

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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

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HYMNS:

560; 556 st. 1-5; 570

SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE:

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HYMNS:

8:00 a.m.

474; 556 st. 1-5; 466; 467; 465

Trinity Choir

10:30 a.m.

474; 556 st. 1-5; 465

Adult Choir

SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY: Acts 10:34-48

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Psalm 98

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I John 5:1-8

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John 15:9-17

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THE PRAYERS

Telling others of the love of Jesus. Earl Hilberer, Arianne Miller, Dorothy Wernecke, Ana DeVarose, Pastor Koschmann.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL CALENDAR

Today:	<u>9:30-10:30 a.m.</u>	Church Library is Open
Mon:	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Board of Christian Day School - School
	<u>6:30 p.m.</u>	Board of Evangelism - School
	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Board of Stewardship - School
Tue:	<u>6:30 p.m.</u>	Award Night - School
	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Board of Elders - Church
Wed:	<u>8:15 a.m.</u>	Chapel - School
	<u>12:10 p.m.</u>	Service - Church
Thu:	<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	Quilters - School
	<u>6:30 p.m.</u>	Ascension Day Communion Service - Church
Fri:	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	8 th Grade Graduation - School
Sat:	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	Communion Service - School
Sun:	Seventh Sunday of	Easter, May 24, 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.

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

	Sat:	Sun:	Wed:	Total:
At Worship Last Week:	<u>116</u>	<u>149</u> <u>190</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>464</u>
Adult Bible Classes:	<u>87</u>		Sunday School:	<u>31</u>
Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:				<u>\$11,657.15</u>

FLOWERS are placed on the altar today by Trinity Ladies Aid with gratitude to God for all His blessings.

THE FOLLOWING SUNDAYS are still available for flower donations for the church altar: August 30, September 6, November 8. Please sign up on the chart in the Narthex.

The account of “Paul and Silas in Prison” serves as the focus of Sunday School today. Just as God freed Paul and Silas from prison, granting them life out of death, so Christ by His crucifixion and resurrection frees me from the prison of my sins and grants me life eternal. Questions for discussion include *“How is this event more than just a story about Paul’s escape from prison?”* and *“How has God rescued us from the prison of sin?”*

FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<u>April</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Receipts	83,293.23	786,706.52
Expenses	<u>96,972.04</u>	<u>932,470.68</u>
Over (Short)	(13,678.81)	(145,764.16)

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

In discussing tithing, giving ten percent of our incomes, the question that is often asked is, “Should my giving be based on my gross or net income?” Proverbs 3:9 will help us answer that question: *“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.”* Based on this as well as other verses, we can understand that the tithe should be based on our gross incomes. The reference to “your wealth” implies that we need to honor God with all that we have.

RIDE NEEDED for 10:30 service from Sherman. Contact either of the pastors if you can help.

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.

Camp CILCA Annual Hog Roast (Memorial Weekend), Sunday, May 24, serving from 11:30 a.m. to 2:-00 p.m. Tickets available at the door. The price is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 dollars for children 4-12. Come join us for a camp worship service led by Rev. Chuck Johnson (new camp director) at 10:30 a.m. After the BBQ pork dinner, participate in tours of the camp and all sorts of games for children led by our new summer staff of 2009! Fishing and canoeing are also available at no charge. Make it a family weekend! Tent and trailer camping, cabins, and rooms in our Christian Growth Center are available. Call ahead to reserve a spot! 217-487-7497.

Register your children for an unforgettable summer! Camp CILCA is still taking registrations for all camp sessions this summer! Summer camping allows a child to grow leaps and bounds in their understanding of God's love in our world. Allow our summer staff to give your children an unforgettable summer in outdoor ministry! Register at www.CILCA.org or call and ask for a pamphlet at 217-487-7497.

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!!!

HELP NEEDED – Matthew Riechers will be working on his Eagle Scout project by the beach at Camp CILCA this Sunday, May 17, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Any help is greatly appreciated! Thank you.

THANK YOU – Pastor & Faye Garvue are truly grateful for the many ways the congregation has made this 45th Anniversary in the Holy Ministry so memorable. The pot luck dinner, the fellowship, the congregation's gift and the many cards and remembrances are genuinely appreciated. You have shown great love and respect for the office of the ministry our Savior has given His Church. To God alone be glory for His grace in Christ which called and equipped me for the office in which He has also upheld me these 45 years. Thank you, again, for the privilege of serving as part of Trinity.

COME JOIN US AT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 22-26, 2009, 9:00-11:30 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran School. Volunteers are needed as well as donations of cookies and lemonade. Please contact Jessica Benning, 553-2288.

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.

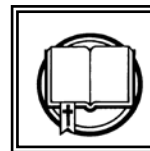
MORE ITEMS TO RECYCLE! Trinity will now participate in the Terrcycle **Frito Lay** Brigade which means we will now be recycling Frito Lay chip bags. These can be any size chip bags and they can be any kind of **Frito Lay** chips. Please shake out the crumbs before bringing the bags over to school! As 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!

FEEDING THE 5000? – NOT QUITE, BUT the Christian/Sangamon County Thrivent Chapter Board will be serving breakfast to 250-300 people at Washington Street Mission on June 13, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. Obviously **WE NEED HELP**. All food and other supplies are provided by the Board's Operating Fund but we are asking for help with set-up, serving and clean-up. The food preparation is being taken care of. Those helping with set-up would have to be at the facility at 436 North 4th Street by 7:30 a.m. Please contact Addie Farris 523-9927/Email AdelaideFarris@aol.com or Natalie Foss 528-1380/Email san10491@aol.com and let one of us know how you can help. Thank You and God Bless!!

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.

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 Philippians. 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 GREATEST LOVE BRINGS THE GREATEST JOY”

John 15:9-17

Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Radtke

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

- I. Which is yours in Jesus Christ.
 - A. Who has given himself for you.
 - B. He gives you His word as your guide.

- II. Which assures that you belong to Him.
 - A. By His choosing of you.
 - B. By your love toward others.