke

[23] And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" [24] Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. [25] The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' [26] But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." [27] So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. [28] "What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' [29] And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. [30] And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. [31] Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. [32] For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

- I. We are sinners.
 - A. We are reluctant to serve.
 - B. We don't keep our promises.

- II. God guides in His way of life.
 - A. He calls us to repent.
 - B. He leads us to faith in Christ through the Holy Spirit.

- III. God's grace changes us.
 - A. Through the Means of Grace
 - B. We desire for others to know salvation in Jesus.