

LWML Sunday

Prelude

Prayer of Personal Preparation

Lord God, remind me of my baptism and of how You called me to be personally involved in Your mission through my baptism. Speak to me, and to those in this congregation, through Your Word, inspiring us to say as the disciples said after Jesus' resurrection, "Didn't our hearts burn within us when He spoke to us and opened the Scriptures to us?" Motivate me individually, and this congregation corporately, to share this Good News with others. Through the power of Your Word and by Your Holy Spirit, use me to bring Your light into the lives of people who do not yet know You! In the precious name of Jesus, Amen.

Welcome

Opening Hymn "Lord of the Living Harvest" (tune: LSB 644)

1. Lord of the living harvest
That whitens on the plain,
Where angels soon shall gather
Their sheaves of golden grain,
Accept these hands to labor,
Our hearts to trust and love,
And with us ever hasten
Your kingdom from above.
2. As lab'ers in Your vineyard,
Help us be ever true,
Content to share the Gospel
And living life for You,
To ask no other wages
When you will call us home
Than to have shared the labor
That makes your kingdom come.
3. Be with us, God the Father,
Be with us, God the Son
And God the Holy Spirit,
Most blessed Three in One.
Teach us, as faithful servants
You rightly to adore,
And fill us with Your fullness

Both now and evermore.

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Call to Worship / Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!

C: Amen!

P: Through the Gospel, the Holy Spirit has called us out of the darkness of unbelief, opened our eyes, and brought us into His marvelous light to be God's people.

C: God has loved us. He has loved the entire world and sent His Son to be its Savior. We praise Him for His saving work!

P: He has enlightened us with His gifts, sanctified and kept us in the true faith in His Son, Jesus Christ.

C: He has made us His own, His Church. We praise Him for our salvation!

Confession and Absolution

P: Dear Lord, we fully know that You shine as Light in the darkness,

C: But we have often sought out the darkness instead of Your Light.

P: Instead of keeping our hearts on fire for You,

C: We have carried a torch for the "treasures" of this world: things, control, and pleasure.

P: Instead of hearts that burn within us for being in Your Word,

C: We have "burned" for things that will one day be swallowed up by fire.

P: Instead of spending time, talent, and treasure for Your glory and the growth of Your kingdom,

C: We have spent time, talent, and treasure on "my kingdom come; my will be done."

P: Forgive us, Lord. Give us a fresh chance. As a church, grant us seeds to sow and opportunities to "go,"

C: With hearts filled with fire and desire that "all would be saved" so "none would perish." Forgive us for our silence and wrong priorities. Create in us clean hearts. Inspire us with the desire and conviction to "speak of the hope within us"

(1 Timothy 2:4 and 1 Peter 3:15).

(silence for reflection)

P: We were lost, unclean, and condemned.

C: But on the cross, Christ redeemed us by His holy and precious blood, purchased and won us from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil.

P: We have sinned against the Lord by what we've done and what we've left undone.

C: We deserve His wrath, but He gives us "righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Rom. 14:17).

P: Hear the Good News: Our Father does not treat you as your sins deserve. Your sins have been "hurled into the depths of the sea" (Micah 7:19). Your sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Your slate is clean; you are free to begin fresh.

C: We see His light. We look and are radiant. Our “hearts throb and swell with joy”!
(Is. 60:5)

Hymn of Response “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling” LSB 827

Salutation and Collect

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

C: Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out in good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading—God’s Word Is Like a Fire Jeremiah 20:7-9

O LORD, you have deceived me,
and I was deceived;
you are stronger than I,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all the day;
everyone mocks me.
For whenever I speak, I cry out,
I shout, “Violence and destruction!”
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
If I say, “I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,”
there is in my heart as it were a burning fire
shut up in my bones,
and I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading—God Calls Us Out of Darkness 1 Peter 2:9-10

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel—God Opens Eyes and Sets Hearts Ablaze Luke 24:13-35

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life (+) everlasting. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Sermon Hymn "Lift High the Cross" LSB 837

Sermon "*A Clear Vision Of Your Savior*" Luke 24:25-32

Hymn of Response "Listen, God Is Calling" LSB 833

Offering

Offertory Hymn "Serve the Lord with Gladness"(tune: LSB 662) *Written by Prof. Ernest Lewerenz*

1. "Serve the Lord with gladness!"
It is He alone
Who redeemed us sinners,
Guides us as His own
To enjoy the blessings
Of His love and grace,
Will at last in glory
Meet us face to face.
Onward, then, for Jesus!
Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!"
Glorify His name!
2. "Serve the Lord with gladness!"
He gave us command
To proclaim His Gospel
Now in every land
So that fellow sinners
May, like us, be blest.
Leading them to Jesus,
We can serve Him best.

Onward, then, for Jesus!
Let this be our aim:
“Serve the Lord with gladness!”
Glorify His name!

