

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; 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

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

Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Radtke
Senior Pastor
546-2347

Rev. Aaron D. Schnelle
Associate Pastor
787-2323, 670-1088

Rev. Donald Garvue
Visitation Pastor
726-6747

SATURDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

5:30 p.m. Page 285

HYMNS:

712, 850, 699

SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE:

8:00 a.m. Page 219

10:30 a.m. Page 184

HYMNS:

8:00 a.m.

413, 850, 417

Primary & Adult Choir

10:30 a.m.

413, 850, 415, 414, 417

Junior Choir

SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY: II Kings 2:1-12

P. 307

Psalm 50:1-6

P. 473

II Corinthians 3:12-18; 4:1-6

P. 965

Mark 9:2-9

P. 844

THE PRAYERS

Living in the light of Christ. Dorothy Wernecke, hospice Al and Merle Casolari, 50th wedding anniversary.

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 Christian Day School - School
Wed:	<u>8:15 a.m.</u>	Chapel - School
	<u>12:10 p.m.</u>	Communion Service - Church
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>	Service - School
Sun:	First Sunday in Lent, March 1, 2009	
	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	Holy Communion
	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>	Morning Worship

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.

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

	Sat:	Sun:	Wed:	Total:
At Worship Last Week:	<u>263</u>	<u>100, 233</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>608</u>
Adult Bible Classes:	<u>113</u>		Sunday School:	<u>26</u>
Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:				<u>\$11,698.83</u>

FLOWERS are placed on the altar today by Al and Merle Casolari with gratitude to God for all His blessings as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary

DATES AVAILABLE FOR ALTAR FLOWERS; March 15. If you would like one this Sunday, please call Debbie Rodenburg, 787-5796.

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?

Trinity’s Food Pantry: We continue to collect donations of non-perishable food items the first weekend of every month at Saturday evening services at the school and at Sunday morning services at the church. We have some recipients who are on low sodium diets and are in need of no salt added foods. Please bring your donations to next weekend’s services on 2/28 and 3/1. Thank you for your support.

WOMEN WITH MISSION will be meeting on Monday, March 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Library (school location). Cindy Furling will be leading us in the Bible Study; a short business meeting will follow. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend! If questions, contact Cathy Von De Bur (487-7846) or Cindy Ushman (789-6103).

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

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 120 quilts so far. Our goal is 200, but we need more helpers to piece and hand tie the quilts. Also urgently needed are sheets which are used as the quilt lining. 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.

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!

LENT

What is the Lenten season? It is the time of the Church Year when Christians prepare themselves for the celebration of Easter. It is a 40 day period from Ash Wednesday (February 25) until Easter Sunday (April 12) this 40 day period does not include Sundays. In this time we are reminded that our Lord Jesus spent 40 days praying and fasting in the wilderness.

The word "Lent" comes from an old word, "lengthentide". The word speaks of a time of the year when days are lengthening. Formerly, Christians followed strict rules of fasting during Lent. They did not eat anything with eggs, milk, meat, or animal fat in them. While much of this is not practiced today, it is still proper for us to contemplate our need for forgiveness of sins and to live in a simple manner. Therefore this season is one we refer to as being a penitential season.

This is a season where we are called upon to think of the needs of others. As a sign of faith, some Christians deny themselves of certain activities or favorite foods for 40 days. Another custom during this season is to give of ourselves to others in service above and beyond our normal activities.

ASH WEDNESDAY

This coming Wednesday, February 25, marks the beginning of the Lenten season. In some churches, ashes are used to mark the foreheads of people. Ashes are an ancient symbol of sorrow. They remind Christians to be sorry for their sins during Lent. In churches that use ashes, they are produced by burning palm branches used on the previous Palm Sunday.

TRINITY'S SYNODICAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND: A door offering will be collected following the services on Saturday February 28th and Sunday March 1st for **Trinity's Synodical Scholarship Fund**. Through donations made to Trinity's Synodical Scholarship Fund, Trinity congregation has been able to provide financial support to several of our members who are attending LCMS seminary and colleges. Thank you for your continued support. Any member enrolled in an LCMS college, university, or seminary majoring in a course of study that will lead to a position as a full time church worker interested in receiving an application for Trinity's Synodical Scholarship Fund, please contact Adrian Harless at 546-0759.

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

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

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 to register to attend this weekend.

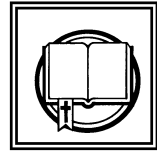
Pastor Schnelle's school office hours: Mon.-Thurs., 8:30-11:30 a.m., 787-2323, or home phone 670-1088. **Pastor Radtke's** school office hours: Monday & Wednesday, 8:00-11:30 a.m.; Thursday, 1:30-4:00 p.m., 546-2347.

GOOD NEWS!

.....For Personal and Family Devotions: Trinity Lutheran Church offers a devotion booklet for all of our members and visitors (a free-will donation is appreciated). This devotional booklet, "*Portals of Prayer*", is a great resource for daily devotion and prayers. "*Portals of Prayer*" is a quarterly booklet which contains an "Order of Family Worship", daily devotions and prayers, special devotions and prayers for life events such as "When Facing Death", "For the Unemployed" and devotions and prayers relating to our Christian Church Year. You can pick up a copy of "*Portals of Prayer*" at the back of the Church by each door, in the Narthex or at the School. "*Portals of Prayer*" is published by Concordia Publishing House (CPH) in Saint Louis, MO. Check out their website at www.cph.org as they offer over 8000 products "that contribute to Gospel ministry across the country and throughout the world".

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES

9:30-10:15 a.m.



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 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.

“LIVING IN THE PRESENCE OF JESUS”

Mark 9:2-9

Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Radtke

[2] And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, [3] and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. [4] And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. [5] And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." [6] For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. [7] And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." [8] And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. [9] And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

- I. The glory of Jesus is a sight to behold.
 - A. The disciples were amazed.
 - B. There is a point to this appearance.
 - C. Our response is from faith rather than fear.

- II. The glory of Jesus is for our learning.
 - A. It gives purpose to our lives.
 - B. It reminds us that we are changed.
 - C. We have a message to share.