

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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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HYMNS:

8:00 a.m.

544; 688; 418;

Adult Choir

10:30 a.m.

544; 688; 547; 606; 418

SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

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Psalm 22:23-31

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Romans 5:1-11

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THE PRAYERS

A faithful confession of Jesus Christ as Savior. Ken Knuppel, mission trio to Haiti. Maddie Garvue, Irene Saccomono, Wendy Wilson, Helen White.

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
	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Voters Meeting - School
Tue:	<u>6:30 p.m.</u>	Vision Team - School
	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Confirmation Practice - Church
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
	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	Lenten Meal - School
	<u>6:30 p.m.</u>	Lenten Service - 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>	Communion Service - School
Sun:	Third Sunday in Lent, March 15, 2009	
	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	Holy Communion
	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>	Morning Worship

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

	Sat:	Sun:	Wed:	Total:
At Worship Last Week:	<u>95</u>	<u>209</u> , <u>190</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>514</u>
Adult Bible Classes:	<u>85</u>		Sunday School:	<u>37</u>
Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:				<u>\$19,124.89</u>

FLOWERS are placed on the altar today by Russ and Cathy Benning to the glory of God in honor of granddaughter Kathryn Benning's birthday.

Today in Sunday School, we study the account "Jesus Walks on Water." Jesus was gracious to Peter when he feared drowning. Jesus is gracious to us and is ready to catch us as we sink in sin and unbelief; His hand is always strong to save us. Consider asking, "*How did Jesus rescue Peter? How does Jesus rescue us?*"

FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<u>February</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Receipts	51,049.67	604,507.20
Expenses	<u>104,337.57</u>	<u>733,121.27</u>
Over (Short)	(53,287.90)	(128,614.07)

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.

FROM THE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE: The 8th Grade Class, instead of the A.C., will now provide the Lenten Supper on Wednesday, March 11. In order to help raise more funds for their upcoming Class Trip, they approached the committee and asked if we'd be willing to let them provide the meal. The AC voted unanimously to relinquish the date to them. We would like to thank everyone for their support by partaking in the Free Will Breakfast held on Saturday morning during the Girl's Basketball Tournament. A total of \$449.00, which included a \$100.00 donation, was received and will be used towards the purchase of new Basketball Uniforms for the 5th and 6th Grade Teams. It is the intent of the Committee to make this an annual event and a part of the February tournament. Again, thank you all very much. One final note, **THANK YOU** to everyone who worked during the February Girls' Basketball Tournament. This is a large event that generates a significant portion of the funds needed to purchase items for the School's Athletic Teams. Without your help the Tournament could not be put on in the manner in which it is. Many schools often comment about how pleasant an experience it is and look forward to returning each year. Thank you again, Athletic and Tournament Committee

TRINITY LADIES AID will meet Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 12:00 noon in the Parish Hall. This month will be Split Alphabet Potluck A-H. Bring a dish which should serve at least 10 members. Our program will be "Mr. Lincoln" by Fritz Klein. Devotions by Judith Fliege. Mission service project for March will be items for the Concordia Seminary Food Bank, St. Louis, Missouri – see March Newsletter for list of items needed. Collection boxes are available (until March 30) in the church basement and the Parish Hall lobby.

Members of Trinity congregation are invited to join the Ladies Aid in purchasing **Easter Lilies** for the altar on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009. The cost will be \$15.00 per lily. Members may call Wanda Miller (546-1745) or Paula Boehme (626-2179). Orders will be accepted until April 1, 2009. Lilies may be picked up after the last Easter Sunday service.

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 155 quilts so far. Our goal is 200 quilts, but we need more helpers to piece and hand tie the quilts. Everyone is welcome to help with this project. Lunch and coffee will be furnished. If you have any questions, please call Helen Hoffman at 789-4912.

LWML Zone Retreat will be held at Trinity Parish Hall on March 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost of \$8.00 to be paid at Ladies Aid meeting. Theme: LA WI ME LU – BE A MISSIONARY FOR A DAY! Call Debbie Rodenburg for more details.

LENTEN MEAL – On Wednesday, March 18, beginning at 5:00 p.m., Ladies Aid will be serving the pre-Lenten Service Meal. The funds collected will be donated to the Suttill family to help with expenses incurred due to Terry Suttill's bout with what has become terminal cancer.