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3. “Serve the Lord with gladness!”
There’s no greater joy
Than to serve the Master,
Work in His employ.
As we build His kingdom
Angels, too, rejoice
Over every sinner
Brought to hear His voice.
Onward, then, for Jesus!
Let this be our aim:
“Serve the Lord with gladness!”
Glorify His name!

Prayers—for Opened Eyes and Hearts

- P:** We pray for God’s people everywhere, who with opened eyes and hearts Ablaze are encouraged by the Father to share Christ Jesus as the Light of the world with those who are living in darkness.
- C:** **May we answer Him as He gives us the opportunity to do so, by learning about missions, by praying for missions, by giving to missions, by telling, by sending, by going, and by celebrating!**
- P:** We pray for God’s missionaries everywhere, who are at the same time sinners and saints, who are His servants with opened eyes and hearts that their service be “acceptable.”
- C:** **St. Paul says in Romans 15:31, “Pray . . . that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints.”**
- P:** We pray for God’s missionaries everywhere, His servants with opened eyes and hearts that they may be given courage and boldness in presenting the Gospel.
- C:** **St. Paul says in Ephesians 6:19, “Pray . . . also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel.”**
- P:** We pray for God’s missionaries everywhere, His servants with opened eyes and hearts that they may present the Gospel clearly.
- C:** **St. Paul says in Colossians 4:4, “Pray . . . that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.”**
- P:** We pray for God’s missionaries everywhere, His servants with opened eyes and hearts Ablaze, that they be delivered from attack.

C: St. Paul says in Romans 15:31, “Pray . . . that I may be delivered from the unbelievers in Judea.”

P: We pray for God’s missionaries everywhere, His servants with opened eyes and hearts Ablaze, that they have opportunities to extend the mission far beyond anything we can even think or imagine.

C: St. Paul says in Colossians 4:3, “At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison.” (6)

P: We pray for God’s missionaries everywhere, His servants with opened eyes and hearts Ablaze, that the work they do will bear much fruit for His kingdom.

C: St. Paul says in 2 Thessalonians 3:1, “Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you.”

P: (Any special petitions) With opened eyes and hearts we pray in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen!

(The service continues with the Lord’s Prayer or with the celebration of Holy Communion. Communion Hymns: LSB 651, 893, 643)

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The LWML Pledge

In fervent gratitude for the Savior’s dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption, we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior, our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

Benediction—Sent with Opened Eyes and Hearts

C: Send us, O Lord, with opened eyes and hearts.

P: The Good News about Jesus opens eyes and sets hearts ablaze. Go, then, with God’s blessing:

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

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Recessional Hymn “Lutheran Women, One and All” (tune: LSB 892)

Written by Elmer A. Kettner

1. Lutheran women, one and all,
We have heard the Gospel call
We by faith have seen our Lord
Crucified and then restored.
We have seen Him pay the price,
For our sins a sacrifice.
Him we Lord and Christ acclaim
And unite to praise His name.
2. Lutheran women, young and old,
Well we know His challenge bold:
Help to take the Gospel light
To a world in darkest night,
By example in the home,
By inviting those who roam,
By our prayers for sinners lost,
By our gifts for missions' cost.
3. Lutheran women, coast to coast,
In the Lord a mighty host,
Let us all united be
In the Holy Trinity,
One in faith, in hope, and love,
Working for the Lord above,
Till, our earthly labors done,
We in heaven shall all be one.

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SATURDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

5:30 p.m.

HYMNS:

LWML Service

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8:00 a.m....

10:30 a.m.

HYMNS:

8:00 a.m.

LWML Service

Trinity Choir

10:30 a.m.

LWML Service

Junior Choir

SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY:

Isaiah 25:6-9

P. 586

Psalm 23

P. 458

Philippians 4:4-13

P. 982

Luke 24:25-32

P. 885

THE PRAYERS

Faithful sharing of the Gospel message. LWML. Wayne and Donna Harshaw, 51st wedding anniversary. For Amanda Harmon (granddaughter of Lucille Drone) at the death of her father Jerry.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL CALENDAR

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| Today: | <u>9:30-10:30 a.m.</u> | Church Library is Open |
| Mon: | <u>6:30 p.m.</u> | Board of Directors - School |
| Tues: | <u>5:30 p.m.</u> | PTL Planning Meeting - 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> | Adult Information Class - School |
| | <u>7:00 p.m.</u> | Board of Property Management - School |
| Sat: | <u>8:30 a.m.</u> | Workday |
| | <u>5:30 p.m.</u> | Service - School |
| Sun: | Twenty-third Sunday of Pentecost – October 19, 2008 | |
| | <u>8:00 a.m.</u> | Holy Communion |
| | <u>10:30 a.m.</u> | Divine Service (setting two) |

SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING – Monday, October 20, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall for the purpose of calling an Associate Pastor.

