

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same 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

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HYMNS:

490; 595; 806; 770; 729; See Insert

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HYMNS:

8:00 a.m.

497; 595; 475

Adult Choir

10:30 a.m.

497; 595; 633; 467; 475

Kindergarten Choir

SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY: Acts 8:26-40

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Psalm 150

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I John 4:1-21

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John 15:1-8

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THE PRAYERS

Mothers. Earl Hilberer, Emily Janssen, Dorothy Wernecke.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL CALENDAR

Today:	<u>9:30-10:30 a.m.</u>	Church Library is Open
Mon:	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	PTL Planning Meeting – School
	<u>6:30 p.m.</u>	Board of Directors - School
Tue:	<u>6:30 p.m.</u>	SMP Vision Team - School
Wed:	<u>8:15 a.m.</u>	Chapel – School
	<u>12:00 noon</u>	Ladies Aid – Motor Boat Club
	<u>12:10 p.m.</u>	Service - Church
Thu:	<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	Quilters - School
	<u>6:30 p.m.</u>	Spring Musical & Ice Cream Social - School
Sat:	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	Communion Service - School
Sun:	Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 17, 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.**LUTHERAN HOUR BROADCAST** on WLUJ, 89.7 every Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

	Sat:	Sun:	Wed:	Total:
At Worship Last Week:	<u>122</u>	<u>120</u> <u>122</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>376</u>
Adult Bible Classes:	<u>80</u>		Sunday School:	<u>33</u>
Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:				<u>\$13,886.33</u>

FLOWERS are placed on the altar today by Bill and Susan Miller in gratitude to God for all His blessings and in memory of Bill's parents, James and Virginia Miller.

The Sunday School students study the story of "Lydia" today. Just as God worked His miracle beside the river, clothing Lydia with Christ in Baptism, so God works His miracles in pulpits and fonts around the world today, destroying the work of Satan, ripping believers from the jaws of death, washing away sins in water tinged with Jesus' blood, and clothing believers with His righteousness. Parents could ask, *"How did God use water to save Lydia and us? Who does God use to reveal His Word to us today?"*

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)

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS – Class meets on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Science Room at the school. 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 Schnelle.

Stewardship Corner

Because God calls us to be stewards and equips us through the Holy Spirit, we can fulfill our responsibilities as stewards. Christian stewardship is the expression of the faith which God gives us. As we grow in faith and our relationship with Jesus, we will commit more of our time, talents, and treasures to His service. Through God's grace, we acknowledge God as the creator and owner of all things so that we can become more fruitful stewards. As stewards or caretakers of God's blessings, we are responsible and accountable for all that God entrusts to us. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, we can become trustworthy stewards.

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!

TRINITY LADIES AID meeting will be held at the Motor Boat Club, 17 Club Area on May 13, 2009. Car pooling will be available on that day from Trinity Parish Hall. Meet at about 11:00 a.m. and we will leave at 11:30 a.m. for the Club. Cost is \$15.00 per person – call Dot Hasselbring at 546-7140. Program will be “Legacy Workshop” by Roger Mullinax of Mature Resource Services. Devotions by Virginia Owens, and we will have Mite Box Collection.

Officers for 2009-2010 will be installed, namely: Debbie Rodenburg, President, Vice-President Donna Harshaw; Secretary Joyce Burkhardt; Treasurer Dee Boehm; and Assistant Treasurer Paula Boehme.

LWML District Convention will be held at the Crown Plaza on June 5-6, 2009. Our mission service project for May will be Ingathering items for the Convention as listed in May Newsletter.

CHURCH WORKER PLACEMENTS - Five present and former members of Trinity will soon begin an exciting journey in church work and ministry:

Luke Esselman, Director of Christian Education, Grace Lutheran Church, Coopersville, Michigan

Jon Moyer, Associate Pastor, Faith Lutheran Church and School, Grand Blanc, Michigan

Terry O’Brien, Pastor, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Pana, Illinois

Erin Rodgers, Fourth Grade Teacher, First Lutheran Church and School, Knoxville, Tennessee

Michael Schuermann, Vicar, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and School, Dallas, Texas

Our congratulations and prayers go with these workers as they begin this exciting work and as God works through them.

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.

SUMMER SOFTBALL – Trinity’s men’s team is competing this year in the recreation league on Friday nights at Calvary. Any men 18 or older interested in playing slow-pitch softball should contact Jeff Read at 544-9074 or Scott Anderson at 498-8806 to get signed up.

CID-LWML DISTRICT CONVENTION will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2009 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 3000 S. Dirksen Parkway. The theme is "A Crown of Life" based on Rev. 2:10. The LWML representative will be Pat Reichert, who serves as LWML Meeting Manager; the guest mission speaker is Kristy Grannis who serves as Mission Projects Administrator for LCMS World Missions. The fee is \$25 and includes lunch on Saturday. Friday afternoon servant events including a blood drive, marking Bibles for a prison ministry, and tying quilts will be held at the Parish Hall at Trinity School. The community servant event will be held at Helping Hands Homeless Shelter and will include sorting clothes for their clothing bank and sorting and shelving food for their food pantry. Friday evening activities will take place at the Crowne Plaza beginning at 6:30 p.m.; there is a \$3.00 activity fee for Friday's evening event. A Sibling Harmony youth concert for the District youth (and the young-at-heart) will begin at 8:30 p.m. The "admission fee" for this concert in non-perishable food items, personal care products and office supplies. This ingathering will benefit Contact Ministries, who will also receive Saturday's ingathering items (see list in the May newsletter). For more details or questions, please contact Cindy Ushman, Mary Denham or Debbie Rodenburg.

