



Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; 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

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SATURDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

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HYMNS:

8:00 a.m.

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Primary Choir

10:30 a.m.

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SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY: Zechariah 9:9-12

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Psalm 118:19-20

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Philippians 2:5-11

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THE PRAYERS

Living with confident faith. Confirmands. Addelyn Elizabeth James, baptism. Mike Maybury, surgery; Jean Penick; Maddie Garvue; Dorothy Wernecke; Emily Janssen. St. John's Lutheran Church, Geneseo, IL, fire.

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>	Women With Mission - 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>	Service - Church
Thu:	<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	Quilters - School
	<u>6:30 p.m.</u>	Mauddy Thursday Communion Service - Church
Fri:	<u>12:10 p.m.</u>	Good Friday Service - Church
	<u>1:10 p.m.</u>	Good Friday Communion Service - Church
	<u>6:30 p.m.</u>	Good Friday Tennabrae Service - Church
Sat:	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	Holy Saturday Communion Service - School
Sun:	Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009	
	<u>6:30 a.m.</u>	Easter Sunrise Service
	<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	Easter Festival Service
	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>	Easter Communion Service

	Sat:	Sun:	Wed:	Total:
At Worship Last Week:	<u>104</u>	<u>78</u> , <u>167</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>370</u>
Adult Bible Classes:	<u>64</u>		Sunday School:	<u>29</u>

Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work: \$9,004.86

FLOWERS are placed on the altar today by the Confirmands in joy and thankfulness to God on their confirmation day.

PALMS ARE PLACED near the altar today by Women With Mission in honor of our confirmands.

On this Passion Sunday, the Sunday School lesson studies “Peter Denies Jesus.” Though we, like Peter, deny Jesus and His gifts, Jesus cannot deny us, because we are part of Him, baptized members of His own Body. Instead, He forgives us and welcomes us back. Consider asking, “*How does Peter’s denial affect him? In what ways does God forgive us and welcome us back?*”

FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<u>March</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Receipts	98,906.09	703,413.29
Expenses	<u>102,377.37</u>	<u>835,498.64</u>
Over (Short)	(3,471.28)	(132,085.35)

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!

Stewardship Corner

Jesus was always very clear on what His purpose on Earth was. At the young age of twelve, He told His parents, “*Didn’t you know I had to be in My Father’s house?*” (Luke 2:49). Later He declared, “*I have come that [My sheep] may have life, and have it to the full*” (John 10:10). In order to give that abundant life to us, His sheep, “*The Good Shepherd [laid] down His life for the sheep*” (John 10:11). Our purpose as stewards of the Good Shepherd is to glorify Him and spread that Good News of His death and resurrection which brings us forgiveness of sin and life everlasting with Him.



RECEIVED THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM in the 10:30 service this morning is Addelyn Elizabeth James, infant daughter of Brooke James. May God strengthen her family as they oversee her spiritual growth.

WOMEN WITH MISSION will, in lieu of its monthly Bible Study, be hosting a “**Prison Bible Ministry Marking Party**” on Monday, April 6, 7:00 p.m. (school location). The congregation is invited to attend and participate in this project. If questions, contact Cathy Von De Bur (487-7846) or Cindy Ushman (789-6103).

TRINITY LADIES AID will meet Wednesday, April 8, at 12:00 noon in the Parish Hall. This month will be Split Alphabet Potluck K-Z. Bring a dish which should serve at least 10 members. Our program will be LWML Prayer Service by Pastor Radtke and Wilma Fricke. Mission Service Project will be: eraser – approximately 2 ½ inches long and crayons – 16 or 24 count only. Trinity Ladies Aid will serve the lunch for the work-day on Saturday, April 25, 2009.

TRINITY CO-ED SOFTBALL PLAYERS: Anyone interested in playing on the Co-ed team should contact Jim Fenton at 638-0332. There will be a meeting April 19, 2009 and I will know more then. We usually start two weeks after the meeting. Watch here for more info as it becomes available.

STATE FARM CLASSIC PARKING VOLUNTEERS: The State Farm Classic will be held June 3rd thru June 7th, 2009. I will not be sitting around the school and church much this year due to my schedule and I will be calling volunteers that worked last year. If anyone wishes to help, please call Jim Fenton at 638-0332 or e-mail at jnotnef@unionplus.net. The shifts will be 5 am-8 am, 8 am-12 pm and 12 pm-4 pm. Please call me with any questions.

