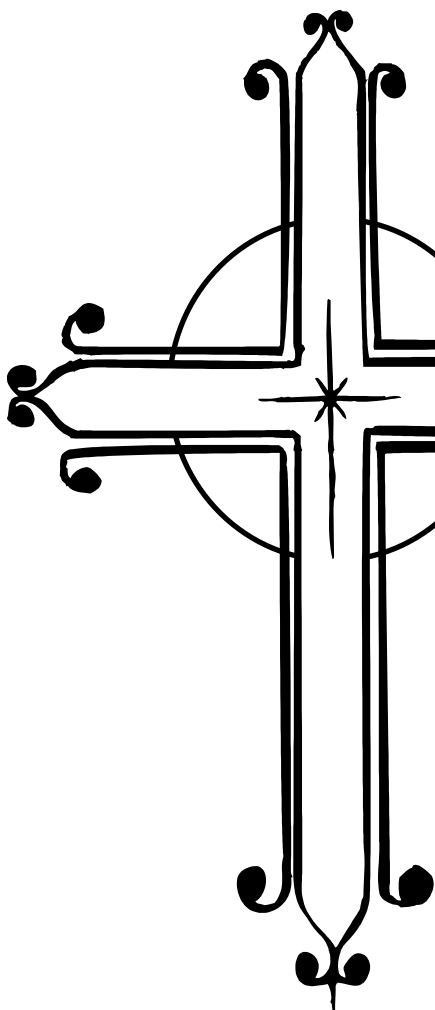


FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY    JANUARY 31/FEBRUARY 1, 2009

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Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through 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

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*Trinity Lutheran Church*  
*220 South Second Street, Springfield, Illinois*  
*Lutheran Church ~ Missouri Synod                      217-522-8151*

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*Senior Pastor*

*Rev. Aaron D. Schnelle*  
*Associate Pastor*

*Rev. Donald Garvue*  
*Visitation Pastor*

**SATURDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE** 5:30 p.m. **Page 285**  
**HYMNS:** 699, 842, 970  
**SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE:** 8:00 a.m. **Page 167** 10:30 a.m. **Page 235**  
**HYMNS:** 8:00 a.m. 411; 842; 849; 819; 394 Adult Choir  
10:30 a.m. 411; 842; 394 Trinity Choir

**SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY:** Deuteronomy 18:15-20 P. 161  
Psalm 111 P. 509  
I Corinthians 8:1-13 P. 956  
Mark 1:21-28 P. 836

**THE PRAYERS**

May the Holy Spirit preserve our assurance that we are known by God. May our knowledge about God be used for God's glory and to build up the faith of others. Dorothy Wernecke, hospice. Kristie (Ruwe) Crawford, thanksgiving for successful surgery & recovery.

**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>Service - School</b>
Sun:	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany – February 8, 2009	
	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<b>Morning Worship</b>
	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>	<b>Holy Communion</b>

**ADULT INFORMATION CLASS** – The class is 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>131</u>	<u>147</u> , <u>117</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>404</u>
Adult Bible Classes:	<u>80</u>		Sunday School:	<u>34</u>
Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:				<u>\$9,711.44</u>

**FLOWERS** are placed on the altar today with gratitude to God for all His blessings by John and Marge Penick.

**The Sunday School lesson** for this week focuses on the story of “Jesus and the Little Children.” In our sin, we are like small children: helpless, dependent, and needy. So Jesus came to bestow His love and eternal gifts upon us. *Parents could discuss, “How did Jesus show His compassion on these little children? How does Jesus shower His compassion on us?”*

### FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<u>December</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Receipts	115,273.75	491,573.73
Expenses	<u>95,990.39</u>	<u>537,605.24</u>
Over (Short)	19,283.36	(46,031.51)

### Stewardship Corner

According to Genesis 1:26, God did not give us ownership of creation, but “to rule over” creation. God is the source of all things and has retained His ownership. Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 4:7 that all things come from God. *“What do you have that you did not receive?”* With this knowledge and understanding, we would be correct to substitute the word “returning” for “giving” because, through our giving, we are simply returning to God what He has already given to us. When we consider how much to give (return) to our church and other Christian causes, we will then be asking ourselves, “How much of God’s money am I going to keep?”

