

O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; 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:** 789; 554; 588**SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE: 8:00 a.m. Page 235 10:30 a.m. Page 235****HYMNS:** 8:00 a.m. 566; 554; 664

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SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 P. 148

Psalm 119:129-136 P. 515

Ephesians 6:10-20 P. 979

Mark 7:14-23 P. 843

THE PRAYERS

May we always be at peace with Jesus searching our hearts. New members. John Muchow, Erica Walker and Jim Fenton, Ada Boston weddings. Susan McCann, surgery & tests. William & Susan Gilman, 33rd wedding anniversary.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL CALENDAR

Today:	<u>9:30-10:30 a.m.</u>	Church Library is Open
Tues:	<u>3:30 p.m.</u>	Market Day - School
	<u>6:30 p.m.</u>	Leadership Team Planning Meeting - School
Wed:	<u>8:15 a.m.</u>	Chapel - School
	<u>12:10 p.m.</u>	Service - Church
	<u>1:00 p.m.</u>	Ladies Aid Board - School
	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	8 th Grade Confirmation Meeting - School
Thur:	<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	Quilters - School
Sat:	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	Service - School
Sun:	Fourteenth Sunday	After Pentecost, September 5/6, 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>111</u>	<u>126</u> , <u>149</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>395</u>
Adult Bible Classes: <u>53</u>			Sunday School: <u>14</u>	
Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:				<u>\$11,033.86</u>

FLOWERS are placed on the altar today to God's glory by William and Susan Gilman in celebration of their 33rd wedding anniversary.

The lesson focus for Sunday School today was "Titus, the Pastor." As God called Paul to the preaching office for the sake of His elect and their eternal life, so He also called Titus and the pastors Titus appointed in Crete as gifts to His Church. You might discuss, "*How did God strengthen Titus*"

FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<u>July</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Receipts	56,704.84	56,704.84
Expenses	<u>93,174.52</u>	<u>93,174.52</u>
Over (Short)	(36,469.68)	(36,469.68)

FOUNDATION FOR EXCELLENCE Fall Event 9/11 Dinner at Trinity Lutheran Church ...

The attack on the World Trade Center in 2001 is still fresh in our minds. Rev. Bill Wrede, serving at the time as a chaplain to the deaf, found himself on the scene shortly following the attack. For several months he served as the spiritual support in our stead to the rescue and retrieval crews on scene. Pastor Wrede has a fascinating first hand account of the process and will be with us on September 11 of this year to speak at a dinner at Trinity's Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. Tickets for this dinner are \$25.00 apiece and support the Foundation for Excellence at Lutheran High School which presents this evening to increase its visibility in the community and encourage more support of its programs. To reserve your tickets, please call Curt Fischer at 546-7373, ext. 120 or Michelle Cox at ext. 113. Seating is limited.

COLLEGE STUDENTS – The Central Illinois District conducts campus ministry at colleges and university within our district. Please encourage your son or daughter to participate in these LCMS missions

MOVING AWAY (school, military training, etc.)? Leave your address behind!

Know that you are a part of our family whatever your address reads. We would like to keep in touch and encourage. Contact any Building Caring Relationships member with your new address or email bcr@trinity-lutheran.com.

ENCOURAGE OUR FAMILY AWAY! If you would like to join us in encouraging those away from their Trinity home and family, please talk to any Building Caring Relationships member or go to bcr@trinity-lutheran to let us know. Call Cathy, 487-7846 or Sandy, 793-1072 with questions.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! In our 10:30 a.m. service today we will be receiving Penny Gansbauer; Melissa & Andrew Gantt; Stephanie Thompson & Landon O'Connell; Mike, Amber, Aaron & Aiden Shipman; Eric & Susan Guldenstein; Suanne & Ellen Tuttle; Shelly & Leah Quigg; Jessica, Jacob & Jarod Robinson. In Christ we become one and together work for His glory and the good of our neighbors.

THE ADULT CHOIR will start rehearsals on Wednesday, September 9, at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Rehearsals will run 1 ½ hours. The choir is open to all high school students and adults. Singers of all voice parts are needed. If you are looking for a joyful service opportunity, come join our choir. New members are welcome, if you need further information call Laura Fliege at 753-2308.

ANY YOUTH INTERESTED in attending the 2010 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, there will be a mandatory meeting September 13th at 3 p.m. in the Trinity Parish Hall. Parents must accompany their child to the meeting. We need to start getting a head count of those interested in going. Please call Katie Gilman if you have any questions or concerns, 546-6363 ext 157.

