



Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your love, and grant us the gift of Your salvation; 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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Head Pastor*

*Rev. Donald Garvue
Visitation Pastor*

SATURDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE 5:30 p.m. Page 285**HYMNS:** 909; 540; 664**SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE: 8:00 a.m. Page 167****HYMNS:** 8:00 a.m. 797; 540; 555; 806; 922

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Adult Choir

Trinity Choir

SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY:

Isaiah 5:1-7

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Psalm 80:7-19

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Philippians 3:4b-14

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Matthew 21:33-46

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THE PRAYERS

Producing the fruits of our faith. Barry Nass, recovering from surgery; William Casolari, brother of Al, hospitalized; Frank Walters, terminally ill. Bill and Mary Denham, 24th wedding anniversary.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL CALENDAR

Today:	<u>9:30-10:30 a.m.</u>	Church Library is Open
Mon:	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Women With Mission - School
Wed:	<u>8:15 a.m.</u>	Chapel - School
	<u>12:00 p.m.</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:	Twenty-second Sunday of Pentecost – October 12, 2008	
	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	Order of Matins
	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>	Holy Communion

	Sat:	Sun:	Wed:	Total:
At Worship Last Week:	<u>91</u>	<u>208</u> , <u>114</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>423</u>
Adult Bible Classes:	<u>71</u>		Sunday School:	<u>28</u>

Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:	<u>\$11,690.02</u>
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FLOWERS are placed on the altar today to God's glory by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Denham in celebration of their 24th wedding anniversary.

In Sunday School this week students studied "The Fall of Jericho." We are reminded that God is our mighty fortress who delivers us from the false walls of our sin and saves us in the true Joshua, (Jesus) that we might become and remain His people. *Ask students, "What did the people of Jericho think their wall (fortress) would do for them? What does God our Fortress do for 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!!

Stewardship Corner

A bumper sticker said, "Money isn't everything, but it's right up there with air and water." We live in a money-driven culture that often associates a person's value by how much he earns and possesses. In order to be labeled a success, many are driven to possess more and more. Gaining wealth is often an obsession. The Apostle Paul warns us, *"The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil"* (1 Timothy 6:10). Jesus warns us about wanting money and things: *"Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions"* (Luke 12:15). With God's help, we can keep material things from becoming overly important.

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.

WOMEN WITH MISSION will meet on Monday, October 6, 7:00 p.m., in the Church Library (school location). There will be a Bible study and short business meeting. The **Mission Project** for this month will be to participate in the Ladies Aid's Lutheran World Relief Collection – **Bar Soap** – 4.5 oz. Bath size bars in original wrapping. Future mission project will be discussed at the meeting. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend! Questions, contact Cathy Von De Bur (487-7846) or Cindy Ushman (789-6103).

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.**

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, this afternoon 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.

WEB-SITE, HISTORY ARCHIVES: Regular meeting on Tuesday, October 7, at 7:00 p.m. in Parish Library.

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 Deb Zyznieuski, 2008 Montague Drive. Study on The Daughters of Eve. For information, call 787-3816.

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.

“LIVING WITH GOD’S HEART”

Philippians 3:4-14, 18-21

Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Radtke

[4] though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: [5] circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; [6] as to zeal a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. [7] But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. [8] Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ [9] and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— [10] that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, [11] that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. [12] Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. [13] Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, [14] I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. [18] For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. [19] Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. [20] But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, [21] who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

- I. Life in heaven is our goal.
 - A. It is where we belong.
 - 1. It gives purpose to our lives (v. 14).
 - 2. Jesus Christ makes it certain (v. 12).
 - B. It is a hope that guides us.
 - 1. Because we belong to Christ (v. 12).
 - 2. Regardless of distractions (v. 13).

- II. God’s love transforms our life.
 - A. Life here is often self serving.
 - 1. It is opposed to Jesus Christ (v. 18).
 - 2. It is unimportant in comparison (v. 8).
 - B. Life in Christ makes a difference.
 - 1. In our actions (v. 9).
 - 2. In our future (v. 14).