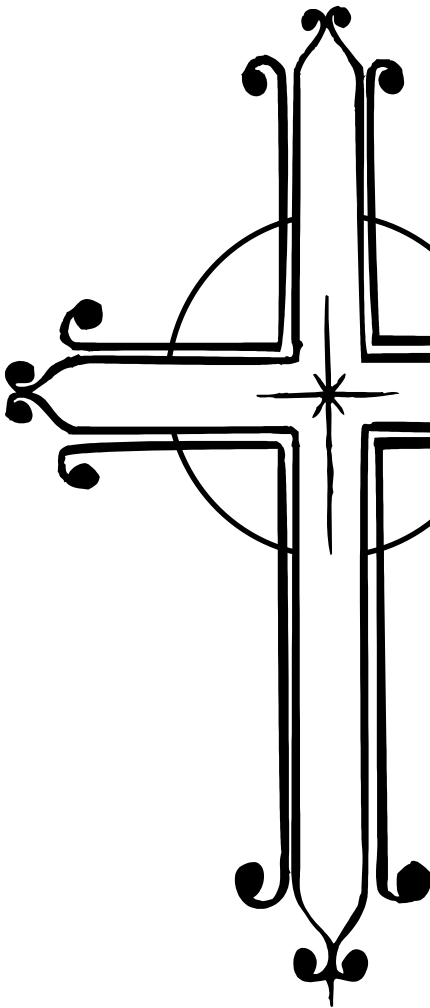


THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 14/15, 2009



O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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

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

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HYMNS:

907; 430; 420; 643; 878

SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE:

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HYMNS:

8:00 a.m.

645; 430; 561; 425; 427

Junior Choir

10:30 a.m.

645; 430; 427

Adult Choir

SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY: Exodus 20:1-17

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Psalm 19

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I Corinthians 1:18-31

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John 2:13-25

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THE PRAYERS

May Christ's crucifixion be the source of all our comfort and joy. The family of Arthur Jacob, deceased. Maddie Garvue, Helen White, Lutheran High School. Chad and Anna Lauderback and all storm victims.

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
	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Confirmation Practice - Church
Wed:	<u>8:15 a.m.</u>	Chapel - School
	<u>12:10 p.m.</u>	Service - Church
	<u>5:00 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
	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Board of Property Management - School
Sat:	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	Service - School
Sun:	Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 22, 2009	
	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	Morning Worship
	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>	Holy Communion

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>100</u> , <u>137</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>383</u>
Adult Bible Classes:	<u>73</u>		Sunday School:	<u>27</u>
Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:				<u>\$9,829.61</u>

FLOWERS are placed on the altar today by Paul Turis to the glory of God in celebration of wife Anna Mary's fourth birthday in heaven.

Students in Sunday School today explore the story "Jesus Clears the Temple." Jesus' cleansing of the temple carries a twofold message for the Jews and for us: first, that the true Lord of the temple was here in the flesh and, second and more important, that Jesus is the true temple, who houses and perfects us, raising our bodies to be like His. Parents could ask, "*Why did Jesus clear the temple? How is Jesus our temple?*"

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.

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.

Stewardship Corner

Many situations in life require mediators. Two parties at odds with each other can be brought together by one who is skilled in helping each one see things from the other's point of view. Christ was just such a mediator. Sin had separated us from God. A great chasm lay between us. The just and holy God could not tolerate sin and we helpless humans could not keep from it. Thanks be to God for giving His Son to bring about reconciliation between us and our Heavenly Father!

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 – This 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. During the '70's and '80's, Terry was an extremely active member of Trinity, especially while her daughter, Jenny was attending our school. Terry was one of those that worked in the shadows for PTL and for Ladies Aid. She didn't want accolades or recognition, just her next assignment for whichever task was at hand. She would lift, set-up and always be there for that inevitable task of clean-up after the event. It did not matter what the event was, whether a meal fund raiser, a retirement dinner, or making a Vietnamese family welcome to Springfield. Terry was diagnosed sometime ago with lung cancer, has had many treatments and the cancer has spread. When Terry's illness began Jenny, who has two beautiful young daughters, quit her job so she could care for her mother. Since the illness has lingered, the bills have piled up and we do want to help this family. If you can't be at the Lenten pre-service meal please consider writing a check made out to Trinity Ladies Aid and memo'd "Terry Suttill" and place it in the collection plate or mail it to Helen Hoffman at 1100 E. Elliott, Springfield, IL 62702. The Christian/Sangamon County Chapter of Thrivent for Lutherans will be matching \$1 for every 42 donated. Thank you.

BROWN BAG CONCERT – Trinity friends are invited to attend a presentation of “Why Mosquitoes Buzz”, a musical for young choirs based on an African folk tale. Bring your lunch and enjoy this performance of the Trinity Choir and live pit band on Wednesday, March 18, at 12:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

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!

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!

Used gift cards and Nabisco wrappers. What do those two things have in common? Trinity will now be recycling both! After you have used the card just ask for the gift card back. Most stores just throw out the empty cards. Along with the plastic gift cards we can take frequent shopper cards, hotel key cards, sample credit cards (please no personal information), just about any plastic card. The Nabisco wrappers can be from any of their products. Please be sure to empty out any crumbs and recycle any plastic trays before bringing them in. Trinity will be paid a small amount for each wrapper we send. The collection spot for these items is in the school entrance by the learning center (where all the other recycling items are located.) Thanks for your part in helping keep God’s beautiful earth clean! Luke 12:48 *“Much will be required of everyone who has been given much. Even more will be asked of the person supposed to take care of much.”*

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

March 18

April 1

March 25

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

March 18

Ladies Aid

March 25

Trinity School Teachers

April 11

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.

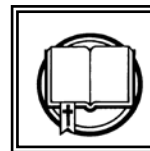
10:30 a.m. with Holy Communion

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 our own Katie Schuermann and others from “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. The local chapter of Thrivent for Lutherans will be matching \$1 for every \$2 collected up to \$1,600.

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 HERALD IN THE FACE OF CONFUSION”

I Corinthians 1:18, 22-25

Rev. Aaron D. Schnelle

[18] For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ... [22] For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, [23] but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, [24] but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. [25] For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

- I. The Jews wanted proof: The Greeks wanted logic and reason.
- II. “Christ Crucified” was the true answer to the confusion.
- III. Still today men look inward for answers to confusion.
- IV. “Christ Crucified” is still the true answer today.