

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our hearts fixed on the kingdom prepared for us from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, 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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*Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Radtke
Head Pastor*

*Rev. Donald Garvue
Visitation Pastor*

SATURDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

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HYMNS:

795, 525, 736, 784, 881

SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE:

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HYMNS:

8:00 a.m.

785, 525, 894

Trinity Choir

10:30 a.m.

785, 525, 789, 643, 894

Kindergarten Choir

SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

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Psalm 95:1-7a

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I Corinthians 15:20-28

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Matthew 25:31-46

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THE PRAYERS

Joyful anticipation of Christ's return. Todd Faulkner Jr., Frances Tipps. Ann Dutton, Jean Penick, hospitalized. Tim and Laura Fliege, 29th wedding anniversary.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL CALENDAR

Today:	<u>9:30-10:30 a.m.</u>	Church Library is Open
Mon:	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Board of Christian Day School - School
Wed:	<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	Chapel - Church
	<u>12:10 p.m.</u>	Communion Service - Church
	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Adult Choir Rehearsal - Church
Thurs:	<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	Thanksgiving Day Service - Church
Sat:	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	Service - School
Sun:	First Sunday in Advent – November 30, 2008	
	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	Morning Prayer
	<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.

	Sat:	Sun:	Wed:	Total:
At Worship Last Week:	<u>87</u>	<u>207</u> , <u>145</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>458</u>
Adult Bible Classes:	<u>80</u>		Sunday School:	<u>29</u>
Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:				<u>\$11,927.75</u>

FLOWERS are placed on the altar today by Tim and Laura Fliege, with gratitude to God for all His blessings, as they celebrate their 29th wedding anniversary.

Sunday School students studied the story of David and Jonathan today. Just as David's and Jonathan's brotherly love for each other reflected the love of God within their hearts, so, too, our love for others is the reflection of God's love given to us through Christ. *Parents could ask, "How did David and Jonathan demonstrate their love and care for each other? How does God demonstrate His love and care for us?"*

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 Bill Firth 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. If you know of anyone in the armed forces that would like to receive a care package, please call the school office (787-2323).

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 tseirodgers4@comcast.net.

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).

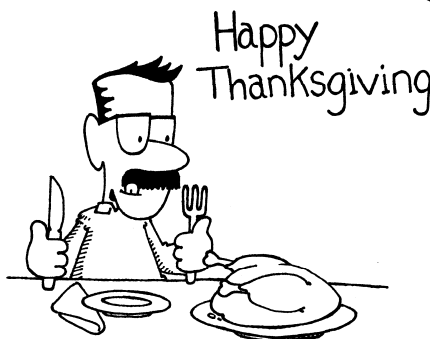
ATTENTION FELLOW MEMBERS: The Evangelism Committee is looking for new people to join us in our mission of “Teaching and proclaiming the WORD through Evangelism”. We meet once a month and have a lot of fun planning things like the new and improved potlucks, talking about how we can make visitors feel 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. 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.

**THE LORD IS GREAT
AND WORTHY OF
OUR PRAISE.**

“Let us come before Him
with thanksgiving and extol
Him with music and
song” (Psalm 95:2).



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. The envelope packets are now available 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 after November 8th. Remaining packets will be prepared for mailing on Saturday, December 13th.

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!

WOMEN WITH MISSION will be meeting on Monday, December 1, at 6:30 p.m. for a Christmas Potluck at Trinity School Parish Hall. Our December mission project is the Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery (and is also in lieu of exchanging Christmas gifts). If you have questions or need a Mini O'Beirne Wish List, please contact Cathy Von De Bur (487-7846) or Cindy Ushman (789-6103). All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend.

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 DAY SERVICE is held at the church at 9:00 a.m. on November 27, 2008. Please join as we give thanks for all our many blessings.

NOW AVAILABLE: Cynda Strong's book "Where Do Angels Sleep?", published by Concordia Publishing House, is available at Barnes & Noble. If you would like an autographed copy, please call the Lutheran High School office. The price, including tax is \$16.00. "Chicken Soup Teens Talk Middle School" with a poem by Cynda Strong is also available for \$16.00.

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 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Loretta Rodenburg, 12 Turnberry.

WEDNESDAYS:

BIBLE AND BREAKFAST will resume December 3 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.

“A PROMISE TO BELIEVE”

Matthew 25:31-46

Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Radtke

[31] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. [32] Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. [33] And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. [34] Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. [35] For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36] I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' [37] Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? [38] And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? [39] And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' [40] And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' [41] "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. [42] For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, [43] I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' [44] Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' [45] Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' [46] And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

- I. Jesus is returning soon.
 - A. He will come in glory.
 - B. He will acknowledge those who have believed.

- II. He will accept you.
 - A. As one chosen by Him.
 - B. Because of His grace.
 - 1. Receiving full forgiveness.
 - 2. Your works are evidence of your faith.

- III. You can live faithfully.
 - A. Using your time wisely.
 - B. Living for your Savior.
 - 1. Secure in His promise.
 - 2. Showing love toward others.