



Almighty God our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 285****HYMNS:** 544; 571; 547**SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE: 8:00 a.m. Page 235 10:30 a.m. Page 167****HYMNS:** 8:00 a.m. 743 st. 1-3,6; 571; 422 Junior Choir  
10:30 a.m. 743 st. 1-3,6; 571; 729; 444; 422 Adult Choir

SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY: Numbers 21:4-9 P. 129

Psalm 107:1-9 P. 506

Ephesians 2:1-10 P. 976

John 3:14-21 P. 888

**THE PRAYERS**Rejoicing in the promise of salvation. Ray and Carol Boehner, 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary; Jack and Donna Gram, 37<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Maddie Garvue. Dorothy Wernecke, hospice care. Emily Kramer, called to Lutheran High.**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>6:30 p.m.</u>	Cub Scouts - School
Wed:	<u>8:15 a.m.</u>	Chapel - School
	<b><u>12:10 p.m.</u></b>	<b>Service - Church</b>
	<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:	<b><u>5:30 p.m.</u></b>	<b>Communion Service - School</b>
Sun:	Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 29, 2009	
	<b><u>8:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>
	<b><u>10:30 a.m.</u></b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>

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

	Sat:	Sun:	Wed:	Total:
At Worship Last Week:	<u>111</u>	<u>186</u> , <u>140</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>454</u>
Adult Bible Classes:	<u>73</u>		Sunday School:	<u>37</u>
Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:				<u>\$15,848.76</u>

**FLOWERS** are placed on the altar today by Ray and Carol Boehner with gratitude to God as they celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**“The Widow’s Mite”** serves as the focus of the Sunday School lesson for today. Just as the widow gave all she had to God, trusting Him to provide and care for her, so Jesus gave His all for us, who fail to trust in God for all things. Consider discussing, *“How was the widow’s offering different from the others? How has God given us His greatest treasure?”*

### 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)

**PIE AND DESSERT FUNDRAISER** – with the newest MarketDay order form there is a Sweet Reward incentive for Pie/Dessert Sales. If Trinity School can sell 500 or more DESSERTS by March 23, our school will receive an added \$3.75/pie!!! Trinity has 135 students...if each child sold 4 pies...we would meet that goal and raise over \$2000 for the school from this one event!!! Imagine if all members without children also ordered pie(s) or desserts(s)...the amount will increase even more!!! Think Easter Desserts...if you need a MarketDay order form, they are available in the school office. See flyer page with info on just the pies...ask your friends and neighbors...maybe they would like to order some desserts for their families! Thank you for your help with this fundraiser, PTL.

### Stewardship Corner

*“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich”* (2 Corinthians 8:9). Without question, Jesus is the Chief Steward. None can compare to His example of selflessness and giving. He laid aside His rights as Son of God in order to be the Son of Man. He was willing to endure ignominious death on the cross so that we could be rescued from sin, death, and the power of the devil. He taught us to think and live a new way – as servants who are available to serve, not to be served.

**LUTHERAN HOUR BROADCAST** can be heard every Sunday at 3:00 p.m. on WLUJ, 89.7.

**EASTER LILIES** - 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 188 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.

**All ladies of the congregation are invited** – LWML Spring Retreat – **LAWIMELU**. COME WITH US ON THIS MISSIONARY EXPERIENCE AND DISCOVER WHAT A MISSIONARY ENCOUNTERS IN A FOREIGN CULTURE. Saturday, March 28, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Parish Hall. \$8.00 per person, includes coffee, lunch, registration. Call Debbie Rodenburg (787-5796) to register by March 23 (your registration fee may also be paid at the Retreat). In addition, Dr. Keith Wichterman, a member at Our Savior's, will speak about his mission trip to Ghana.

### **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 25***

***April 1***

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

<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 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](http://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 Barb Harless, 3900 Eagle Wing. For more information call 546-0759.

**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.

## “THE ULTIMATE LIFT FOR YOUR LIFE”

John 3:14-21

Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Radtke

*[14] And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, [15] that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. [16] "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. [17] For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. [18] Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. [19] And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because<sup>(P)</sup> their works were evil. [20] For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. [21] But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."*

- I. Comes as a result of God's promise.
  - A. Which He brings to the world.
    - 1. That is opposed to Him. (v 17)
    - 2. That it cannot achieve. (v. 14)
  - B. Which is centered in Jesus.
    - 1. The serpent was a picture of Him. (Numbers 21:9)
    - 2. Who came to bring life. (v. 15)
- II. You are brought from death to life.
  - A. Christ's light shines in the darkness.
    - 1. This is the greatest need of the world around you. (vss. 19, 20)
    - 2. The world's salvation is Christ's mission. (v. 18)
  - B. You have direction from your faith.
    - 1. Because new life is yours. (v. 16)
    - 2. It shows that you belong to the Light that Christ brings. (v. 21)