

Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Collect for the Day*

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**SATURDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**SERMON HYMN:**

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**SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE:**  
**HYMNS:**

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10:30 a.m.      941; 752; 849; 727; 783

**SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY:** Isaiah 50:4-10

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Psalm 116:1-9

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James 3:1-2

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Mark 9:14-29

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**THE PRAYERS**

May our faith always remain in Him that He is always with us. Alberta Hines, hospice care. Marian Brockschmidt, Sherwood Dannenberger, Paul Hartman Jr., recuperating from surgery. Bud and Barb Blankenship family at the death of her father Robert Wilson.

**CHURCH AND SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Today:	<u>9:30-10:30 a.m.</u>	Church Library is Open
Mon:	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Voters' Meeting - School
Tues:	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Outdoor Education Meeting - School
Wed:	<u>8:15 a.m.</u>	Chapel - School
	<u>12:10 p.m.</u>	<b>Service - Church</b>
	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Adult Choir Practice - Church
Thur:	<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	Quilters - School
	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Board of Property Management - School
Sat:	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	<b>Service - School</b>
Sun:	Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost, September 12/13, 2009	
	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>	<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>134</u>	<u>124</u> , <u>140</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>406</u>
Adult Bible Classes: <u>53</u>			Sunday School: <u>14</u>	
Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:				<u>\$11,801.93</u>

**FLOWERS** are placed on the altar today to God's glory by Steve and Lila White and family in memory of mother and grandmother Elizabeth Thompson.

**Students in Sunday School** explored the story "Nathan Rebukes David." Just as God accepted and forgave King David and other great saints who committed grave sins, so He accepts and forgives us, all for the sake of Christ. *Parents could ask, "Who reminds you of your sins? Who tells you about forgiveness?"*

### FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<u>June</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Receipts	66,707.77	958,137.55
Expenses	<u>88,993.94</u>	<u>1,113,537.84</u>
Over (Short)	(22,286.94)	(155,400.29)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:bcr@trinity-lutheran.com) to let us know. Call Cathy, 487-7846 or Sandy, 793-1072 with questions.

**ADULT CHOIR** rehearsals, Wednesday evenings 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.

**FULL TIME TEACHER NEEDED** for the Learning Center. Call 546-4055.

## **BIBLE STUDIES BEGINNING TODAY**

**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! Location: Science Room. 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. Location: Parish Hall. Leader: Bill Denham

**LOOKING AT THE LITURGY: HOW WE WORSHIP** – The Christian church has used the liturgy in worship for over 1400 years. Join us as we explore the biblical origins and historic nature of our services. Location: Parish Hall. Leader Eric Garvue.

**ADULT INFORMATION CLASS** starts on Thursday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m. We will meet in the science room, materials are provided. If childcare is needed let Pastor Radtke know so that arrangements may be made.

**COMBINATION CONGREGATION AND VOTERS' MEETING** on Monday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. There are several resolutions to consider. There will be a power point presentation regarding our Goal setting process. Each member will have an opportunity to give input through Action Plans, developed around our three Major Goals of "Worship, Family Life, and Christian Education", carrying out our mission of Sharing Christ-Meeting Needs. Refreshments will be served by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class (fund raiser for their spring trip). **We value your input to this important part of our planning for the next year.**

**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.

**LUTHERAN STUDY BIBLE** – They are coming soon! A new study Bible is being published by Concordia Publishing House. Many people have copies of the Concordia Self-Study Bible. This is a new Bible using the English Standard Version translation that is used in our hymnal as well as readings in our worship service. The official publication date is October 31. If orders are placed before that date, there is a \$20 savings! Come see the display in the Parish Hall, it is on the south wall next to the kitchen.

**We are in the process of updating** our annual Guide Book and Directory for the Church. This book helps us all to know more about our Church. The who, what, where, when, why, and how of our Church. As last year, the book is being provided at no cost to our Church, including the mailing to each family, and again is being subsidized by local businesses who advertise in it. If you own or manage a business and want to find out how to advertise in the book, please call the Church office at 522-8151. Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize our Guide Book and Directory advertisers over a non-advertiser. **It "does pay" to advertise in our Guide Book and Directory.**

**LADIES AID** is collecting health kits for Lutheran World Relief. Sending top quality items makes a caring statement to the recipient about the giver. **Please give new items only.** One complete health kit includes the following:

- One **hand towel**, dark color recommended
- One **washcloth**, dark color recommended
- One **bath size bar (4-5 oz.) of soap** in original wrapping
- One **adult-size toothbrush** in original packaging
- One **comb**, wide tooth preferred
- One **metal nail file** or nail clippers with file attached (no cardboard emery boards)
- Six **Band-Aids**, preferably ¾”

**NOTE: Do not** include toothpaste, this will be added at LWR warehouse. Those who wish to assemble a health kit, please put all items for one complete kit in a plastic bag and place in the “LWR” collection boxes located in the church basement and parish hall foyer. Collection dates are Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> – Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>. We are accepting completed kits only—please no individual items. Ladies Aid members may bring completed health kits to the Sept. or Oct. meetings. Any questions, please call Melissa Bowers, 546-9156, Kathy Richards, 546-8822, or Sharon Helmann, 793-3749.

## **WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE**

**WE CHALLENGE YOU TO BECOME....ONE OF THE “BIGGEST WEIGHT LOSERS”  
!!! JOIN THE WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE!!!**

This 12 WEEK program advises proper nutrition, food choices, and encourages exercise. All healthy programs are supported! Each person will receive personalized weekly, one-on-one coaching. The cost is \$39 for 12 weeks (Of which \$10 will be donated to a Children’s Charity!), all money will be paid out in cash prizes to the winners. Specific rules will be in place, to keep everyone consistent.

For More Info: email to [RenewYourHealthMall@hotmail.com](mailto:RenewYourHealthMall@hotmail.com). LaRita Adcock, Wellness Coach, home office (217) 321-1867; cell (270) 210-3762.

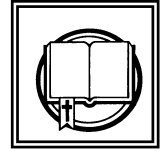
The previous challenge ended with an average weight loss over 19 lbs and 22” per person. Payout was \$640!!! Beginning Sept 9<sup>th</sup> at the Trinity Lutheran School

**LIMITED ROOM!!!!!!!**

**PREREGISTER** FOR THE WLC BY CALLING 217-321-1867 to secure your spot!

## SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES

9:30-10:15 a.m.



**God's Gifts for Service** – A discussion according to Scripture and our Lutheran Confession of our many callings in life. Location: Science Room. Leader: Pastor Radtke

**God's Grace in St. Paul's Letter to the Church of the Thessalonians** – Join us as we discuss Paul's reassurances that we are saved through the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit and belief in the truth of God's grace. Location: Parish Hall. Leader: Bill Denham

**Looking at the Liturgy: How We Worship** – Join us as we explore the biblical origins and historic nature of our services. Location: Parish Hall. Leader: Eric Garvue

**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 at 9:00 a.m. 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 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.

## **“ALWAYS WITH US”**

Mark 9:21-23

Rev. Aaron D. Schnelle

***<sup>21</sup>And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. <sup>22</sup>And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." <sup>23</sup>And Jesus said to him, "'If you can!' All things are possible for one who believes."***

- I. Real people with real needs come to Jesus.
- II. “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you?”
- III. “All things are possible for one who believes.”