SIBLING HARMONY Youth (and young-at-heart) Concert will be held on Friday evening, June 5, from 8:30-11:00 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. This talented trio consists of Kevin, Kurtis and Kimberly Bueltmann. Their concerts are a multimedia experience and feature many original songs throughout the evening. Sibling Harmony has released two CDs and they may occasionally be heard on WLUJ FM 89.7. "Admission fee" is non-perishable food items, personal care products and office supplies that will benefit Contact Ministries Homeless Shelter. This concert is partially funded by the Effingham County Chapter Thrivent Financial for Lutherans; Tim Ippel, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans agent; and other generous benefactors. Hope to see you there!!!

MORE ITEMS TO RECYCLE! Trinity will now participate in the Terracycle **Frito Lay** Brigade which means we will now be recycling Frito Lay chip bags. These can be any size chip bags and they can be any kind of **Frito Lay** chips. Please shake out the crumbs before bringing the bags over to school! As with the juice pouches and Nabisco cookie wrappers, Trinity will receive a small amount of money for each item we send in to be recycled. ... **As a reminder** – items we are currently recycling: rigid plastic caps, juice pouches, glue bottles and sticks, Nabisco cookie wrappers, cell phones, printer cartridges, and used (empty) plastic gift cards. Thank you to all who are helping keep God's beautiful earth clean!

NEW BRICK GARDEN ORDER – A new order for engraved bricks will be sent in July. If you would like to order a commemorative engraved brick, obtain an order form from the Parish Hall or the Church Narthex. Engraved Brick prices have gone up and will be as follows:

4" x 8" bricks are \$35 each with up to 3 lines of text

8" x 8" bricks are \$70 each with up to 6 lines of text

Each line of text may contain up to 20 characters (including spaces, periods, commas, etc.).

MOWERS NEEDED – Lawn mowing season is upon us again. Each year Trinity saves over \$1,000 by using volunteers to mow the school property. We plan to set up mowing teams of 2 – 4 people each, with each team mowing once a month. Mowing equipment is provided. If you are interested in joining a mowing team, contact Dave Booher, 622-3290, booher@ie-consultants.com.

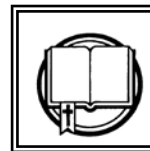
NEED A GRADUATION GIFT IDEA? “Chicken Soup for the Soul: College Chronicles” has just been released and features a poem by Cindy Strong. Copies can be ordered through the Lutheran High office or at Barnes and Noble for \$16.

SPRING MUSICAL – Trinity’s School’s annual Spring Musical “**Welcome to the Jungle**” will be held Thursday, May 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. The Trinity and Beginner Bands will begin the program and there will be an Ice Cream Social and Art Fair following the musical in the Parish Center. Everyone is welcome to this fun-filled evening.

Special Note: Since the Trinity choral groups and the Trinity bands are significant to the various events held in the gym and Parish Center, risers have been ordered for the choirs and bands to use during these events. **Now all students will be visible to the audience!!** To help defray the expenses of the musical and to help with the cost of the risers, a free-will collection will be taken the evening of the musical. If anyone is so inclined to make an additional donation toward the cost of the risers, please do so through the school office. Your support is always appreciated.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES

9:30-10:15 a.m.



It's a Miracle! – What miracles really are and the importance of miracles in the ministry of Jesus. Location: Parish Hall. Leader: Pastor Radtke

A Study of Exodus and the Torah – At the center of this study is God's love for His people despite their sinfulness. Location: Science Room. Leader: Pastor Schnelle

Victory over Sin, Death, and the Devil – The purpose of the Book of Revelation is to give comfort to Christians at all times. Using LifeLight materials. Location: School Library. Leader: Bill Denham

Parenting – Gain confidence and a clear plan for being a faith builder in the lives of your children. Location: Parish Room. Leader: Paul Benning

High School Bible Class – “What About?” Location: Youth Room. Leader: Katie Gilman
[Child care is available for Adult Bible Classes]

WEEK DAY BIBLE CLASSES

TUESDAYS:

LADIES MORNING STUDY meets this week at the home of Debbie Rodenburg, 400 Tecumseh. For more information call 787-5796. Studying “Angels”.

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 Philipians. 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.

“God Spells “life”; J-E-S-U-S”

John 15:1-3

Rev. Aaron D. Schnelle

[1] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. [2] Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. [3] Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.

I. The necessary ingredients for fruitfulness (vs. 1-3).

- A. The Vinedresser: _____
- B. The life-giving vine: _____
- C. The fruit-bearing branch: _____

II. Remaining fruitful.

- A. Depends on an _____ between Christ and the believer.
- B. God working through His Word

III. The consequence of fruitfulness.

- A. Life forever!
- B. Glory to the Father.