



Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Collect for the Day

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THE PRAYERSRejoicing in the coming of the savior. Russ and Cathy Benning, 38th 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>	Women With Mission - School
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>6:30 p.m.</u>	Advent Service - Church
Thurs:	<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	Quilters - School
Sat:	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	Service - School
Sun:	Second Sunday in Advent – December 7, 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.

	Sat:	Sun:	Wed:	Total:
At Worship Last Week:	<u>124</u>	<u>163</u> , <u>153</u>		<u>440</u>
Adult Bible Classes:	<u>80</u>		Sunday School:	<u>29</u>
Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:				<u>\$13,333.20</u>

FLOWERS are placed on the altar today by Russ and Cathy Benning with gratitude to God as they celebrate their 38th wedding anniversary and the 3rd birthday of their granddaughter Caroline Benning.

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. 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).

Stewardship Corner

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith -- and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God -- not by works, so that no one can boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Salvation is a gift of God; we neither deserve it nor can we earn it. God gave it out of love for us (John 3:16). Jesus came to be our Savior while we were still sinners (Romans 5:8). Because Christ first loved us, we will want to give of our time, talents, and treasures in love and thankfulness to Him to help build and strengthen the members of the household of faith and to share the message of salvation with the whole world.

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.

TRINITY LADIES AID will meet Wednesday, December 10, 2008 in the Parish Hall. This will be a catered luncheon, cost of \$6.50. Bring 3 dozen cookies and come at 11:15 a.m. to help pack cookies for the shut-ins. Program/Devotions will be "TRINITY CHOIR" GRADES 5-8 and Laura Fliege. Mission service project for December is "CHRISTMAS GIFTS" for Bethesda. Gift suitable for either man or woman. Wrap gift in Christmas paper and designate for man or woman, list contents on gift tag.

Gifts suitable for men or women are as follow: Jewelry – watches, necklaces, bracelets; Word Search Books, Word Game Books, Stationery; Large Print Books, especially Bible stories; Slippers; Manicure & Pedicure Sets. Also Hats, Gloves; Lotion, Bubble Bath; After Shave; Colored Pencils, Pens, Markers; Writing and/or Drawing Pads, Greeting Cards; Games (Bingo, Sorry, Trouble, Connect Four); Card Games (Go Fish, Old Maid, Crazy Eights); Room Decorations of appropriate pictures and/or knick knacks, Calendars, Decorative Pillows.

MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION are invited to join Ladies Aid in purchasing Poinsettias for the altar at Christmas. The cost will be \$11.00 per plant. You may place your order with Wanda Miller (546-1745) or Paula Boehme (626-2179) by December 15, 2008. Poinsettias may be picked up following the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service on December 28, or on Monday, December 29.

THE 2009 FLOWER CHART is now posted in the narthex. The price per Sunday is \$43.13 and must be PRE-PAID. Please sign up early to reserve your date.

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.

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.



RECEIVED THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM in the 5:30 p.m. service Saturday evening is Ernest Paul Estes, son of Ernest Estes and Jill Potter. May God strengthen his parents as they oversee his spiritual growth.

RECEIVED THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM in the 10:30 service this morning are Michael Logsdon; Christopher and Michelle Swisegood and their daughter Natalie Christine Swisegood; May God strengthen them in their spiritual growth.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! In our 10:30 a.m. service today we will be receiving Michael Logsdon; Jan, Joseph, and Amalia Dungey; Cody Sands; Gladys Buchanan; Grace Davis; Lori and Devon Piper; Christopher, Michelle, and Natalie Swisegood; Jennifer and Colin Robinson; Shannon Nicholson; Ralph Woehrmann. In Christ we become one and together work for His glory and the good of our neighbors.

VISITORS, we welcome you to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church! The order of service and hymns are listed at the top of the first page of this bulletin. We hope you take the time to complete the attendance card that is at the back of the pew in front of you. Pass the cards to the center aisle after the offering. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study classes are held from 9:30-10:15 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran School on the southwest corner of Governor and MacArthur. If you have questions or need directions just ask someone or look for someone wearing an Usher or Elder badge. They will be happy to help you. Restrooms are located in the basement of the church. The stairway to the basement is at the Southeast exit of the Narthex. At the bottom of the stairs is an area where a parent and child can sit to hear the worship services, if need be. God bless you and we thank Him for bringing you to our services today. We pray that you will return to worship with us again.

ADVENT SERVICE SCHEDULE

December 3	6:30 p.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion at Church
December 10	6:30 p.m.	Grades K-4 at Parish Hall
December 17	6:30 p.m.	Grades 5-8 at Parish Hall

CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE

December 24	12:10 p.m.	Wednesday Church Service
December 24	7:00 & 11:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Services at Church
December 25	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Service at Church
December 31	6:30 p.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion at Church

CALENDAR YEAR 2009 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES NOW AVAILABLE

In an effort to save substantial mailing costs, the Board of Christian Stewardship asks you to please pick up your 2009 contribution envelope packet. All 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 on or 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!

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.

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: 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 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.

“REJOICING IN GOD’S GREATEST WORK”

Mark 11:1-10

Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Radtke

[1] Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples [2] and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. [3] If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" [4] And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. [5] And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" [6] And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. [7] And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. [8] And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. [9] And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! [10] Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

- I. It comes about in an unexpected way.
 - A. According to His timing.
 - B. Accomplished in His way.

- II. The Savior of the world is coming.
 - A. As promised by Scripture.
 - B. New purpose is coming to us.