

O God, Your divine wisdom sets in order all things in heaven and on earth. Put away from us all things hurtful and give us those things that are beneficial for us; 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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HYMNS: 8:00 a.m. 907; 578 st. 1-4; 622; 636; 637; 921
10:30 a.m. 685; 868; 728

Trinity Choir

SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY: Ecclesiastes 5:10-20 P. 555
Psalm 119:9-16 P. 512
Hebrews 4:1-13 P. 1002
Mark 10:23-31 P. 846

THE PRAYERS

Trusting in God's providing. Tracy Shafer, surgery. Mercedes Smith, health problems. Paul Hartman Jr., recuperating from follow-up surgery. Leah Quigg, baptism.

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 - Church
Tue:	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Science Fair Parents Meeting- School
Wed:	<u>8:15 a.m.</u>	Chapel - School
	<u>12:10 p.m.</u>	Service - Church
	<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>	Adult Information Class - School
Sat:	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	Communion Service - School
Sun:	Reformation Sunday, October 24/25, 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>124</u>	<u>119</u> , <u>130</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>382</u>
Adult Bible Classes:	<u>90</u>		Sunday School: <u>29</u>	
Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:				<u>\$12,401.54</u>

FLOWERS are placed on the altar today by Betty Haffner in thankfulness to God for His many blessings to her and her family.

Today in Sunday School we study “Elijah Is Taken to Heaven.” Enoch and Elijah were taken into heaven alive. Jesus, who is our Enoch and our great Elijah, ascended alive into heaven for us and our salvation. *You might discuss, “Why was Elisha concerned about Elijah’s departure from earth? In what way was Jesus’ ascension into heaven different from Elijah’s?”*

FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<u>September</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Receipts	88,151.83	213,889.57
Expenses	<u>89,619.73</u>	<u>276,021.69</u>
Over (Short)	(1,467.90)	(62,132.12)

THE LUTHERAN STUDY BIBLE is now available! A new study Bible has been 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. Orders have been placed and are here.



RECEIVED THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM in the 8:00 service this morning is Leah Quigg, daughter of Shelly Quigg. May God strengthen her family as they oversee her spiritual growth.

NARRATIVE SERVICE – The Board for Evangelism is emphasizing our Lutheran heritage during the month of October with a return of **“Proud to be Lutheran.”** As part of this emphasis a narrative service is being conducted during our 8:00 a.m. communion service this weekend. Pastor Donald Garvue is the narrator with Pastor Schnelle also leading in worship.

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!

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL – NEED VOLUNTEERS!

If you are interested in assisting in a big way or a small way on a committee for the 2010 celebration of the school's anniversary, please contact Diane Williams at 899-0592 or e-mail dianewilliams3@comcast.net. No talent is too small. Even if you'd be willing to make phone calls, we can use your help! **Do you have** artistic ability, writing ability, construction ability, and/or historical interests? We need people to serve on the Project Committee which will be reviewing the available photographs, writing captions, and creating a display design. **Do you have** event planning and volunteer experience? We need people to assist with church and school events surrounding our March 2010 celebration kick-off and other events. **Do you have** marketing or public relations experience? We need people to assist with getting the word out to the community about our historical event! **Do you have** ideas for this event? Would you be willing to assist with finding school alumni? Anyone who has an interest will be included in our planning efforts! Thank you!

JV GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH NEEDED – Lutheran High School is looking for an experienced individual to help with the girls program as the JV Girls Basketball Coach. Coaching resumes or candidate recommendations should be sent to Mr. Don Duensing, Lutheran High School, 3500 West Washington, Springfield, IL 62711, 546-6363 x 117.

OKTOBERFEST Saturday, October 24, 4-7 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2750 Sangamon Avenue. Menu will include brats, hot dogs, sauerkraut, baked beans, coleslaw, drinks, desserts. Free-will donation. Supplemental funds by Thrivent.

