

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, 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 151**
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10:30 a.m. 389; 370; 388; 365; 368

SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY: Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15 P. 55
Psalm 111 P. 509
Colossians 3:12-17 P. 984
Luke 2:22-40 P. 857

THE PRAYERS

May the peace of Christ rule our hearts forever and always. Elizabeth Fliege, 99th birthday.
Safe holiday travel.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL CALENDAR

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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>	Communion Service - Church
	<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>	New Year's Eve Service - Church
Sat:	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	Service - School
Sun:	Second Sunday After Christmas, January 2/3, 2010	
	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	Holy Communion
	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>	Morning Worship

CALENDAR YEAR 2010 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES should have been received in the mail. 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!

	Sat:	Sun:	Wed:	Total:
At Worship Last Week:	<u>99</u>	<u>120</u> , <u>143</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>371</u>
Adult Bible Classes:	<u>60</u>		Sunday School:	<u>26</u>
Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:				<u>\$14,787.01</u>

FLOWERS are placed on the altar today with Glory to God by the Fliege family in honor of Elizabeth Fliege's 99th birthday..

The birth of Jesus as recorded in Luke 2 is today's Sunday School lesson. A Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord! As a family, read Luke 2:1–20 together, and talk about the details of Christ's birth. Talk about how our sin causes us to fear God like the shepherds did. Focus on the fact that God's Son, Jesus, takes away our fears and offers us true peace, rescuing us from sin and death.

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)

GROWING IN WORSHIP BULLETINS for children are available at the usher's stand.

WOMEN WITH MISSION will meet at 7:00 p.m. Monday, January 4, in the Church Library (school location). The Bible study "What Would Joseph Say" (a study of the earthly father of Jesus) will be taken from the LWML winter quarterly; please bring your copy, if you have one. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend. Questions, call Cathy Von De Bur (487-7846) or Cindy Ushman (789-6103).

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.

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.

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!

Stewardship Corner

God's Word is clear about our need to give and how we are to give. For example, in Exodus 23:16, God tells His people that they are to bring their best to the Lord. In Proverbs 3:9, He directs His people to give their firstfruits. In the writings from Paul, we read that we are to give on the first day of the week (1 Corinthians 16:2). So how does God react if we are not faithful in our giving? Through the words of the prophet Malachi, God showed his displeasure to those who were depriving Him of their tithes and offerings. Are you pleasing God through your attitude toward giving and what you give.



THANK YOU to all who donated Poinsettias for our chancel area. Poinsettias may be picked up after today's late service. Remaining poinsettias may be picked up during the week from the church basement by anyone who would like them.

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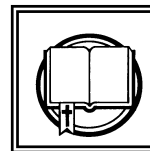
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SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES

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 2nd and 4th 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.

“CHRIST IS BORN AND HEARTS UNBURDENED”

Colossians 3:12-17

Rev. Aaron D. Schnelle

¹²Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

- I. Seven Christian Virtues: seven burden for the unforgiven.
- II. “Chosen” (v. 12) means God has loved and saved us in Christ.
- III. We are “*blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places*” (Eph. 1:3-8).
- IV. The “*peace of Christ*” rules in our hearts (v. 15).
- V. Seven Christian Virtues: “*with thankfulness in our hearts*” (v. 16).