

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; 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

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SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY: Jeremiah 33:14-16

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Psalm 25:1-10

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I Thessalonians 3:9-13

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Luke 19:28-40

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THE PRAYERS

Rejoicing in the coming of Jesus. Jackson Aljet & Ella Opel Heien Miller, baptism. Carol Boehner, Maddie Garvue, hospitalized. The family of Joann Garner (aunt of Sharon Apps),

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 Christian Day School - School
Tue:	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	PTL Planning Meeting - School
Wed:	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	Chapel - School
	<u>12:10 p.m.</u>	Service – Church
	<u>1:00 p.m.</u>	Ladies Aid Board - School
	<u>6:30 p.m.</u>	Advent Service - Church
	<u>7:30 p.m.</u>	Adult Choir Practice - Church
Thur:	<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	Quilters - School
Sat:	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	Service - School
Sun:	Second Sunday in Advent, December 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>142</u>	<u>121</u> , <u>176</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>448</u>
Adult Bible Classes:	<u>75</u>		Sunday School:	<u>27</u>
Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:				<u>\$18,439.40</u>

FLOWERS are placed on the altar today by Bill and Janie Rast with gratitude to God for all His blessings.

On this last Sunday of the fall quarter, Sunday School students study “Esther.” In the actions of Esther, we see the pattern of deliverance that God sketches throughout the story of Israel, a pattern that finds its fulfillment in Jesus, our Savior. *Consider discussing, “How did Esther preserve the Jewish people? Why is the story of Esther important?”*

FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<u>October</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Receipts	77,457.33	291,346.90
Expenses	<u>89,710.91</u>	<u>365,732.60</u>
Over (Short)	(12,253.58)	(74,385.70)

ALL YOUTH AND PARENTS available to help set up the church for the Christmas Holiday, your help is much needed! The youth will be setting up on Saturday, November 28, starting at 8:00 a.m. Please come and help if you can! If you have any questions call Katie Gilman at 546-6363 ext. 157.



RECEIVED THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM on Saturday afternoon were Jackson Aljet Miller and Ella Opel Heien Miller, twin son and daughter of Peter and Arianne Miller. May God strengthen their parents as they oversee their spiritual growth.

TRINITY LADIES AID will meet Wednesday, December 9, 2009 in the Parish Hall. Bring three dozen cookies and packing will be at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be catered – price to be determined later. Program/Devotion “Trinity School Choir” by Laura Fliege. Mission service project is Christmas gifts for Bethesda. Please bring a gift suitable for man or woman – list contents on gift tag. **THE 2010 FLOWER CHART** is now posted in the church Narthex.

Members of the congregation are invited to join the Ladies Aid in purchasing **poinsettias** for the altar for Christmas. Price is \$11.00 per plant. You can place your order with Chairman Judy Fliege at 787-9011 or Grace Davis at 787-8433. Pick up will be Sunday, December 27, after late service or Monday, December 28.

NEW BIBLE CLASS QUARTER begins Sunday, December 6th. Watch for classes being offered.

WOMEN WITH MISSION'S CHRISTMAS DINNER will be held at Olive Garden on Monday, December 7, at 6:30 p.m. (note the time change). If you members will **not** be attending **or** if

you plan to bring a guest, please let Cathy Von De Bur (487-7846) know by December 4 (since we have requested a server that evening, Olive Garden wants to know the number by two days beforehand). Also, if you wish to participate, please bring a \$10 gift for a grab-bag type gift exchange. The Mission Project for December ties in with the Ladies Aid "Christmas Presents for Bethesda Residents". Bring your wrapped, tagged packages to either the dinner on Monday, the 7th, or drop them off in the Ladies Aid kitchen no later than Wednesday noon, December 9th (members should have received an e-mail with all the details).

MEN'S BASKETBALL – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sunday evenings. All men of the congregation invited for fellowship and recreation. Guests welcome. For information call Ken Rodenburg (787-5796), Brent Radtke (787-8342) or Cliff Krueger (529-9443).

ONGOING AMBASSADORS FOR CHIRST (O AFC) is celebrating New Years at the Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, IN. Begins 4 pm on December 29 and runs through the morning devotions on January 1, 2010. No O AFC experience needed. Registration deadline is December 12 and costs \$30.00 (T-shirt and meals while at the seminary). Register online at www.oafc.org. Contact Nate Ruppert at 217-827-1777 for travel arrangements. Registration and transportation seating is limited so it is extremely important to contact him now if you are going. Welcome all junior high youth through adults. Celebrate the new year with Lutheran youth from around the area whose beliefs and confession are the same as your own.

ADDITIONAL HOLIDAY DROP-OFF CENTER for St. Martin DePorres. A west-side Springfield drop-off center has been arranged by St. Martin DePorres through the end of the year of 2009. Terry Farmer Photography, 2711 West Washington will receive non-perishable food items, coats and blankets at the studio during regular business hours. Donors whose contributions are worth at least \$50 will receive a complimentary elite or premier family portrait session. Contact St. Martin DePorres (217-528-2851) or Terry Farmer Photography (698-6000) for additional information.

