



Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name their calling as Your children and unite them with Him of everlasting life; through the same 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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Lutheran Church ~ Missouri Synod 217-522-8151*

*Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Radtke
Head Pastor*

*Rev. Donald Garvue
Visitation Pastor*

SATURDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE5:30 p.m. **Page 151****HYMNS:**

405; 528; 411; 404; 601

SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE:8:00 a.m. **Page 235** 10:30 a.m. **Page 167****HYMNS:**

8:00 a.m.

405; 528; 400

Junior Choir

10:30 a.m.

405; 528; 397; 395; 400

Trinity Choir

SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY: Genesis 1:1-5

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Psalm 29

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Romans 6:1-11

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Mark 1:4-11

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THE PRAYERS

Living the new life. Installation of Pastor Aaron Schnelle. Ted Haberman and family at the death of his father Alan. Emma Klees, surgery

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>5:30 p.m.</u>	PTL Planning Meeting - School
Tue:	<u>6:30 p.m.</u>	Vision Team - School
Wed:	<u>8:15 a.m.</u>	Chapel - School
	<u>12:00 p.m.</u>	Ladies Aid - School
	<u>12:10 p.m.</u>	Service - Church
Thu:	<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	Quilters - School
	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Adult Information Class - School
	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Board of Property Management - School
Sat:	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	Service - School
Sun:	Second Sunday after Epiphany – January 18, 2009	
	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	Holy Communion
	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>	Morning Worship

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS – A new class is now meeting on Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. The class meets 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.

	Sat:	Sun:	Wed:	Total:
At Worship Last Week:	<u>140</u>	<u>141</u> , <u>178</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>467</u>
Adult Bible Classes:	<u>53</u>		Sunday School:	<u>24</u>
Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:				<u>\$12,397.66</u>

FLOWERS are placed on the altar today by Ladies Aid with gratitude to God and in honor of the installation of Pastor Aaron Schnelle.

The Baptism and temptation of Jesus serve as the lesson focus for Sunday School this week. Jesus is baptized into and takes on our sin, and faces our temptations so we, in Baptism, would receive His goodness, His holiness, and His purity. *Parents could ask, "Why is it important that Jesus was baptized? Why is it important that we are baptized?"*

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)

Dear Trinity Friends: We would like to thank our living and gracious God not only for the glorious gift of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, but also for the caring actions shown to us by your ongoing support. Your thoughts, prayers, cards, calls and the generous and timely anonymous gift are such blessings and are truly appreciated. Also thank you Trinity Ladies Aid for your thoughtfulness during the Christmas season. "From the fullness of His Grace we have all received one blessing after another." (John 1:16) Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

Love through Christ,
Denny and Ellen Herbert

Stewardship Corner

God directs us to give regularly and generously (1 Corinthians 16:2). You may never be in a better position to give generously than you are today. The decision to give God your first and best is usually not made with calculators or with pencil and paper. The decision to give to God the first portion of your paycheck is made on your knees and with your heart. Giving generously and cheerfully has very little to do with mathematical formulas.

GROWING IN WORSHIP BULLETINS for children are available at the usher's stand.

HOME DAY CARE openings available. Weekdays, 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., \$80.00/week. Call 525-5264 for further information.

WE ARE CELEBRATING Pastor Schnelle's installation this weekend!! 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 afternoon at 3:00 in our downtown sanctuary. The potluck dinner reception will be held in the Parish Hall following the service, at about 4:30.** You may bring your dish to the Parish Hall, where it will be kept hot or cold, anytime after 2:00. We hope everyone will attend this exciting event in the life of our congregation!

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 QUILTING MONDAYS through March 2009. The World Relief quilts are pieced together and hand tied by the quilters. Twelve ladies met on Monday, January 5, from 9:00-3:00 at the Parish Hall to begin the Trinity World Relief Quilting Project. Five sewing machines were kept humming sewing pieces together and 15 quilts were completed, but now need to be tied. Please join us on Monday, January 12, to work on the quilts. Lunch will be furnished. If you can't join us, you can take quilts home to tie. 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.