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

NOTICE – Please take care not to “accidentally” drop a pencil into the rack holding the attendance cards. The pencils are difficult to remove, not counting the time it takes to check all of the card holders.

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

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. Tenebrae 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**

CONFIRMATION 2009

This morning in our 10:30 a.m. service, after a two year period of instruction, we receive into communicant membership the following young adults. On March 31st they were publicly examined, having been asked numerous questions on Christian doctrine and practice, drawn from the Bible and Luther's Small Catechism. Today they pledge to be faithful and loyal followers of Christ all their lives. May the Body of Christ be diligent in helping them live the promises they make today.

Jeffrey Scott Baker

Korey Robert Blankenship

Monica de Pilar Burchell

Matthew Bishop Donelan

Ian Christian Eriksson

Kaitlin Christine Fear

Marissa Jo Garvin

Megan Nicole Huskins

Taylor Lynn James

Morgan Renae Mayfield

Ian Michael McKinney

Jacob Joseph Reed

Sarah Elizabeth Van Sandt

Jamie Leighanne Voigtman

Psalm 37:5

Ephesians 2:8-9

Psalm 46:1

Joshua 1:9

Matthew 6:33

Romans 1:16

John 15:5

Luke 11:28

Psalm 27:1

John 8:12

John 8:31-32

John 14:6

Psalm 23:1

John 10:27-28

SPRING QUARTER BIBLE STUDIES

April 19
9:30 a.m.

It's a Miracle! "It's a miracle!" People have different ideas about what a miracle is. Some see them as surprising and unexpected events. Some see them as things that are humanly impossible. Many don't know what miracles really are and question their existence. A new class beginning April 19 will study the importance of miracles in the ministry of Jesus. ***Among the miracles we will study will be -***

The wedding at Cana
The feeding of the 5,000
The healing of the 10 lepers
The resurrection of Jesus

These are just a few of them. There are many others. Come join us April 19 at 9:30 a.m. in the Science Room. Leader: Pastor Radtke

A STUDY OF EXODUS and the TORAH – This Bible study will involve a study of the Book of Exodus and its setting within the Torah, the first five books of the Bible. At the center of this study is God's love for His people despite their sinfulness. Historical context and some archeology will be included. Leader: Pastor Schnelle

VICTORY OVER SIN, DEATH, and the DEVIL - The book of Revelation holds great fascination for Christians and has done so ever since it was written. The real purpose of the book is to give comfort to Christians at all times. When God's people fear that the world is raging out of control, they see here that God is always in control. ***God Himself is in control of all of history, and Christ, the Lamb of God, has earned the right to reveal the future to us.*** He does not tell us everything we would like to know. However, He does tell us all we need to know to be assured that He has already triumphed over the evil powers at work in the world, and that His people will be preserved from all spiritual harm even in the midst of the worst catastrophes that will come upon the world. The golden thread throughout Revelation is the message that ***Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God and Savior of the world, has proven Himself to be the victorious King of kings and Lord of lords, and that all who trust in Him will also be victorious over sin, death, and the devil.*** We will be using LifeLight material, which involves individual daily (about 20 minutes) at-home Bible study during the week. Faithful individual daily study will enhance our collective weekly Sunday School discussions and study. Leader: Bill Denham

PARENTING – Do you want the tools to be the moms and dads that God intended? Gain confidence and a clear plan for being a faith builder in the lives of your children through coming together with other parents and sharing the struggles and successes of parenting. We'll focus on establishing effective discipline, improving communication with your child, and helping your children grow in their faith. For those wanting to attend the Bible study, babysitting will be provided for children who are too young for Sunday School. Leader: Paul Benning.

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 April at the home of Cathy Von De Bur, 65 Cinnamon Creek. For more information call 487-7846.

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 will resume April 29 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.

“WHAT JESUS WOULDN’T DO”

Mark 15:22-39

Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Radtke

[22] And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). [23] And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. [24] And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. [25] And it was the third hour when they crucified him. [26] And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." [27] And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. [29] And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, [30] save yourself, and come down from the cross!" [31] So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. [32] Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him. [33] And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. [34] And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" [35] And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." [36] And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." [37] And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. [38] And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. [39] And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

- I. He didn't choose a way of convenience.
 - A. There was no way of escape for him
 - B. He endured the ridicule of others.

- II. He didn't yield to the challenges of others.
 - A. Your salvation was his mission
 - B. The testimony of his life is your assurance.