ARE YOU DOWNSIZING, REDECORATING? ... Contact Ministries needs your "left-overs still in good condition". Items needed include beds or sets of bunk beds, bedroom chests, kitchen tables & chairs, couches, kitchen ware and appliances (silverware, dishes, pots and pans, microwaves, refrigerators, high chairs, etc.) Currently in need are 4 shelter families moving into their own homes. These families include a total of 15 children: 3 babies, 4 toddlers, 5 school age children, 3 teen girls. If you have any questions, please call LaTrice Nettles, Executive Assistant at 753-3939. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

Big Painting Volunteer Day at the School

On October 17th, 22 people did extensive painting at the school, including the cafeteria and the 3rd floor hallway, along with outside work and numerous repairs.

Volunteers included *new member* Eric Guldenstein, *youth members* Avery Gwillm, Amanda Milbrandt, and Maric McLean, along with regular volunteers Brad Baker, Mike Hayer, Phil McFadden, Jim Sausaman, Larry Boehme, John Boehme, Kathy Radtke, Trip Rodgers, Terry Ludwig, Mickey Reed, Steve Burke, Jim Croxton, Roger Schlichting, Dave Richards, Dave Booher, Dave Wilcox, Tim Milbrandt, and Kevin Riechers.

Raking Leaves and Last Day for Mowing Volunteers

On November 14th, 7 volunteers raked leaves (John Rodenburg, Tim Milbrandt, Mickey and Jacob Reed, Brad Bales, Dave Booher, and Trip Rodgers).

This year's schoolyard mowers were Roger Schlichting, Jim Croxton, Brad Baker, Tim Milbrandt, Dave Booher, Dave Isham, Doug Gustafson, the entire Larry Boehme family (Larry, Paula, John, Brian), and Max Morgan, who has been doing mower maintenance for many, many, many years.

Put Upcoming Volunteer Days into Your Calendar

The next three volunteer days are February 6th, April 24th, and August 14th. Please plan on helping out if at all possible.

CALENDAR YEAR 2010 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

In an effort to save substantial mailing costs, the Board of Christian Stewardship asks you to please pick up your 2010 contribution envelope packet. All envelope packets are now available, in the Parish Center, on tables located near or against the north windowed wall, and arranged in alphabetical order (reading from the bottom of the table to the top, left to right). The Parish Center is conveniently located and accessible to all. No having to go up and down stairs. Also, if you need assistance in getting your envelope packet, fellow worshipers will be around before and after Saturday evening service as well as before and after the Sunday School hour (after first service and before second service on Sunday). Just ask them for help.

Please note that ***Renewing Our Past – Seizing Our Future*** envelopes are in the 2010 packets. Please use them for your Capital Campaign offerings.

To make things easier for all concerned, the envelope packets for 2010 have been renumbered to match the alphabetical listing of family names. This greatly eases the administration, preparation and distribution of envelopes. Please be assured that all records of past giving (as well as pledges) recorded under (an) old envelope number(s) will be transferred completely to your new envelope number.

Please pick up your envelope packet as soon as you can. Remaining packets will be prepared for mailing on Saturday, December 12.

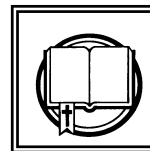
Finally, please do not use your new envelopes until after January 1, 2010. Also, after New Year's Day, throw out any unused 2009 (or previous years) envelopes. Please note your new number. The contribution counters ask that you write it on the memo line of your contribution checks in 2010. Thanks!

Trinity Lutheran School Blanket Throws Warm Hearts With School Spirit!!! Trinity Lutheran School custom blanket throws are available for order. The throws commemorate the 150th anniversary of our school. A sample throw is hanging in the school lobby. Orders can be placed in the school office or by emailing ksriechers@aol.com. The throws cost \$45 each and payment must be made at time of order. Proceeds from the sale of the blanket throws go towards the 8th grade class trip in May. Thank you for your support!

HOLIDAY TRIVIA NIGHT next Saturday, December 5, St. John's Lutheran Church in Chatham. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. Trivia starts at 7:15 p.m. Only \$10 per person, teams of up to 10 members. Contact Ben Ladage at 217-652-0924, church office at 217-483-2612, or email imbenladage@hotmail.com to reserve your table.

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
[Child care is available for Adult Bible Classes]

WEEK DAY BIBLE CLASSES

TUESDAYS:

LADIES MORNING STUDY will meet in December at 9:00 a.m. at the home of Terri Cameron, 816 South Park (787-4111). We will continue our study of The Acts of the Apostles.

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 resumes December 2 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.

“JESUS BRINGS YOUR GREATEST JOY”

Luke 21:25-36

Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Radtke

²⁵"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." ²⁹And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴"But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

- I. He is coming to you.
 - A. Which Scripture promises.
 - B. Which brings you hope instead of fear.

- II. His time is near.
 - A. The signs are present everywhere.
 - B. It is one determined by God.

- III. Preparations for His coming are essential.
 - A. Which You have by faith.
 - B. You stand firm by His promises.