



*O God, the protector of all who trust
in You, have mercy on us that with You
as our ruler and guide we may so pass
things temporal that we lose
things eternal; 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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Lutheran Church ~ Missouri Synod 217-522-8151*

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

*Rev. Donald Garvue
Visitation Pastor*

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712, 850, 705

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HYMNS:

8:00 a.m.

790, 850, 770, 725, 537

Adult Choir

10:30 a.m.

790, 850, 537

Primary Choir

SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY:

Isaiah 45:1-7

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Psalm 96:1-9

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THE PRAYERS

Serving God in faith and citizenship. Joseph Andrew Hardway, baptism. Service of Lutheran High teachers Linda Harris, Rita Devine. Kristie (Ruwe) Crawford, surgery. Bryan Radtke, recovering from surgery. The family of Bill Tansky, deceased.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL CALENDAR

Today:	<u>9:30-10:30 a.m.</u>	Church Library is Open
Mon:	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Special Voters' Meeting - School
Tues:	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Science Fair Parents Meeting - School
Wed:	<u>8:15 a.m.</u>	Chapel - School
	<u>12:10 p.m.</u>	Service - Church
	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Adult Choir Rehearsal - 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:	Reformation Sunday – October 26, 2008	
	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	Morning Prayer
	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>	Holy Communion

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

WE THANK the members of Joyful Noise, visiting from Lutheran High School, for singing in our 10:30 service this morning.

	Sat:	Sun:	Wed:	Total:
At Worship Last Week:	<u>98</u>	<u>122</u> , <u>222</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>452</u>
Adult Bible Classes:	<u>91</u>		Sunday School:	<u>24</u>
Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:				<u>\$13,023.01</u>

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES

9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Growing as Stewards – Location: Parish Hall. Leader: Dave Rohe

This Sunday only “**Denominational Differences...Lutherans and other Christians.**”

Starting next week “**Spirituality of the Cross**”. 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 GOOD RETURN ON GOD’S INVESTMENT”

Matthew 22:15-22

Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Radtke

[15] Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. [16] And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. [17] Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" [18] But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? [19] Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. [20] And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" [21] They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." [22] When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

- I. All that we have comes from God.
 - A. He gives freely to us.
 - B. He calls us to use His gifts faithfully.

- II. We serve God in all we do.
 - A. The government is God's servant.
 - B. There is no conflict between citizenship and faith.

FLOWERS are placed on the altar today in thankfulness to God for all His many blessings by Steve and Nora Rossman.

Today in Sunday School Gideon's amazing victory over the enemies of God's people recorded in Judges 6–7 was the subject of today's Sunday School lesson. Christ, the light of the world, overcomes the darkness of sin, death, and the devil, even as God overcame Israel's enemy while the light streamed from the lamps of Gideon's men. *Discuss with your children, "What do you think was the most amazing part of Gideon's victory? Why is it important that Jesus won the victory over sin and death?"*

Stewardship Corner

Benjamin Franklin wrote, "Better to go to bed supper less, than wake us in debt." What would he think today when debt has become a way of life? Because of our borrowing habits, we are in debt overload. Most of us live on the installment plan. Each year we waste tens of billions of dollars on excess interest payments, annual and late fees, and credit counseling. Scripture does not forbid us from borrowing money, but it does discourage it. *"The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender"* (Proverbs 22:7), wrote Solomon, the wise teacher. Use God's warnings and strength to help you get out and stay out of debt. Then we will be on our way toward financial freedom.

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).

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

ARE YOU A THRIVENT MEMBER? Please call Sue Hoskinson at 483-4067 and make your reservation for the Annual Chapter Dinner to be held at the Northfield Center in Springfield Sunday, November 2, beginning with registration at noon. A delicious buffet dinner with entrees that include roast pork with dressing, salisbury steak, chicken in wine sauce and all the trimmings begins at 12:30 p.m. Program includes entertainment by a Barbershop Quartet and an exciting idea for a fundraiser for your church/school. There will also be drawings for a GPS navigation system and an overnight stay for two at The Inn at 835 in Springfield which includes a dinner certificate for a prominent restaurant in downtown Springfield. Youth will have an opportunity to win a Best Buy gift certificate. There will also be an election of officers for the 2009 Thrivent Chapter Board. If you have an interest in serving please call Larry Marxman at 364-5807.

CONGRATULATIONS – Lutheran High Teachers Linda Harris (40 years) and Rita Devine (15 years) will be recognized during our 8:00 a.m. service this morning. Mr. Curt Fischer, Executive Director of Lutheran High will be presenting and addressing the congregation.

VARSITY BASEBALL POSITION AT LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL – Lutheran High School is looking for a Boys Baseball Head Coach. Candidates must have high school head coaching experience or its equivalent. Interested parties should send resumes to Mr. Don Duensing, Lutheran High School, 3500 West Washington, Springfield, IL 62711 or call 546-6363 x 117.

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.

SERMONS ON OUR WEBSITE! Check out our website at www.trinity-lutheran.com! The sermons for each week are available in audio or text. Tell your family and friends about this wonderful resource. We thank Stace Cameron, our webmaster, for making these available. We thank our Lord and Savior for His Word proclaimed in its truth and purity through Pastor Radtke here at Trinity Lutheran Church.



RECEIVED THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM in the 5:30 p.m. service Saturday evening is Joseph Andrew Hardway, infant son of Joseph and Melissa Hardway. May God strengthen his parents as they oversee his spiritual growth.

ATTENTION FELLOW MEMBERS: The Evangelism Committee is looking for new people to join us in our mission of “Teaching and proclaiming the WORD through Evangelism”. We meet once a month and have a lot of fun planning things like the new and improved potlucks, talking about how we can make visitors feel more welcome, discussing how to bring our current members together in fellowship and attracting new members. We would love to have your input and ideas. If you are interested in joining us please contact Dennis Boesdorfer at 787-2270 or email him a Dennis@Boesdorfer.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

The 2nd Annual Lutheran High School Madrigal Dinner will be held Friday, November 21, and Saturday, November 22, at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Chatham. Doors will open at 6:00 with dinner at 6:30 followed by a Jester skit and Madrigal singing. The meal will include chicken, potatoes, green beans, salad, roll, dessert and drink. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$7.00 ages 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased by calling Lutheran High School at 546-6363 ext. 110. Please join us as we prepare for the holiday season. All proceeds will go to the Lutheran High Music department under the direction of Mrs. Diana Roberts and Mr. Nathan Schorfheide.