



O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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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**SATURDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE**5:30 p.m. **Page 151****HYMNS:**

722, 765, 684, 411, 524

**SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE:**8:00 a.m. **Page 184** 10:30 a.m. **Page 219****HYMNS:**

8:00 a.m.

868; 765; 634; 794; 400

10:30 a.m.

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Primary &amp; Adult Choir

SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY: II Kings 5:1-14

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I Corinthians 10:31-11:1

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**THE PRAYERS**

That all may find comfort in our Lord's promise behind His means of grace. Dorothy Wernecke, hospice. The family of Tonya Cooper, deceased. Christopher Underwood Jr., baptism. Steve and Lila White, 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Birth of Kaylee Jane Ruettiger.

**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>	Board of Evangelism - School
	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Board of Stewardship - School
Tue:	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Board of Elders - 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>	<b>Service - Church</b>
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>	<b>Service - School</b>
Sun:	Last Sunday after Epiphany, February 22, 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.

	Sat:	Sun:	Wed:	Total:
At Worship Last Week:	<u>133</u>	<u>169</u> , <u>143</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>457</u>
Adult Bible Classes:	<u>100</u>		Sunday School:	<u>28</u>
Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:				<u>\$9,453.31</u>

**FLOWERS** are placed on the altar today by Steve and Lila White with gratitude to God for all His blessings as they celebrate their 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and in thanksgiving for the birth of their granddaughter, Kaylee Jane Ruettinger, 2/10/09.

**The story “Jesus Heals Jairus’s Daughter”** serves as the focus of Sunday School today. Just as Jesus by Word and touch raised the dead girl to life, so by His Word and Sacraments, He kills and buries death and raises us to eternal life. *Questions for discussion include, “How did Jesus heal this little girl? How does Jesus heal us from the sickness of sin?”*

### FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<u>January</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Receipts	61,883.80	553,457.53
Expenses	<u>91,178.46</u>	<u>628,783.70</u>
Over (Short)	(29,294.66)	(75,326.17)

### Stewardship Corner

God rescued the Israelites from their bondage and mistreatment from the Egyptians. He was concerned about their suffering, and He showed His compassion by rescuing them. To help them to remember His goodness to them, God commanded that His people take some of the firstfruits of the produce that God had given them and put them into a basket to give to the priests to place on the Lord’s altar (Deuteronomy 26). The firstfruits were brought to the Lord in response to what He had done for them. In the same way that God provided for His people in the Old Testament, He provides for us today. Are you showing your gratitude to God by giving your firstfruits to Him?

**PRAYER PAGE REMINDER:** This tool has been generated by the Building Caring Relationships (BCR) in Christ group for Trinity members to use during their personal devotion time and to keep the congregation connected through prayer. The prayer page is prepared bi-weekly (purple one time, yellow the other, to help distinguish when a new one is available). The prayer page is on the bulletin table for the Saturday service and at each of the church exits for the Sunday services. Pick up your copy today!

**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 105 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.

**LENTEN MEAL SCHEDULE** – The following organizations will be serving this year’s Lenten meals:

March 4	Trinity Band	March 25	Trinity School Teachers
March 11	Athletic Committee	April 1	P.T.L.
March 18	Ladies Aid		

**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. his spiritual growth.

**ADULT INFORMATION CLASS** is meeting on Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the school 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.

**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)

**ARE YOU A GOOD PARTY PLANNER?** Do you have time to help with teacher recognition events? If you do, the Parish Activities Board has room for you. Please contact Brad Carlson for more information and details. He can be reached at 622-5202 or [bcarlson4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bcarlson4@sbcglobal.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.

**ONGOING AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST (O AFC)** weekend hosted by Immanuel Lutheran Church in Athens, IL, February 27, 28 and March 1, 2009. Mature Jr. High youth thru adults are invited. Call Nathan Ruppert at 217-827-1777 before February 20<sup>th</sup> to register to attend this weekend.

**Pastor Schnelle's** school office hours: Mon.-Thurs., 8:30-11:30 a.m., 787-2323, or home phone 670-1088. **Pastor Radtke's** school office hours: Monday & Wednesday, 8:00-11:30 a.m.; Thursday, 1:30-4:00 p.m., 546-2347.

**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, 2008 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.**

## **“YES, SIMPLE, BUT HANG ON TO YOUR HAT!”**

II Kings 5:1-4, 9-14  
Rev. Aaron D. Schnelle

*[1] After the death of Ahab, Moab rebelled against Israel. [2] Now Ahaziah fell through the lattice in his upper chamber in Samaria, and lay sick; so he sent messengers, telling them, "Go, inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron, whether I shall recover from this sickness." [3] But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite, "Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say to them, 'Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are going to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron? [4] Now therefore thus says the LORD, You shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.'" So Elijah went. [9] Then the king sent to him a captain of fifty men with his fifty. He went up to Elijah, who was sitting on the top of a hill, and said to him, "O man of God, the king says, 'Come down.'" [10] But Elijah answered the captain of fifty, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty." Then fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty. [11] Again the king sent to him another captain of fifty men with his fifty. And he answered and said to him, "O man of God, this is the king's order, 'Come down quickly!'" [12] But Elijah answered them, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty." Then the fire of God came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty. [13] Again the king sent the captain of a third fifty with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up and came and fell on his knees before Elijah and entreated him, "O man of God, please let my life, and the life of these fifty servants of yours, be precious in your sight. [14] Behold, fire came down from heaven and consumed the two former captains of fifty men with their fifties, but now let my life be precious in your sight."*

- I. When it's something serious we need we often want it in a dramatic way.
  - A. Namaan wasn't happy with the simplistic way he was to be healed.
  - B. We often want our needs met in dramatic, fantastic, and dazzling ways.
  
- II. Christ, a great and mighty king, came to save the world in a simple and quiet way.
  - A. Yet, He came to win for us something dramatic, fantastic, and dazzling.
  - B. The dramatic, fantastic, and dazzling salvation He won comes to us In the simplest of means – His grace.
  - C. Mark 1:40 – The leper, in faith, left the decision to be healed and how to be healed to Jesus.
  
- III. Hang on to your hats! The Day of our Lord's return is going to be dramatic, fantastic, and dazzling.