

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all their ways and godly living that, as they met with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Collect for the Day

*Trinity Lutheran Church
220 South Second Street, Springfield, Illinois
Lutheran Church ~ Missouri Synod 217-522-8151*

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

*Rev. Donald Garvue
Visitation Pastor*

SATURDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

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HYMNS:

644, 670, 677 st. 1-4, 8

SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE:

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HYMNS:

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527 st. 1,4,3; 670; 676; 673; 677 st. 1-3,8

10:30 a.m.

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Adult Choir

SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY: Revelation 7:9-17

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Psalm 149

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I John 3:1-3

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Matthew 5:1-12

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THE PRAYERS

Remembering the faithful example of those who have gone before us. Pastor Aaron Schnelle called as Associate Pastor. Skyla, Brett Wagner, baptsim. Chad Lauterback and Anna Bales, wedding 11/7/08. Barb Zweifel. Danny Sands at the death of his mother Georgia.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL CALENDAR

Today:	<u>9:30-10:30 a.m.</u>	Church Library is Open
Mon:	<u>6:30 p.m.</u>	Women With Mission Wiener Roast
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
	<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>	Service - School
Sun:	Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost – November 9, 2008	
	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	Morning Prayer
	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>	Holy Communion

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

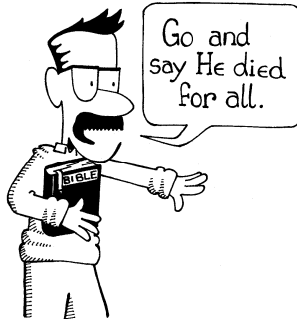
	Sat:	Sun:	Wed:	Total:
At Worship Last Week:	<u>127</u>	<u>154</u> , <u>131</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>426</u>
Adult Bible Classes:	<u>92</u>		Sunday School:	<u>24</u>
Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:				<u>\$13,173.97</u>

FLOWERS are placed on the altar today by Wilma Fricke with gratitude to God for all His blessings and in loving memory of her parents and loved ones.

Today in Sunday School students learned how God used Ruth to accomplish His purposes for our salvation. Through her family God brought forth His Son, the Savior of all people including Jews and Gentiles, men and women. *Parents could ask, "How did Ruth demonstrate her trust in God? How does God help us to trust in Him?"*

Stewardship is going where God calls us to go, making disciples, baptizing, and teaching keeping in mind that God promises to be with us.

“ ‘Come, follow Me,’ Jesus said, ‘and I will make you fishers of men’ ” (Mark 1:17).



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



RECEIVED THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM in the 5:30 p.m. service Saturday evening are Skyla Mishell and Brett Michael Lee Wagner, children of Richard and Carol Wagner. May God strengthen their parents as they oversee their spiritual growth.

ATTENTION FUTURE HIGH SCHOOLERS!! Lutheran High School is having an **Open House** for interested students and parents on Wednesday, November 5th. The program is from 7:00-8:30 p.m. and will include enrollment materials and information about the school. Tours begin at 6:30 p.m. Within a Christian setting, LuHi emphasizes a strong college-prep academic program. Lutheran High is located at 3500 West Washington, ¾ mile west of Veterans Parkway.

VOTERS' UPDATE: Reverend Aaron Schnelle, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Kokomo, Indiana was called to be Trinity's Associate Pastor at a special meeting of the Voters' Assembly on Monday, October 20, 2008. Pastor Schnelle and his wife Kimberly are expecting their first born (a son) in November 2008. He is 32 years old and is a graduate of the Seminary at Ft. Wayne, Indiana. His District President said, "He is a very capable pastor with a heart for the ministry and a good preacher/teacher." We look forward to his response to our call.

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.

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).

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.

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.

YOU ARE INVITED – Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 119 North 15th Street, Springfield, will celebrate their 120th anniversary on November 16, with a 3:00 p.m. service followed by fellowship and refreshments.

WOMEN WITH MISSION will meet at the home of Cathy Von De Bur on Monday, November 3, for a Wiener Roast at 6:30 p.m. (note the time change). Please bring a dish to share. Bible study ,short business meeting, and working on our November mission project. will follow. Contact Cathy for questions and/or directions (487-7846).

TRINITY LADIES AID will meet Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall, to decorate the cookie boxes for the shut-ins. Program: "Project Christian Love" workshop by Marge Penick and Marian Brockschmidt. Lunch will be **DELI-TRAY LUNCHEON – COST \$4.00**. Devotions will be by Dot Hasselbring. Mission service project – Items for School Kit – scissors, blunt end – ruler marked with both centimeters and inches. Members of the congregation are invited to join Trinity Ladies Aid in purchasing poinsettias for the altar at Christmas. More details in December Newsletter. **The 2009 Flower Chart** will be posted in the narthex on Sunday, November 30th.

The Trinity Ladies Aid will be collecting used ink cartridges and old cell phones for the LWML District Conventon and National Convention in 2009 and 2011. If you have any questions call Debbie Rodenburg at 787-5796.

Trinity Ladies Aid President Debbie Rodenburg was voted to the position as Vice-President of the LWML Springfield Zone at the Zone Rally on September 18, 2008 in Chatham, IL. Our congratulations to her on this position.

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 at 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.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES

9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

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

Spirituality of the Cross: The Way of the First Evangelicals. A discussion-based Bible study on Dr. Gene Edward Veith's excellent book. Christianity is not about a general vague force called God, but about "God in the flesh and God on the cross" and why this matters in everyday life. Materials provided. 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 Barb Harless, 3900 Eagle Wing Road. Study on The Daughters of Eve. For information, call 546-0759.

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.

“WHAT THEY WERE AND WHAT THEY ARE”

Revelation 7:9-17

Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Radtke

[9] After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, [10] and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" [11] And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, [12] saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." [13] Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" [14] I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. [15] "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. [16] They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. [17] For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

- I. The saints of God live in His presence.
 - A. They endure struggles on earth.
 - B. They serve Him with their lives.

- II. The saints of God are assured of forgiveness.
 - A. Their guilt has been removed.
 - B. In heaven they know its fulfillment.

- III. Living water is the source of their joy.
 - A. It is found in the Good Shepherd.
 - B. Eternal comfort is theirs.