

Almighty God You have poured into our hearts
the true Light of Your incarnate Word.
Grant that this Light may shine forth
in our lives; through the same
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: 388; 705; 390

SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE: 8:00 a.m. **Page 235** 10:30 a.m. **Page 151**
HYMNS: 8:00 a.m. 367; 750; 384; 365; 381
 10:30 a.m. 367; 705; 381

SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY: I Kings 3:4-15 P. 282
 Psalm 119:97-104 P. 514
 Ephesians 1:3-14 P. 976
 Luke 2:40-52 P. 858

THE PRAYERS

Living in joy as Christ's witnesses. Marge Olsen, hospitalized; Alice Ullman (daughter of Marian Brockschmidt), cancer diagnosis. The families of Wilma Baumann, Clifford Thomas (father of Paula Boehme), 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
Mon:	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	PTL Planning Meeting - School
	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Women With Mission - School
Tue:	<u>3:30 p.m.</u>	Market Day - 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>	Adult Choir Practice - Church
Thur:	<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	Quilters - School
Sat:	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	Communion Service - School
Sun:	The Baptism of our Lord, January 9/10, 2010	
	<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.

	Sat:	Sun:	Wed:	Total:
At Worship Last Week:	<u>50</u>	<u>65</u> <u>79</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>202</u>
Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:				<u>\$23,439.48</u>

In Sunday School today, the lesson was about the boy Jesus in the temple (Luke 2:41–52). As a boy, Jesus was found in His Father’s house. In God’s house I hear His Word, see that Jesus is my Savior, and receive His gifts of forgiveness and salvation. Because of sin, we are like Jesus’ parents and do not understand what Gods says to us. We don’t recognize who Jesus truly is—our Savior. Talk about how through Baptism and the power of God’s Word, the Holy Spirit makes clear to us that Jesus is God’s Son and our Savior.

FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE

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

TRINITY’S FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION for January is on 1/9 and 1/10. Please drop off your non-perishable donations at any of our services on 1/9 or 1/10. Roger Schlichting is in charge of the January collection. Anyone wishing to assist Roger with the sorting or delivering of the groceries should contact him at 585-0969 or come to the church basement on Sunday the 10th at 10:30 a.m. to see how you can help. As always, thank you for your generous donations.

CHRISTMAS TREATS FOR SHUT-INS APPRECIATED: Pastor Garvue delivered Christmas treats (handmade Christmas card boxes with candies) made by the Jr. High Sunday School for Trinity Shut-ins. Each box included the joyful Christmas message of Christ’s birth and student signatures. These thoughtful gifts were very gratefully received with comments of thankful appreciation. Thanks also to Kevin Riechers and Dave Booher for directing this project remembering our shut-in members.

CALENDER YEAR 2010 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES should now be the only envelopes used. It is time to 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!

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.

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).

TRINITY LADIES AID will meet on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at noon in the Parish Hall for a SPLIT ALPHABET POTLUCK H-Z – bring a dish which should serve about 10. The program will be "BIBLE STUDY" by Rev. Aaron Schnelle from the LWML Quarterly. Mite Box collection. Mission Service Project will be collection of items for The Pregnancy Center of Springfield as listed below:

Newborn and preemie size disposable diapers
Diaper wipes

The following clothing in newborn (0-3 months) or preemie sizes only:
"Onesies" (one piece undershirts that snap in front, available in long and short sleeves.
Sleepers

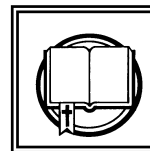
THE WORLD RELIEF QUILTING PROJECT begins January 4th, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and will continue every Monday until Easter. All ladies of the congregation are invited to take part in this much needed project. No experience is necessary. We need people to lay out pieces of material, sewers, and people to tie quilts. Bring your own scissors. If you can't join us on Mondays, you may take quilts to tie or pieces of fabric to sew into tops at home. Lunch will be served.

In 2009 we completed 228 quilts. Last year 452,870 quilts were distributed world wide to partners who had requested them in times of world disaster. Trinity Lutheran ladies also made or collected 144 school kits, 49 health kits and 66 pounds of soap. Health kits and soap are ongoing needs and will continue to be collected all year. For more information contact Helen Hoffman at 789-4912, or Dee Boehm at 793-6370.

The ladies who worked on the quilting project last year were Dee Boehm, Paula Boehme, Melissa Bowers, Evelyn Bradshaw, Marian Brockschmidt, Genny Colston, Jan Firth, Betty Foss, Wilma Fricke, Janet Heidbreder, Helen Hoffman, Mary Olsen, Virginia Owens, Marge Penick, Debbie Rodenburg and Lorraine Sandidge. Those tying quilts at home were Wanda Miller, Eleanor Mitchell and Catherine Requarth. Thank you to all who donated fabric and sheets and to Ruth Anderson for a bolt of material.

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 will meet in January at 9:00 a.m. at the home of Deb 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 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.

“THE SEARCH IS OVER”

Luke 2:46-49

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⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"¹

- I. God has kept His promise to you.
 - A. Jesus has come as your Savior.
 - B. Jesus fulfills God's purposes for you.

- II. You know where Jesus can be found.
 - A. There is no reason for worry.
 - B. He equips you for growth.