WOMEN WITH MISSION will meet Tuesday, September 8, 7:00 p.m. in the Church Library (school location). All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend. The Bible Study is entitled "Beautiful Feet", taken from the LWML Summer 2009 Quarterly. If there are questions, please contact Cathy Von De Bur (487-7846) or Cindy Ushman (789-6103).

TRINITY LADIES AID will meet Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at 12:00 noon in the Parish Hall. The luncheon will be served by the newly elected officers: President Debbie Rodenburg, Vice-President Donna Harshaw, Secretary Joyce Burkhart, Treasurer Dee Boehm, and Assistant Treasurer Paula Boehme. The program will be "**A Quilt Artist Trunk Show,**" by Sherie Coppenbarger. Sherie is a regional and national award winner quilt artist from Morton, IL with a passion for exquisite art quality quilts including a blend of tradition and contemporary technique. Truly a fascinating journey of art quilting. Devotions by Mary Olsen. ALL TRINITY LADIES ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THE NEXT YEAR. THE YEARLY DUES ARE \$15.00. If you have any questions regarding the Ladies Aid, please call President Debbie Rodenburg at 787-5798. ALL BOARD MEMBERS are to attend the September 2, 2009 meeting at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

THE FALL LWML Springfield Zone Rally will be held on September 17, 2009 at St. John's Lutheran Church, New Berlin, IL. The registration fee includes lunch. Theme: Psalm 121 – *From Where Does My Help Come*. More details at the September meeting.

BIBLE STUDIES BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 13, 2009

GOD'S GIFTS FOR SERVICE – All of us have many callings in life. We may be spouses, parents, friends, mentors, volunteers. Because of this questions arise: How do I carry out my Christian faith in the work place? Is my work pleasing to God? How do I balance being a Christian with my calling of being a citizen? These and other questions will be discussed according to Scripture and our Lutheran Confessions. Come join us for this timely class for our world of today! Leader: Pastor Radtke

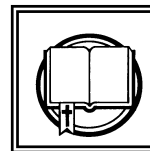
GOD'S GRACE IN ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE CHURCH OF THE THESSALONIANS – God's grace will culminate in Christ's second advent, when he will take all believers to be with him in an eternal home above. The return of our Savior is mentioned more times in the New Testament (318) than any other doctrine. This teaching is the major theme of these letters to a church experiencing and facing great persecution. Since Paul's first letter may have raised some questions about this topic at Thessalonica, in his second letter, he explains more fully some of the details about the culmination of God's grace. Although this event should terrify those who reject the gospel, the return of our Lord is a reassuring and joyful hope for believers, no matter what they experience and face in the here and now. As for those Thessalonians who feared they might not be found "blameless" at Jesus' second coming, Paul calms their fears by emphasizing that they are loved by the Lord because God chose them from the beginning of time. That is, their salvation does not depend on their sinlessness, but on God's election. Paul reassures these people (and us all) that they (we) are saved through the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit and belief in the truth of God's grace. Leader: Bill Denham

Stewardship Corner

God's Word is clear about our need to give and how we are to give. For example, in Exodus 23:16, God tells His people that they are to bring their best to the Lord. In Proverbs 3:9, He directs His people to give their firstfruits. In the writings from Paul, we read that we are to give on the first day of the week (1 Corinthians 16:2). So how does God react if we are not faithful in our giving? Through the words of the prophet Malachi, God showed his displeasure to those who were depriving Him of their tithes and offerings. Are you pleasing God through your attitude toward giving and what you give.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES

9:30-10:15 a.m.



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

The Epistles for You. *New Bible Class* beginning today. Join us as we study, discuss, and learn from the Epistles, beginning with Paul’s letter to the Ephesians. Based on the lectionary reading for the upcoming Sunday. Class will meet in the Parish Hall, leader will be Eric Garvue.

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 resumes on September 8 at 9:00 a.m. We will meet at the home of Debbie Rodenburg, 400 Tecumseh Trail. For more information call 787-5796..

SENIOR CITIZENS BIBLE CLASS – Refreshments at 9:30 a.m., class at 10:00 a.m. Studying I Peter. Parish Hall. Leader: Pastor Garvue

LADIES AFTERNOON STUDY is on summer recess.

WEDNESDAYS:

BIBLE AND BREAKFAST meets at 6:30 a.m. in the Church Library. Studying Ecclesiastes. 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.

“LORD JESUS, SEARCH MY HEART”

Mark 7:14-16

Rev. Aaron D. Schnelle

¹⁴And he called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him."

- I. Pharisaism is still a very real temptation.
- II. Jesus exposes what's inside.
- III. Jesus transforms what's inside
- IV. What's inside always shows.