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| | Sat: | Sun: | Wed: | Total: |
| At Worship Last Week: | <u>157</u> | <u>130</u> , <u>205</u> | <u>10</u> | <u>502</u> |
| Adult Bible Classes: | <u>93</u> | | Sunday School: | <u>35</u> |
| Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work: | <u>\$12,661.53</u> | | | |

FLOWERS are placed on the altar today to God's glory by Rick & Rachel Koopman and Kathy Koopman in loving memory of their parents, Robert & Dorothy Koopman.

Today in Sunday School students studied Deborah, one of the Old Testament judges. Through Deborah, Barak, and Jael, God brought about victory for His people and freed them from cruel oppression; through Christ's death on the cross, God brought about our victory and freed us from sin, death, and the devil. *Parents could ask, "How did God use Deborah to help His people? How does God help His people today?"*

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

As we grow in our faith and trust in the Lord, our attitude toward tithing (giving one tenth of our incomes) changes, and we begin to see tithing as a responsibility rather than an option. By grace, we can give generously, joyously, and sacrificially. Whether God gives us little or much, we are to give in proportion to what we have been given. We are never too poor to give. The tithe acts as a meaningful Biblical guide for our giving.

FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE

| | <u>September</u> | <u>Year to Date</u> |
|--------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Receipts | 101,322.96 | 226,894.43 |
| Expenses | <u>95,085.29</u> | <u>263,350.27</u> |
| Over (Short) | 6,247.67 | - 36,455.84 |

PRE-SCHOOL DIRECTOR POSITION AVAILABLE – The Learning Center is looking for a qualified pre-school director. Please call the school office at 787-2323.

MEN'S BASKETBALL – 6:00-8:00 p.m. Sunday evenings beginning November 9th, school gym. All men of the congregation are invited for fellowship and recreation. Guests welcome. For information call Ken Rodenburg, (787-5796), Brent Radtke (787-8342) or Cliff Krueger (529-9443).

WORKDAY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Work will focus on the Brick Garden. 9 trees and 50 shrubs will be planted. Flagstones will be installed. New engraved bricks will be installed. Other outside and inside work will be completed. Lunch is provided and everyone is welcome.

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.

SCHUENTZENFEST 2008 – All men of the congregation: we are scheduling some social time for men in our congregation to get together and visit and encourage one another. We will get together on Saturday, November 15th at the property of Cliff Krueger, 2781 S. Farmingdale Road (one mile south of Old Jacksonville Road). We will prepare a lunch (cost will be shared) -- it would be great if you brought a side dish. Some soft drinks and Lutheran beverages will be available for a nominal cost. We would like to play some games and invite you to bring horseshoes. Cliff has lots of room if anyone wants to sight their rifle or do some target practice. **We want to talk about future social and service activities. Bring ideas, a positive attitude, and a willingness to help.** Fathers bring your sons, nephews bring your uncles, men bring your adults sons, sons invite your father, and cousins invite one another.

BRICK GARDEN UPDATE – The Memorial Brick Garden is taking shape. Top soil and mulch were placed this summer. The latest order of engraved bricks has arrived. Trees, shrubs, flagstones, engraved bricks, and a soaker hose system will be installed during the workday on October 18. Perennials and ornamental grasses will be installed next spring. Funding for this work has been provided by the Ladies Aid, Bequest Fund, PTL, and the sale of engraved bricks. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Brick Garden Committee which plans and maintains the garden, please contact David Booher at 622-3290 or booher@ie-consultants.com.

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

You are invited to Camp CILCA's ***All You Care to Eat Biscuits & Gravy/Pancake & Sausage Supper*** this afternoon from 4:00-6:30 p.m. Either meal choice comes with fruit, milk, juice, or coffee. Cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children ages 4-12. Children under 4 eat free.

The Men's Club of Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2750 Sangamon Avenue, Springfield will be sponsoring their 2nd ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST on Saturday, October 25, 2008 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the church. Hot dogs, brats, chili, cole slaw, sauerkraut, baked beans, and desserts will be served. Cider, lemonade, and coffee will be available. Supplemental funds will be provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. A free-will donation will be taken. For more information phone 528-5232.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES

9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

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.

“A CLEAR VISION OF YOUR SAVIOR”

Luke 24:25-32

Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Radtke

[25] And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! [26] Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" [27] And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. [28] So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, [29] but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. [30] When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. [31] And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. [32] They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?"

- I. You see it in the pages of Scripture.
 - A. Which tells you about Him.
 - 1. They point you to Him (John 20:31).
 - 2. He is fulfillment of Scripture (vss. 25-26).
 - B. He is the heart of Scripture.
 - 1. Making God's purpose clear (v. 27).
 - 2. He is the basis of your faith (v. 25).

- II. He is visible in your life.
 - A. He is the central part.
 - 1. You have fellowship with Him (I Corinthians 1:9).
 - 2. You rejoice in His presence (v. 32).
 - B. He is seen in your actions.
 - 1. Which are affected by Him (v. 29).
 - 2. You see His mission in your daily life (vss. 34-35).