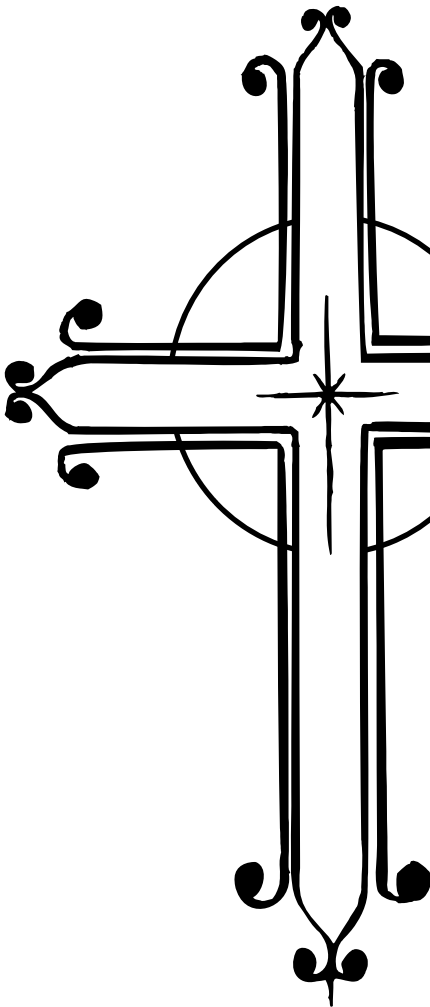


TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 15/16, 2008



*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 know 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:**

913, 663, 877

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**HYMNS:**

8:00 a.m.

893, 663, 789, 673, 672

Junior Choir

10:30 a.m.

893, 663, 672

Trinity Choir

SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY: Zephaniah 1:7-16

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Psalm 90:1-12

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I Thessalonians 5:1-11

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**THE PRAYERS**

Faithfulness in the work of Christ's church. Todd Faulkner Jr., Jean Penick, hospitalized. Family and friends of Helen Netznik; family of Drucilla Fahrenbacher (mother of David Fahrenbacher); deceased. Fliege Family.

**CHURCH AND SCHOOL CALENDAR**

|        |  |                                       |
|--------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Today: | <u>9:30-10:30 a.m.</u>                             | Church Library is Open                |
| Mon:   | <u>6:30 p.m.</u>                                   | Cub Scouts - School                   |
|        | <u>7:00 p.m.</u>                                   | Board of Stewardship - School         |
| Wed:   | <u>8:15 a.m.</u>                                   | Chapel - School                       |
|        | <b><u>12:10 p.m.</u></b>                           | <b>Service - Church</b>               |
|        | <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>                                   | Board of Property Management - School |
| Sat:   | <b><u>5:30 p.m.</u></b>                            | <b>Communion Service - School</b>     |
| Sun:   | Last Sunday of the Church Year – November 23, 2008 |                                       |
|        | <b><u>8:00 a.m.</u></b>                            | <b>Morning Prayer</b>                 |
|        | <b><u>10:30 a.m.</u></b>                           | <b>Holy Communion</b>                 |

**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>150</u>         | <u>208</u> , <u>173</u> | <u>10</u>      | <u>541</u> |
| Adult Bible Classes:                       | <u>91</u>          |                         | Sunday School: | <u>37</u>  |
| Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work: | <u>\$13,320.18</u> |                         |                |            |

**FLOWERS** are placed on the altar today by Evelyn Dickerson, with gratitude to God for all His blessings, and in loving memory of her husband and loved ones.

**“Saul Becomes King”** was the Sunday School lesson for today. Students learned that though God lets us have our own way at times, His is the way of forgiving and saving, which He did for His people of old and for us today. *Consider asking, “How did God care for the children of Israel even though their desires were sinful? How does God show His care for us even though we are sinful?”*

### 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)         |

**THERE IS STILL TIME!!** For a number of years, Trinity has been participating in the Giving Plus Program. This is a tremendous program which increases gifts given by Trinity members who participate in this program. Thrivent Financial will donate 50 cents for each dollar that Thrivent members donate up to a set limit per year. While a number of members participate on a regular basis, the number is rather small considering the number of Thrivent members that we have in Trinity. So far this year, Thrivent has provided us with over \$4,700 in matching funds from these member gifts. We estimate that we should receive an additional \$3,000 by the end of 2008. I would encourage all Thrivent members to consider participating in this program. See details in December newsletter. If you have any questions please call BillFirth at 753-1272.

**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](http://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 TODAY** – Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 119 North 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Springfield, will celebrate their 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary this afternoon 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 in the 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).

**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](mailto:Dennis@Boesdorfer.com). We look forward to hearing from you.

**BOX TOPS ...** Trinity Lutheran School just finished their Fall Box Top Collection. We will be receiving a check for \$479 for the school. To date this fantastic program has generated over \$4,200 for our school since we began participating in 2002! This money is used towards projects for our school such as Fall Wiener Roast, Annual Sock Hop Dance, Teacher Lunch Program, Grandparents Day activities, Teacher Recognition, and much more.

