



*Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your Word. Grant that this Light shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

*Collect for the Day*

*Trinity Lutheran Church  
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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:**

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**THE PRAYERS**

Living as God's children and bringing His light to others.

**CHURCH AND SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Today:	<u>9:30-10:30 a.m.</u>	Church Library is Open
	<u>6:00 p.m.</u>	Men's Basketball - School
Mon:	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Women With Mission - School
Tue:	<u>4:00 p.m.</u>	Market Day - School
Wed:	<u>8:15 a.m.</u>	Chapel - School
	<u>12:10 p.m.</u>	<b>Service - Church</b>
	<u>1:00 p.m.</u>	Ladies Aid Board - School
Thu:	<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	Quilters - School
	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Adult Information Class - School
Sat:	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	<b>Communion Service - School</b>
	<u>6:15 p.m.</u>	Schnelle Reception - School
Sun:	Baptism of our Lord – January 11, 2009	
	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<b>Morning Worship</b>
	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>	<b>Holy Communion</b>

**GROWING IN WORSHIP BULLETINS** for children are available at the usher's stand.**WE THANK** Mr. Tim Fliege, Mr. Nathan Hill, Miss Christina Fliege and Mr. Ralph Woerhmann for the special music in our services today.

	Sat:	Sun:	Wed:	Total:
At Worship Last Week:	<u>98</u>	<u>124</u> , <u>130</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>360</u>
Adult Bible Classes: <u>45</u>			Sunday School: <u>26</u>	
Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:				<u>\$27,100.00</u>

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

**Today's Sunday School lesson** studies "The Boy Jesus in the Temple." Jesus is always about His Father's business—and that business is always earning our salvation! No thing and no one can stand in His way. *Consider asking, "How does Jesus show that He is about His Father's business even at a young age? What is the most important part of His Father's business?"*

### FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<u>November</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Receipts	80,370.59	376,299.98
Expenses	<u>89,239.09</u>	<u>441,614.85</u>
Over (Short)	(8,868.50)	(65,314.87)

**ADULT INFORMATION CLASS** – A new class will begin on Thursday night, January 8, at 7:00 p.m. The class will meet at the school in the Science Room. This class examines the teaching of Scripture and is for those interested in what we teach as a church, or for those interested in membership. Of course those wishing to have a review are encouraged to join us. If you are in need of child care for the class, please notify Pastor Radtke.

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

**TRINITY YOUTH** – We will be taking down the Christmas decorations at the church on January 10 at 1:00 p.m. Please be there to help. Any questions, contact Katie Gilman at 787-8142.

### Stewardship Corner

Most people believe that money brings happiness, so they always want more of it. But money does not bring happiness. Money and the things that money can buy do not produce the good life. The good life is found in a relationship with Jesus and in using what God has given us to build His kingdom. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, we will hold the things of this world loosely and focus on things that are eternal.

**The new Associate Pastor is coming! The new Associate Pastor is coming!** Let's make Pastor Schnelle and his family feel welcome by throwing them a Pantry Shower! Please bring in your gifts of non-perishable food, household items (paper towels, toilet paper, etc...) or diapers (new babies go through a lot of them), or as an alternative, gift cards, (Lutheran High has a program in place...if you buy gift cards through them, they then receive a percentage from the vendor) when you go to the church or the school between now and January 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be a box at each location for donations and we would like to fill and empty them several times before Pastor Schnelle and his family arrive. **Let's show the Schnelles how blessed we feel to welcome them into our wonderful Trinity family.**

The Schnelles will be living in a house that Trinity owns on Douglas Street (behind the school playground) for approximately six months. A mini work day was held Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, to clean the house. The following appliances are needed for the house: refrigerator, washer and dryer. If you have any of these items in good condition please contact Dave Booher at 793-1072 or [booher@ie-consultants.com](mailto:booher@ie-consultants.com).

**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.

**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.

**LET'S WELCOME OUR NEW PASTOR** the weekend of January 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Following the Saturday night service, the congregation is invited to meet Pastor Aaron Schnelle and his wife Kimberly at a cookies and punch reception in the lobby of the Parish Hall. **Pastor Schnelle will be installed Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 in our sanctuary at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Monroe. A potluck dinner reception will be held in the Parish Hall following the service, at about 4:30.** The Parish Hall kitchen will be open by 2:00 if you would like to drop your dish off before the service. Dessert and drinks will be furnished. We hope everyone will attend this exciting event in the life of our congregation!

**WOMEN WITH MISSION** will meet on Monday, January 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Library (at the school location). The LWML Bible Study "An Ever-Living Faith" will be presented by Cathy Von De Bur. Women With Mission is in charge of the **Cookies/Punch Reception** for Pastor Schnelle and family after the January 10<sup>th</sup> Saturday evening service, and final preparations for that event will be discussed during the business meeting. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend! If questions, please contact Cathy at 487-7846 or Cindy Ushman at 789-6103.

**YOUR QUILTS ARE NEEDED!** – If you or someone you know have a quilt top that needs to be finished into a quilt, **Willing Workers** can help. We do hand quilting for others for a fee. These fees are used to help a seminary student, church related needs or charities. At present, our "waiting list" is short. For more information, please contact Helen Hoffman, group president at 789-4912 or Genny Colston, quilt chairman at 546-5244.

**TRINITY LADIES AID** will meet on January 14, 2009 at 12:00 noon in the Parish Hall for a SPLIT ALPHABET POTLUCK K-Z ... bring dish which should serve about 10. The program will be "Bible Study" by Rev. Donald Garvue and Mite Box collection. Mission Service Project – school kit items #2 unsharpened pencils with erasers and pencil sharpener, soap donation accepted. **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.

**WORLD RELIEF QUILTS** – Starting Monday, January 5, 2009 through March 2009. The World Relief quilts are pieced together and hand tied by the quilters. Everyone is welcome to help with this project. Begins at 9:00 a.m. and continues until 3:00 p.m. Bring a sack lunch, coffee will be furnished. If you have questions call Helen Hoffman (789-4912). In 2008 we packed to send to Lutheran World Relief ... 203 quilts and 69 pounds of soap.

## **SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES**

9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

**Christmas Study** – Leader: Pastor Radtke

**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 in January at the home of Debbie Rodenburg, 400 Tecumseh Trail. For more information call 787-5796.

**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** is on Christmas recess and will resume on January 7, 2009 at 6:30 a.m. in the Church Library. 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.**

## **“SEEKING AND FINDING**

Luke 2:41-52

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***[41] Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. [42] And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. [43] And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, [44] but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, [45] and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. [46] After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. [47] And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. [48] And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." 49And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" [50] And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. [51] And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. [52] And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.***

- I. Scripture reveals God's promises to us.
  - A. The purpose of Jesus is clear to Him.
  - B. God gives direction to our lives.
  
- II. Jesus reveals where He can be found.
  - A. There is no reason for fear.
  - B. The growth of our faith is assured.