ATTENTION VOTERS – On Monday, March 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall there will be a report from the Board of Christian Day School regarding next school year's tuition. Also you will have an opportunity to nominate someone for Central Illinois District President. President David Bueltman will be with us to discuss the impact of a special committee from Synod about the restructuring of Synod. An overture to the CID Convention to be held in July 2009 will be offered for your consideration. The Board of Evangelism will announce a change in the missionaries that we will be supporting for the next year in the Together In Mission Project. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting to give your opinion on the presentations and proposed action items of Trinity.

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!

THANK YOU for the many prayers, cards & letters honoring our 50th wedding anniversary. Al and Merle Casolari

ONGOING AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST (O AFC) is having a weekend event at Salem Lutheran Church in Salem, IL beginning at 7:00 p.m. Friday, March 13th, through Sunday, March 15th, 1:30 p.m. Meet Lutheran youth and adults from around Illinois as we sing, study the Bible, learn puppet presentation, drama, personal witness and as we witness our faith in Jesus in our door to door canvass of the Salem area. Contact Nathan Ruppert at 217-827-1777 for information or to register for housing at this no cost event prior to March 6th.

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

GOOD NEWS!

.....We have Peace with God through Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ! Romans 5:1-11 promises us this Peace: *“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ....but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God....we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.”* Our Peace doesn't come through our “feelings” but through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God!

CAP COLLECTION UPDATE – Great job to everyone who has been saving their caps for recycling. Thank you very much! Keep up the great work! This is an ongoing project so it's not too late to turn them in and keep saving. There are collection spots in the school cafeteria and in the hall by the learning center entrance. We are still collecting juice pouches so don't forget those. Juice pouches can also be dropped off at the same school locations. Psalm 24:1 *“The earth belongs to the Lord, and so does everything in it. The world belongs to him. As so do all those who live in it.”*

LENTEN MID-WEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall

March 11
March 18

March 25
April 1

LENTEN MEAL SCHEDULE – The following organizations will be serving this year's Lenten meals.

<u>March 11</u>	8 th Grade Class
<u>March 18</u>	Ladies Aid
<u>March 25</u>	Trinity School Teachers
<u>April 11</u>	P.T.L.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday: service at church at 6:30 p.m. with Holy Communion

Good Friday: services at church
12:10 p.m.
1:10 p.m. with Holy Communion
6:30 p.m. Tenabrae Service

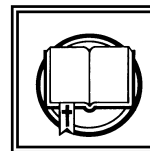
Holy Saturday: service at school at 5:30 p.m. with Holy Communion

Easter Sunday: services at church
6:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m. with Holy Communion
7:30-10:30 a.m. **Easter Breakfast**

“Come to the Cabaret” a musical fundraiser to support the **Springfield Branch of Basket of Hope** will be held in Theater 3 of the Hoogland Center, Springfield, at 8:00 p.m. on March 28, 2009. Favorite songs from at least a dozen Broadway Shows will be presented. Local entertainers Jim Leach and John Michael Rotello will be joined by musicians from a Midwest Group “Broadway for Life”. Derek Long will be our Emcee!! **There is no admission charge for the event but there will be opportunities to contribute during the show.** Basket of Hope is a National Organization (www.basketofhope.org) that provides baskets of age appropriate inspirational materials, toys, music, etc. to children recently diagnosed with cancer or other serious illnesses. All funds collected at this event will be used for the Springfield Program. Addie Farris, Linda Rodenburg and Nora Rossman serve on the Advisory Board of Basket of Hope and will address any questions you may have.

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 March at the home of Terri Cameron, 816 South Park. For more information call 787-4111.

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.

“A FAITH THAT EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS”

Mark 8:27-38

Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Radtke

[27] And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" [28] And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." [29] And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." [30] And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. [31] And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. [32] And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. [33] But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." [34] And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. [35] For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. [36] For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? [37] For what can a man give in return for his soul? [38] For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

- I. It has its foundation in the work of Jesus.
 - A. According to God's design.
 - 1. It includes suffering and death (v. 31).
 - 2. It is not about power.
 - B. He is the way of life.
 - 1. He has saved us (v. 35).
 - 2. No other way can accomplish that (v. 36).
- II. It defies worldly logic.
 - A. Which is the way of man.
 - 1. It trusts in success (v. 36).
 - 2. Deceptively it allies itself with Satan (v. 33).
 - B. Your faith calls for a change in thinking.
 - 1. Your purposes are now God's (v. 34).
 - 2. You follow in the way of your Savior (v. 34).