

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; 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** 5:30 p.m. Page 285

**HYMNS:** 348; 803; 338

**SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE:** 8:00 a.m. Page 151 10:30 a.m. Page 235

**HYMNS:** 8:00 a.m. 386; 803; 359; 388; 380 Trinity Choir  
10:30 a.m. 386; 803; 380 Adult Choir

SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY: Micah 5:2-5a P. 779  
Psalm 80:1-7 P. 491  
Hebrews 10:5-10 P. 1006  
Luke 1:39-56 P. 856

**THE PRAYERS**

Filled with joy of God's grace. Larry Boehm, recovering from surgery. The family of Charles Swisegood (Father of Christopher), deceased.

**CHURCH AND SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Today:	<u>9:30-10:30 a.m.</u>	Church Library is Open
	<u>6:00 p.m.</u>	Men's Basketball - School
Wed:	<u>12:10 p.m.</u>	<b>Service - Church</b>
	<u>6:30 p.m.</u>	Adult Choir Practice - Church
Thur:	<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	Quilters - School
	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	<b>Christmas Eve Service - Church</b>
	<u>11:00 p.m.</u>	<b>Christmas Eve Service - Church</b>
Fri;	<u>10:00 a.m.</u>	<b>Christmas Day Service - Church</b>
Sat:	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	<b>Communion Service - School</b>
Sun:	First Sunday After	Christmas, December 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.

	Sat:	Sun:	Wed:	Total:
At Worship Last Week:	<u>113</u>	<u>167</u> , <u>226</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>513</u>
Adult Bible Classes:	<u>88</u>		Sunday School:	<u>30</u>
Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:				<u>\$20,435.93</u>

**FLOWERS** are placed on the altar today by Debbie Owens with gratitude to God for all His blessings and in celebration of the 18<sup>th</sup> birthday of her niece Mercedes Smith.

**Today in Sunday School** children studied Luke 1:57–80, the story of John’s birth. Zechariah spoke God’s Word announcing that this baby John would give people knowledge of salvation in the forgiveness of sins. God speaks through His holy Word to give me knowledge of salvation and forgiveness through Jesus, His Son. In your family discussions, talk about how sin causes us to doubt and fear, and just as God provided John to preach forgiveness and the message of Christ Jesus, the Savior, He provides us with faithful preachers to point us to the Savior from sin, death, and the devil.

#### FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<u>November</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Receipts	103,423.65	394,770.55
Expenses	<u>90,673.89</u>	<u>456,406.49</u>
Over (Short)	(12,749.76)	(61,635.94)

**CALENDER YEAR 2010 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES** have been mailed. 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!

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS RECYCLING** – Don’t throw out those old strands of lights that don’t work! The Green Team will be recycling Christmas lights. Please bring them to the school and drop them off by the learning center entrance (where all the other recycling goes). Christmas light source will take the lights, have them recycled and take the proceeds from the recycling and use them to buy books! These books will then be donated to the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. Please feel free to tell your friends and neighbors! Any questions? Please email [tls.greenteam@gmail.com](mailto:tls.greenteam@gmail.com).

**ROOM FOR RENT?** A non-smoking, non-drinking Christian woman, age 50, desires either a bedroom or efficiency apartment to rent during the week. She is looking for a safe, quite location. She works in Springfield during the week and goes home to Alton for the weekend. If you can help, call Kim at 618-792-1576.

### **Big Painting Volunteer Day at the School**

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

*Volunteers included new member Eric Guldenstein, youth members Reed Gwillim, Jeffrey Baker, 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 6<sup>th</sup>, April 24<sup>th</sup>, and August 14<sup>th</sup>. Please plan on helping out if at all possible.

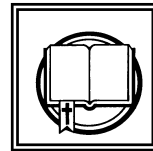
### **Trinity Lutheran School Blanket Throws**

Warm Hearts With School Spirit!!! Trinity Lutheran School custom blanket throws are available for order. The throws commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip in May. **The first order of blanket throws has arrived. Please call Sharon Riechers at 381-2716 to arrange a pickup.** Thank you for your support!

**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, consisting of a total of 15 children. SPECIAL NOTE: A 12 year old boy in the shelter is a straight A student and plays the flute – the school district is unable to locate a flute for him. If you or someone you know has a decent flute to give to this young boy, please call LaTrice Nettles, Executive Assistant, 753-3939 Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

## SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES

9:30-10:15 a.m.



**Family Cornerstone** – This class focuses on Christ-centered guidance and encouragement in three areas: priorities, family conflict, and children. Booklets for each area will be available for \$3.50 per booklet (the class may be attended without the booklets). Location: Parish Hall. Leader: Pastor Schnelle

**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

**I Believe But I Have Questions** – A Bible study exploring some of the more difficult questions all Christians struggle with, such as "Why didn't my problems disappear when I became a Christian?" or "How can I find God's will for my Life?". Location: Science Room. Leader Eric Garvue

[Child care is available for Adult Bible Classes]

## WEEK DAY BIBLE CLASSES

### TUESDAYS:

**LADIES MORNING STUDY** is recessed for Christmas and will resume January 5 at the home of Barb Zyznieuski, 2008 Montague (787-3816). 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 II 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** is on Christmas recess and will meet January 6 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.

# **“LOCKED IN GOD’S MEMORY”**

Luke 1:39-45

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*<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup>and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup>and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup>And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup>For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."*

- I. His word is for believing.
  - A. It goes beyond our imagination.
    - 1. Regardless of our circumstances.
    - 2. His power is at work (v. 43).
  - B. It accomplished His purposes.
    - 1. Which brings great joy (v. 44).
    - 2. Salvation for His people (v. 47).
- II. He gives us what we need.
  - A. By His grace.
    - 1. Which shows His favor (v. 43).
    - 2. Which is greater than worldly strength (v. 45).
  - B. He keeps His promises.
    - 1. Which He has made (v. 45).
    - 2. Which assures our future (v. 55).