

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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**  
**HYMNS**

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**SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE:**

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**HYMNS:**

8:00 a.m.      686; 850; 822  
10:30 a.m.      686; 850; 496; 735; 822

SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY: Ezekiel 17:22-24

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Psalm 1

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II Corinthians 5:1-17

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Mark 4:26-34

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**THE PRAYERS**

The growth of God's kingdom through His church. Terry Suttill, Dorothy Wernecke, Emily Janssen; Lowell Hines, surgery; Virgil Rath, Jean Penick, recovering from surgery. Greg & Joleen Oest, 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Those who travel, especially the Richard Wagner family. Favorable weather for farmers.

**CHURCH AND SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Today:	<u>9:30-10:30 a.m.</u>	Church Library is Open
Mon:	<u>6:30 p.m.</u>	Board of Directors - School
Tue:	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Board of Elders - Church
Wed:	<b><u>12:10 p.m.</u></b>	<b>Service - Church</b>
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:	<b><u>5:30 p.m.</u></b>	<b>Service - School</b>
Sun:	Third Sunday After	Pentecost, June 21, 2009
	<b><u>8:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b>Holy Communion</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.

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

	Sat:	Sun:	Wed:	Total:
At Worship Last Week:	<u>141</u>	<u>144</u> <u>126</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>425</u>
Adult Bible Classes:	<u>65</u>		Sunday School:	<u>16</u>
Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:				<u>\$13,520.09</u>

**FLOWERS** are placed on the altar today to God's glory by Greg and Joleen Oest in observance of their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**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.

**Continuing our study of vocation**, today's Sunday School lesson was "Jacob's Death and Burial." Jacob requested burial in Canaan, rather than in Egypt, because Canaan was the land to which God had promised to send the One through whom all the families of the earth would be blessed—Jesus. You might ask students, *"How was Jacob's body prepared for burial? What kinds of workers help families prepare for burials today?"*

#### 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.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING** applications for financial assistance through Trinity's Synodical School Scholarship Fund is July 1<sup>st</sup>. Any member enrolled in an LCMS college, university or seminary majoring in a course of study that will lead to a position as a full time church worker interested in receiving an application for Trinity's Synodical Scholarship Fund, please call Adrian Harless at 546-0759.

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!** Ushers are needed for the Saturday night service. If you are a Saturday night regular or if you are willing to attend occasionally, we need ushers. The time commitment is minimal as each person serves once every couple of months and only on the two Saturday nights each month when communion is served. If you are willing to serve, please call Wayne Harshaw, 529-5399, or speak to one of the pastors. Thanks.

## **TRINITY'S MINISTRY AND MISSION**

Sharing Christ – Meeting Needs

### Primary Ministries

- Worship Services – Word, Sacrament, Fellowship of believers
- Christian Day School – Christian Education, strong academic curriculum

Over recent years Worship Attendance has been declining:

- o Average for the past 4 weeks = 394/week
- o Capacity = 1000/week (400/service at Church and 200 Parish Hall)

Over recent years School Attendance has been declining:

- Currently we have a teacher at every grade level
- Projected enrollment for 2009-2010 is 125 (ave. class size 14 per grade)
- Capacity with class sizes at 20 per grade = 180

Offerings over the past 2 years have been steady

- 2008 Offerings were up 1.7% over 2007
- First Quarter Offerings for 2009 down 11.1% compared to same period 2008

Trinity was blessed with large bequest which has allowed us to make important capital improvements and meet the gap between our ministry expenses and our income for the past 3-4 years.

We project that with the current conditions, the balance in our accounts could maintain the status quo until near the end of 2010.

The operating budget for the past several years (with the exception of capital projects) has been a “bare bones” budget.

If nothing is changed, we will be required to make drastic cuts in our expenses in 2010 which will most likely result in a loss of staff and reductions to our ministry.

The Board of Directors is asking for your support and participation in our efforts to maintain and expand our ministry. We all will be working hard over the next year to make positive changes.

You can help:

- Consider Trinity's collective ministry and your personal role in it.
- Support Trinity with your prayers, time, talents, and treasure.
- Encourage friends, neighbors, and family to attend our Worship Services.
- Encourage friends, neighbors, and family with school age children to consider our excellent school.

If you know of a family of a school age child who may be a candidate for Trinity Lutheran School, please provide contact information to Mr. Rodgers at the school at 787-2323 or [tls.tiger@springnet1.com](mailto:tls.tiger@springnet1.com).

**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.).

**JUNE DUTCH OVEN** is being sponsored by the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class, under the leadership of Sharon Reichers.

**TEN COMMANDMENTS RADIO SERIES...**Do the Ten Commandments still apply to us today? Do you keep any of them? What does it mean to fear, love and trust God above all things? Issues, Etc., a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken, will air an in-depth series on the Ten Commandments through the month of June. You can listen to this series anytime you want at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org).

**RIDE NEEDED** for 8:00 or 10:30 service from Sherman. Contact either of the pastors if you can help.

**CALLING ALL KIDS! IT'S KINGDOM OF THE SON SAFARI TIME!!!**

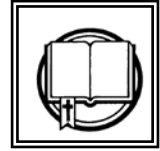
Trinity Lutheran Church would like to invite children ages 3-12 to join us for the Kingdom of the Son Vacation Bible School. Kingdom of the Son creates a fun and exciting safari atmosphere where children will have a great time singing, watching skits, creating crafts and playing games. Most importantly, your child will discover how to get to know God through the Lord's Prayer.

**VBS begins Monday, June 22 and continues through Friday, June 26, from 9:00-11:30 a.m.** at Trinity Lutheran School, 515 South MacArthur. A closing program and picnic will be held on Friday.

**Donations** of lemonade, hot dogs, buns, and cookies are greatly appreciated. For more information and to register your child, please contact Jessica Benning at 553-2288, or the school at 787-2323.

## 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** is on summer recess.

**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 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.**

## **“PLANTED BY GOD”**

Mark 4:26-34

Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Radtke

*<sup>26</sup>And he` said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup>He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." <sup>30</sup>And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." <sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. <sup>34</sup>He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.*

- I. God has come to live among us eternally.
  - A. Through Jesus Christ.
  - B. The “seed” of the Gospel continues to grow.
  
- II. The challenge is before us.
  - A. Our efforts experience failure.
  - B. Culture and success compete for our attention.
  
- III. Faith produces a response from us.
  - A. God grants the growth.
  - B. God provides what we need.