ATTENTION FUTURE HIGH SCHOOLERS!! Lutheran High School is having an **Open House** for interested students and parents on Wednesday, November 4. The program is from 7:00-8:30 p.m. and will include enrollment materials and information about the school. Tours begin at 6:30 p.m. Within a Christian setting, LuHi emphasizes a strong college-prep academic program. Lutheran High is located at 3500 West Washington, $\frac{3}{4}$ mile west of Veterans Parkway.

KEEP YOUR RECYCLING COMING! Trinity has been doing such an amazing job recycling we are adding more items to our collections. We have added Huggies diapers plastic packaging, Scott toilet paper, napkins, and wet wipe plastic packaging. Don't forget our newest items, scotch tape dispensers and cores along with battery drop off on the last Friday of the month. If you have any questions or would like a full list please email tls.greenteam@gmail.com.

THERE IS STILL TIME!! For a number of years, Trinity has been participating in the Giving Plus program. This is a tremendous program which increases gifts given by Trinity members that participate in this program. Thrivent Financial will contribute 50 cents for each dollar that Thrivent members donate up to a set limit per year. While a number of members participate on a regular basis, the number is rather small considering the number of Thrivent members that we have in Trinity. Last year, Thrivent provided us with over \$12,000.00 in matched funds from these members gifts. I would encourage all Thrivent members to consider participating in this program. See details in November/December newsletter. If you have any questions please call Bill Firth at 753-1272.

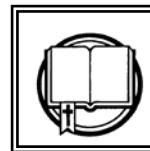
Who is Thrivent Financial for Lutherans? How can I benefit by being a member? Need information on joining Thrivent Financial? Call Thrivent Financial Associates Tim Ippel at 787-1877 or Barry Schwalbe at 622-3138 for information.

THRIVENT MEMBERS are reminded of their Annual Meeting on November 8th at the Northfield Inn in Springfield at 12:30 p.m. A clothing drive for underwear and socks for needy elementary students will be conducted as well with one of those bringing in this gift will go home with a 32" flat screen HDTV. A vital requirement is that you must register by November 2 or you will be turned away at the door. Contact Sue Hoskinson (217-483-4067; skippysu@msn.com) to make your reservations. Include your church, the number, names of those attending and a telephone number in case there is a question regarding your reservation. Thank you, God bless, and looking forward to seeing you on November 8, 2009.

Calling All "**FACEBOOKers**" In planing Trinity Lutheran School's 150th Celebration and contacting as many alumni, members, teachers, pastors, etc... as possible, we are wanting to put together an **OFFICIAL TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL FACEBOOK** page. We are seeking anyone who has FB knowledge to aid in this project. Currently, we have found a few miscellaneous Facebook Class pages... which is Great! We would like to link them together so all will receive updated information about the Celebration in March 2010, as well as receive updates on other important information, let alone be able to connect with fellow classmates, etc... **DO YOU POSSESS THESE SKILLS?** Would YOU be willing to help set up our PAGE and CONNECTIONS? A group for this page is being formed... if you have ineterst in aiding in this process, please contact Trip Rodgers at trodgers@trinity-lutheran.com for further details. Please Help make this Celebration a success for ALL!

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 Paula Boehme, 1485 Richland Elevator Road. For more information call 626-2179.

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 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 Mark. 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.

“FUNDS OR FUNDAMENTALS?”

Mark 10:23-31

Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Radtke

²³And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." ²⁸Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

- I. Possessions can be a detriment to faith.
 - A. Their focus is away from God.
 - 1. People's interests come first (v. 17).
 - 2. Worries take the upper hand (v. 22).
 - B. They can replace God in the lives of people.
 - 1. As what people serve (v. 23).
 - 2. The present world consumes them (v. 25).
- II. Blessings are a free gift from God.
 - A. That come from His gracious hand.
 - 1. They are not about our efforts (v. 28).
 - 2. They are greater than we imagine (v. 30).
 - B. God's greatest gift is our salvation.
 - 1. Which He makes possible in Jesus (v. 27).
 - 2. He provides us with all that we need (v. 31).