

O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; 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**  
**SERMON HYMN:** 686; 578; 707

**SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE:** 8:00 a.m. **Page 184** 10:30 a.m. **Page 219**  
**HYMNS:** 8:00 a.m. 941; 578; 633; 561; 851  
 10:30 a.m. 507; 578; 851 Trinity Choir

SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY: Jeremiah 11:18-20 P. 640  
 Psalm 54 P. 475  
 James 3:13-4:10 P. 1012  
 Mark 9:30-37 P. 845

**THE PRAYERS**

Following the example of Jesus in humble service. Sherwood Dannenberger, Alberta Hines, Alice Howard. Thanksgiving for Emily Janssen's return home. Percy & Karen Stephens, 48<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**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 Evangelism - School
	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Board of Stewardship - 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
	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Board of Elders - Church
Thur:	<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	Quilters - School
	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Adult Information Class - School
Sat:	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	<b>Communion Service - School</b>
Sun:	Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost, September 26/27, 2009	
	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<b>Morning Worship</b>
	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>	<b>Holy Communion</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>129</u>	<u>158</u> , <u>170</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>466</u>
Adult Bible Classes:	<u>62</u>		Sunday School: <u>32</u>	
Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:				<u>\$13,728.22</u>

**FLOWERS** are placed on the altar today to God's glory by Percy and Karen Stephens in celebration of their 48<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**"The Wisdom of Solomon"** serves as the focus of the Sunday School lesson for today. Solomon, though wise, needed what we and all sinners need: Christ, Wisdom Himself, and the forgiveness He brings. *Consider discussing, "Tell me an example of Solomon's wisdom. How has God shown you His wisdom?"*

### 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)

**ADULT INFORMATION CLASS** meets on Thursdays 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.

**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 October meeting. Any questions, please call Melissa Bowers, 546-9156, Kathy Richards, 546-8822, or Sharon Helmann, 793-3749.

**THANKS** from the Leadership Team to all those who participated on Monday, September 14, in the initial phase of the introduction to the process of expanding the opportunity for all the members of Trinity to participate more fully in helping to achieve the mission that God has given us – **“Sharing Christ – Meeting Needs”**. A great start was made toward achieving our objective or providing more meaningful ways for all members to be a part of this emphasis.

**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 and the readings in our worship service. Official publication date is October 31. For orders placed before that date, there is a \$20 savings!! See the display on the south wall of the Parish Hall 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.**

**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.

**ORGAN CONCERT** – The Springfield Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and Westminster Presbyterian Church proudly present Janette Fishell in an organ concert, Sunday, September 27, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, located at Walnut and Edwards Street. The concert will include works by Bach, Eben, Howells, Bolcolm and Widor. Admission is free.

**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!

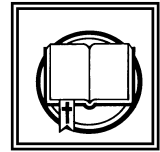
**AUBURN CORN MAZE NIGHT** Sunday, October 11, 6:00-9:00 p.m. we will meet at Trinity Lutheran School to carpool. Call Katie Gilman, 546-6363 ext. 157.

**NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN** is Sunday, October 4, 2009, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Life Chain, an annual event which began in 1987, invites Christians in each city and town across North America to stand on a designated sidewalk and silently pray to stop abortion. Please mark **October 4, 2009**, on your calendar and join fellow members of Trinity in this prayerful, peaceful, pro-life witness. Trinity members will gather on MacArthur Boulevard north of Laurel Street near Family Video and Luers. Please do not park in business parking lots; park on city streets. For further information, contact Larry or Paula Boehme, 626-2179. We hope to see you on October 4, 2009, praying for those who cannot defend themselves.

**SPRINGFIELD RIGHT TO LIFE** is holding its **Annual Benefit dinner** on Saturday, **October 17, 2009**, at the Sangamon Prairie Reception Center on Rt. 4 in Chatham. Reception and Silent Auction will begin at 6:00 p.m. with Dinner at 6:45 p.m. The evening's program includes featured speaker, Steven Ertelt, founder and editor of LifeNews.com. Reservations for Adults are \$40 and for Students \$20. Please make a reservation by mailing your check, payable to SRTL, to 316 East Monroe Street, Springfield, IL 62701. For any further information, contact SRTL at 523-2700, 10 a.m.-3p.m. Please support this important event coming in October which is "Respect Life" month.

## 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** 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 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.

## “FROM THE LEAST TO THE GREATEST”

Mark 9:33-37

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***33And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" 34But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. 35And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." 36And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, 37"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."***

- I. The world's greatness comes from power.
  - A. The disciples did not understand Jesus.
    - 1. They followed him.
    - 2. His eminent death confused them. (v. 32)
  - B. The disciples were concerned with greatness.
    - 1. Each had their own idea. (v. 34)
    - 2. Jesus showed them the way of service. (v. 35)
  
- II. The greatness Jesus taught was about humility.
  - A. As the life of Jesus shows.
    - 1. Through his death on the cross. (v. 31)
    - 2. Through the example of the child. (v. 36)
  - B. As our life in him displays.
    - 1. The victory has come through him. (v. 37)
    - 2. We are enabled to serve others. (v. 37)