



Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into the holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together 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:

514, 515, 516, 671, 680, 739

SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE:

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HYMNS:

8:00 a.m.

791, 515, 680

10:30 a.m.

791, 515, 685, 673, 680

SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY: Amos 5:18-24

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THE PRAYERS

Living by faith in Jesus Christ. Todd Faulkner, Jr. hospitalized. Jake and Arlene Lyons, 55th wedding anniversary. Contributions of military personnel both past and present.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL CALENDAR

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| Today: | <u>9:30-10:30 a.m.</u> | Church Library is Open |
| Mon: | <u>5:30 p.m.</u> | PTL Planning Meeting - School |
| Tue: | <u>8:15 a.m.</u> | Veterans Day Chapel - School |
| Wed: | <u>12:00 p.m.</u> | Ladies Aid - 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>6:30 p.m.</u> | Fall Sports Night - School |
| | <u>7:00 p.m.</u> | Adult Information Class - School |
| Sat: | <u>8:30 a.m.</u> | Work Day - School |
| | <u>5:30 p.m.</u> | Service - School |
| Sun: | Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost – November 16, 2008 | |
| | <u>8:00 a.m.</u> | Holy Communion |
| | <u>10:30 a.m.</u> | Morning Prayer |

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

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| | Sat: | Sun: | Wed: | Total: |
| At Worship Last Week: | <u>140</u> | <u>141</u> , <u>150</u> | <u>15</u> | <u>446</u> |
| Adult Bible Classes: | <u>96</u> | | Sunday School: | <u>33</u> |
| Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work: | <u>\$12,939.13</u> | | | |

FLOWERS are placed on the altar today by Jake and Arlene Lyons, with gratitude to God for all His blessings as they celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary.

Sunday School students studied the life of Samuel today. They learned how God calls His people to repentance through preachers such as Samuel; that He might forgive us for the sake of Christ. *Parents might ask, "How did God use Samuel to speak to His people? How does God use our pastor to speak His Word today?"*

FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE

| | <u>October</u> | <u>Year to Date</u> |
|--------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Receipts | 69,034.96 | 295,929.39 |
| Expenses | <u>89,025.49</u> | <u>352,375.76</u> |
| Over (Short) | (19,990.53) | (56,446.37) |

DELAY IN DISTRIBUTION OF 2009 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES – Due to the numerous activities scheduled for the Parish Center during the weekend of November 8-9, as part of the Lutheran School Volleyball Tournament, the 2009 contribution envelope packets will NOT be placed on tables in the Parish Center until the weekend of November 15-16. Sorry for the delay. **Please pick up your envelope packet as soon as you can after November 15th.** Remaining packets will be prepared for mailing on Saturday, December 13th.

The children of Trinity School are engaged in a special service project to send care packages to members of our armed forces, and they need your help. If you would like to help defray the cost of mailing packages, please send a donation to the school office. You may also help the children by bringing care package items to the school. For information about care package items please check the website www.lcmsworldmission.org/armedforces. If you know of anyone in the armed forces that would like to receive a care package, please call the school office (787-2323).

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.

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 St. Louis, Missouri. 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.

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 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) -- bring 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.**

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 Madri gal 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.

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.

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.

“EVERYDAY FAITH”

Matthew 25:1-13

Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Radtke

[1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. [8] And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' [10] And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. [11] Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' [13] Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

- I. Our Savior's return is a time of Joy for us.
 - A. We do not want to be unprepared.
 - B. Our Celebration is that He is coming for us.

- II. Our faith trusts in our Savior.
 - A. Our focus in on our life in Him instead of the world around us.
 - B. It is our continual reason for joy.