If you purchase any products such as Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Green Giant, Hamburger Helper, Yoplait, Juicy Juice, Kleenex and so many more. Look for the small pink square logo that says **Box Tops for Education**...please save the little logos for our school. Please drop off any Box Tops you collect at the school by February 19 for our next collection. Trinity Lutheran PTL appreciated your efforts.

**CHURCH DECORATING** – Attention high school youth and any other interested persons: The church will be decorated for the Christmas season on Saturday, November 29, from 9:00 a.m. until finished (usually before noon). If interested or have any questions, please call Sue Rodgers at 483-6461 or email [tselrogers4@comcast.net](mailto:tselrogers4@comcast.net).

## CALENDAR YEAR 2009 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

In an effort to save substantial mailing costs, the Board of Christian Stewardship will be asking you to please pick up your 2009 contribution envelope packet this November and December. We plan on having all envelope packets available by Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, in the Parish Center, on tables located near or against the north windowed wall, and arranged in alphabetical order (reading from the bottom of the table to the top, left to right). The Parish Center is conveniently located and accessible to all. No having to go up and down stairs. Also, if you need assistance in getting your envelope packet, fellow worshipers will be around before and after Saturday evening service as well as before and after the Sunday School hour (after first service and before second service on Sunday). Just ask them for help.

Please note that Renewing Our Past – Seizing Our Future envelopes will be in the 2009 packets. Please use them for your Capital Campaign offerings.

To make things easier for all concerned, the envelope packets for 2009 have been renumbered to match the alphabetical listing of family names. This greatly eases the administration, preparation and distribution of envelopes. Please be assured that all records of past giving (as well as pledges) recorded under (an) old envelope number(s) will be transferred completely to your new envelope number.

**Please pick up your envelope packet as soon as you can on or after November 8<sup>th</sup>.** Remaining packets will be prepared for mailing on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Finally, please do not use your new envelopes until after January 1, 2009. Also, after New Year's Day, throw out any unused 2008 envelopes. Please note your new number. The contribution counters ask that you write it on the memo line of your contribution checks in 2009. Thanks!

**SERMONS ON OUR WEBSITE!** Check out our website at [www.trinity-lutheran.com](http://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.

**RESOLUTION FOR THANKSGIVING DAY OFFERINGS ON THURSDAY, November 27, 2008** (Approved at the September 8, 2008 Voters' Assembly)

**WHEREAS**, many sons and daughters of our congregation are, or soon will be, attending Synodical colleges or seminaries; and

**WHEREAS**, the need and Christ's call for full time church workers are great; and

**WHEREAS**, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church has traditionally furthered its ministry by sharing the Thanksgiving Day offering with other Christian ministries or the church at large; and

**WHEREAS**, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans (Thrivent), through the congregational matching funds program, will provide up to \$500.00 in matching funds for any special project or appeal; and

**WHEREAS**, those Thrivent matching funds are on the basis of 50 cents for each donated dollar;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the contributions received on Thanksgiving Day not within a congregational member's envelope, and those contributions received in the special Thanksgiving Day envelopes be designated for the Synodical School Scholarship Fund; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Synodical School Scholarship Fund be designated the congregation's Special Project and that congregational matching funds of up to a total of \$1,000.00 received from contributions on Thanksgiving Day not within a congregational member's envelope, and those contributions received in the special Thanksgiving Day envelopes be applied for through Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

**NOTE**; Since this resolution passed, more Thrivent matching funds have become available. Accordingly, up to a total of \$1,600.00 Trinity Thanksgiving Day offerings may be matched by up to \$800.00 in Thrivent matching funds. All applicable offerings and matching funds will be deposited in Trinity's Synodical School Scholarship Fund.

**THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION:** Bring non-perishable food donations for Trinity's Thanksgiving Food collection to Saturday evening service November 22, or Sunday morning services at the church November 23. Thanks be to God for all that He richly provides us!

## **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: Katie Gilman

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

**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.

## **“BLESSED BY THE OPPORTUNITY”**

Matthew 25:14-30

Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Radtke

[14] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. [15] To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. [16] He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. [17] So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. [18] But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. [19] Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. [20] And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' [21] His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' [22] And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' [23] His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' [24] He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, [25] so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' [26] But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? [27] Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. [28] So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. [29] For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. [30] And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

- I. Which God freely gives to us.
  - A. As He determines.
    1. He gives us the ability (v. 15).
    2. He gives us purpose (v. 14).
  - B. He has expectations.
    1. That we are called to meet (v. 19).
    2. According to what we have been given (v. 15).
  
- II. Our faith responds to His giving.
  - A. With the confidence He provides.
    1. Instead of living in fear (v. 24).
    2. Using what we have (vs. 16-17).
  - B. Rejoicing in what He has given.
    1. Awaiting His return (v. 19).
    2. Responding with faithfulness (vs. 21,23,29).