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

**Feed A Family Food Drive** to benefit Central Illinois Foodbank. January 18 – February 14. Buy a pre-packaged bag of food at Schnuck’s to be donated to the Foodbank. After the holidays, food donations drop. **Hunger is 365 days a year.** [www.centralilfoodbank.org](http://www.centralilfoodbank.org)

**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.

**WOMEN WITH MISSION** will meet on Monday, February 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Library (school location). Mary Denham will be leading the Bible Study followed by a short business meeting. Please bring your Winter 2008 Quarterly. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend. If questions, contact Cathy Von De Bur (487-7846) or Cindy Ushman (789-6103).

**TRINITY LADIES AID** will meet Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at 12 noon at the Parish Hall. This month will be a Deli-Tray Luncheon – cost \$4.00. Our program will be “Tips on Gardening” by Sharleen Bell, Master Gardener. Devotions by Helen McCue. Mission Service Project for February will be items for Living Alternatives “A Crisis Pregnancy Center” as listed below – bring to the meeting.

**LWML ZONE RETREAT** will be held at Trinity Parish Hall on March 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$8.00

**GAME NIGHT** – LWML Societies-Springfield Zone, will be held at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, Springfield on Sunday, February 22, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Ticket cost is \$5.00. Please join us for a night of great fun with family & friends. Bring your own favorite board or card game. We will provide you with drinks and desserts. This fund raiser is for the 2011 LWML Convention in Peoria, IL.

**WORLD RELIEF QUILTS** – Making quilts for Lutheran World Relief continues every Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We have put together 43 quilts so far. Our goal is 200, but we need more helpers to piece and hand tie the quilts. Everyone is welcome to help with this project. Lunch & coffee will be furnished. If you have any questions, please call Helen Hoffman at 789-4912.

### **BABY NEEDS LIST**

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|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Size 4 & 5 Diapers     | Baby Wipes        | Baby Powder        |
| Baby Shampoo/Baby Wash | Baby Oil          | Baby Lotion        |
| Receiving Blankets     | Baby Rattles      | Pacifiers          |
| New Born Outfits       | Bottles           | Booties/Shoes      |
| New Born Sox           | Teething Gel      | Teething Rings     |
| New Born Onesies       | New Born Diapers  | Hooded Bath Towels |
| Baby Wash Cloths       | Diaper Rash Cream |                    |

**WORKDAY SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7, 8AM to 3PM.** Work will focus on painting and other inside work. We plan to paint the meeting room (basement) and restrooms at the church as well as some areas at the school. Miscellaneous inside repairs will also be completed. Lunch will be provided and everyone is welcome.

**LENTEN MEALS** – There is still one opening for any group that would like to serve a Lenten meal on **Wednesday, April 1**. If your group is interested please call the Church Office, 522-8151, to reserve this date.

**Be part of this exciting Bible ministry!** As part of the **Community Outreach Team**, we have a **Bible for Prisons** ministry that is growing rapidly. When we started the project in 2006 we marked & shipped 100 Bibles for county jails throughout Illinois. In 2007 the number of Bibles requested was approximately 200 & 300+ Bibles were requested in 2008. We expect to see this number continue to grow in 2009. It is exciting to see a need that we can help fill throughout the community & surrounding area by getting the word of God into hands of those who may never have had the opportunity before. With growth like this, we need more helping hands. Won't you consider being part of this exciting outreach program? It is so easy. We have printed instructions on where & how to mark the Bibles, it basically consists of underlining a designated verse & writing "turn to page #" in the margin. It takes approximately 20 minutes per Bible. This would be a perfect opportunity to get the entire family involved, a perfect family service project or add it to enhance your personal devotion time. If you would like to be part of this exciting, fast growing outreach ministry please contact Joleen Oest, 793-0932 or [g.oest@comcast.net](mailto:g.oest@comcast.net)