SIGNATURE AD – Each year, the Springfield Right to Life encourages area churches to **stand up for life** by participating in their annual Signature Campaign which will be printed in the *State Journal Register* on Monday, January 26, 2009, A \$5 donation **per line** (whether it is the name of an individual, family, or group) will help defray the cost of publication. Last year, 2,056 lines were published. A sign up form will be available following each service on the weekends of January 10 & 11 and January 17 & 18. Contact Larry or Paula Boehme at 626-2179 for more information.

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 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.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES

Where: Parish Hall
When: Sunday mornings, 9:35 a.m. –10:15 a.m.
Beginning January 18, 2009

God First: Stewardship Bible Studies - Got 40 minutes? If you are like most people in this fast-paced world, your answer to this question is an out-of-breath, “No! I’m kind of in a hurry,” or “I’ve got maybe five minutes!” Unfortunately, our busy schedules have often hampered or even eliminated communication between husband and wife, parent and child; among co-workers, friends; and possibly most alarming, between people and God. Weakened and destroyed relationships result. For communication is the cornerstone of healthy and growing relationships.

Because of time limitations and other commitments, many adults fail to receive the faith-strengthening power God promises to provide when His Word is studied – “so is My Word that goes out from My mouth: It will not return to Me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it” (Isaiah 55:11).

Got 40 minutes? How about five minutes? Come to the place noted above at the designated time and receive a five minute Bible study on stewardship. Then stick around. Through your interest and discussion we easily can turn a five minute Bible study into a 10, 20, 40 minute Bible study. It will be time well spent. We’ll have time for God to communicate with us through His word, while also encouraging communication among us all. The Holy Spirit promises to work through God’s’ Word to strengthen our relationship with Him as we get to build our relationship with one another.

So why stewardship? Because, as men and women of faith, we are pilgrims on a journey, caretakers of the gifts God gives us. Stewardship is an expression of our faith. When we practice good stewardship, we give glory to God as the giver of life, the source of all we have, all we are, all He has planned for us to become. “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it” (Psalm 24:1). Stewardship means accepting God’s gifts gratefully, tending them responsibly, and sharing them in a spirit of love.

Our Christian calling invites us to become good stewards of the gifts we receive. The Holy Spirit focuses our energies through the Means of Grace (God’s Word and His sacraments), directing our path, our journey of faith.

THE FREEDOM OF FAITH – What does it mean to be free? The world says it means that I can do whatever I want. Is that freedom? St. Paul tells us that in Jesus Christ, I no longer worry about my sins. Because of that I am free. I am free to serve God and others. Come join us for this interesting study. Location: Science Room. Leader: Pastor Radtke

ANSWERS IN GENESIS - Ever considered dinosaurs to be useful in your Christian outreach? Were they on the Ark with Noah? Did they live with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden? Interesting and important questions. These are a few of the many questions people ask and Holy Scripture gives important and interesting answers for all of them.

Jesus spoke to His disciples, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” (Matthew 28:18) Jesus, as God, has the authority to say our sins are forgiven. His Word is the absolute truth. This is the same authority present in God’s Word when He spoke all things in heaven and on earth into existence.

Answers in Genesis provides a twelve part video series with discussion questions. The series is a great way to learn of the Creation/Evolution debate so prevalent in the last 150 years. It provides important and interesting answers which lead you to grow in your faith in Jesus, our Creator and our Redeemer. As well, the series gives great tools to help you help others to learn of the great love our Creator has for us, His fallen creation. Please join us in this worthwhile and important study!

Location: Parish Hall. Leader: Pastor Schnelle

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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.

“A NEW BEGINNING”

Mark 1:4-11

Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Radtke

[4] John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. [5] And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. [6] Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. [7] And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. [8] I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." [9] In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. [10] And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. [11] And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

- I. The way is being prepared.
 - A. It is unlike the way of the world.
 - 1. In its appearance.
 - 2. In what it asks.
 - B. It brings a certain promise.
 - 1. In the coming of Jesus.
 - 2. In the assurance of forgiveness.

- II. We have a course to follow.
 - A. Because of our baptism.
 - 1. Through the Holy Spirit's working.
 - 2. Through the resurrection we are given.
 - B. By the example we have been shown.
 - 1. In Jesus' baptism.
 - 2. We are children of God.