**LUTHERAN CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES** – Springfield Office has expanded and is opening a second office across the street from the current office on South Grand Avenue West in order to continue to better serve its clients. The expansion of Foster Care is the main reason for the need for additional space. They are looking for a few "in-kind" items for the new space – Large Dry Erase Board, Supervisor's Chair & Desk, Computer, Bookcase, Small Table & Chairs for the Supervisor. For the Break Room – Refrigerator, Microwave, Table & Chairs, Coffee Maker. If you have any of these items or can help, please contact Neil McCutchen, Office Supervisor, 217-544-4631. Current office is at 431 South Grand Avenue West. Thanks for your support.

**ART TEACHING POSITION** – Lutheran High School is looking for a synodically trained art teacher. Resumes or candidate recommendations should be sent to Mr. Don Duensing, Lutheran High School, 3500 West Washington, Springfield IL 62711, 546-6363 x 117.

**LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL** will be performing "The Sound of Music" on Friday, February 27, and Saturday, February 28, at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 1, at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend and you may purchase tickets by calling the high school at 546-6363 ext. 110. Tickets prices are \$4.00 for all students and seniors, and \$6.00 for adults. Thank you for your support.

**ONGOING AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST (O AFC)** is having a weekend hosted by Immanuel Lutheran Church in Athens, IL, February 27, 28 and March 1, 2009. Mature junior high youth thru adults are invited. Contact Nathan Ruppert at 217-827-1777 before February 20<sup>th</sup> to register to attend this weekend. Call if you need more information. There is no cost involved in this wonderful event of witnessing the Good News of Jesus to others. Have fun doing it!

**The Freedom of Faith:** - Jesus Christ died for our sins, freeing us to serve God. Location: Science Room. Leader: Pastor Radtke

**Answers in Genesis** – A 12 part video series with discussion questions. A great way to learn of the Creation/Evolution debate. The series gives great tools to help you help others to learn of the great love our Creator has for us. Location: Parish Hall. Leader: Pastor Schnelle

**God First: Stewardship Bible Studies** – 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. Location: Parish Hall. Leader: Bill Denham

**High School Bible Class** – “What About?” Location: Youth Room. Leader: Katie Gilman

## WEEK DAY BIBLE CLASSES

### TUESDAYS:

**LADIES MORNING STUDY** meets in February at the home of Deb Zyznieuski, 2800 Montague. For more information call 787-3816.

**SENIOR CITIZENS BIBLE CLASS** – Refreshments at 9:30 a.m., class at 10:00 a.m. Studying James. 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.**

## “TO KNOW, OR TO BE KNOWN”

I Corinthians 8:1-13

Rev. Aaron D. Schnelle

***[1] Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. [2] If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. [3] But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. [7] However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. [8] Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. [9] But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. [10] For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? [11] And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died.***

- I. It is important to know about God.
  - A. Knowledge is highly prized
    - 1. Pursuit of knowledge about God is important. (Phil. 1:9; Col. 1:10; I Peter 2:2; II Peter 3:18)
    - 2. We are to grow in our knowledge of God. (Eph. 4:15)
  - B. Overemphasis on knowledge may be dangerous to faith.
    - 1. The Corinthians put their trust and confidence in their knowledge of God rather than in God.
    - 2. It led to arrogance that disregarded the weak.
    - 3. It puffed them up at the expense of a love for God that builds others up.
- II. It is more important to be known by God.
  - A. We are known by God in Christ Jesus.
    - 1. The realization assures us of our salvation. (Rom. 8:29-30; John 17:3)
    - 2. If we do not know this, we really know nothing at all.
  - B. As evidence of being known by God...
    - 1. We practice responsible Christian liberty. (I Peter 2:16; I Cor. 9:19-23)
    - 2. We become instruments of edification. (I Thess. 5:11; II Cor. 12:19; Eph. 4:21)