

September 18, 2022

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**HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH - FEDOR**

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The Altar Guild – Diane Walch, Ida Mae Mosley

The Organist – Kevin Patschke

**ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH - LEXINGTON**

The Elder-in-Charge – David Boettcher  
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The Altar Guild – Ginger Clifford, Juanita Clifford, Paulette Schulze  
The Flowers – To the glory of God by Debra Phillips in loving memory of Lester on their wedding anniversary this past Thursday (15) and in loving memory of Walter Kaiser’s birthday (25) by his family.

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**TO OUR VISITORS** - In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we bid you welcome. May the Holy Spirit bless you, together with us, as we give our attention to the Word of God this morning. \*\*\* Please sign the GUEST REGISTER [please also include your address] in the NARTHEX as you leave the church.

**HOLY COMMUNION STATEMENT AND POLICY:** It is our expressed belief, confidence and joy that the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, present under the bread and wine, are distributed in the Lord’s Supper. All who commune at His altar are to be in complete confessional agreement with the other communicants. This practice of Closed Communion is an evangelical expression of our love for the communicant and for Christ’s Holy Supper. In accordance with the Word of God in 1 Corinthians 1:10; 11:27-29, we only permit members of this congregation, as well as members of fellow Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod congregations, to commune today. If your membership is with a different faith group, so that you have a belief which differs from our belief and confession on Holy Communion, then we kindly ask you in love to refrain from communing today and first speak with Pastor or an Elder. Members of our congregation who wish to commune are asked to sign the communion registration sheet in the Narthex.

**OUR WORSHIP THIS MORNING**

**THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION - PAGE 15 IN THE FRONT OF THE HYMNAL.**

(Our visitors are asked to please read and honor our communion statement above.)

**SILENT PRAYER** upon entering the nave: Loving heavenly Father! I have come to hear your holy Word that makes the soul righteous. So then, put Your Holy Spirit in my heart that I may accept Your Gospel with awe and truly believe it. Amen.

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**SUMMARY OF TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS –  
THE 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**The Cry of Faith: “Lord, Have Mercy”** The ten lepers cried out from a distance, “*Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!*” (Luke 17:11-19) Their condition cut them off from God and others. So do the works of the flesh cut us off from God and others. “*Those who do such things will not inherit the Kingdom of God.*” (Galatians 5:16-24) Therefore we cry out with the lepers, “*Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy,*” eagerly seeking His good gifts. Jesus said to the lepers, “*Go and show yourselves to the priests.*” (Luke 17:14) And as they went, they were cleansed. We also walk by faith and not by sight, being confident of Jesus’ help before we see any evidence of it, trusting that Jesus’ cleansing words of forgiveness will restore us to wholeness in the resurrection. Imitate the leper who returned to Christ the true High Priest to give Him thanks and glory. Jesus bore our infirmities in His sacrifice at Calvary. His words are life to those who find them, and health to their flesh. (Proverbs 4:10-23) ([lcms.org/lectionary-summaries](http://lcms.org/lectionary-summaries))

**READING FROM THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS**

*Summary: Christ’s Church is the fellowship of those who, like the Samaritan leper, are saved by faith. Thus, each member of Christ’s Church is cleansed from all sin by the Word proclaimed and the Sacraments received to stand holy with Him at the right hand of the Father now and forevermore.*

But the Church is not only the fellowship of outward objects and rites, as other governments, but it is originally a fellowship of faith and of the Holy Ghost in hearts. The Christian Church consists not alone in fellowship of outward signs, but it consists especially in inward communion of eternal blessings in the heart, as of the Holy Ghost, of faith, of the fear and love of God; which fellowship nevertheless has outward marks so that it can be recognized; namely, the pure doctrine of the Gospel, and the administration of the Sacraments in accordance with the Gospel of Christ. Namely, where God’s Word is pure, and the Sacraments are administered in conformity with the same, there certainly is the Church, and there are Christians. And this Church alone is called the Body of Christ, which Christ renews as its Head, and sanctifies and governs by His Spirit, as Paul testifies in Ephesians 1:22, when he says: “*And [God] gave [Christ] to be the Head over all things to the Church, which is His body, the fulness of Him that fills all in all.*” ([lcmssermons.com](http://lcmssermons.com); *The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Articles VII & VIII*)

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†† IN THE NAME OF JESUS †

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

**RINGING OF THE BELL (CALL TO WORSHIP)**

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN: ♪ 355**

**PREPATORY SERVICE OF CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION AND SERVICE OF THE WORD  
[PAGE 15 TO 23/FRONT OF HYMNAL]**

**INTROIT (ENTRANCE INTO THE SERVICE OF THE WORD)**

**PASTOR:** Behold our Shield, O God; Look on the face of Your Anointed! For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord. Blessed are those who dwell in Your House, ever singing Your praise! I would rather be a doorkeeper in the House of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. The Lord bestows favor and honor. He does not withhold any good thing from those who walk uprightly. (*Psalm 84*)

**CONGREGATION: ♪ Glory be to the Father....**

**COLLECT (PRAYER) OF THE DAY**

**P:** Lord God, heavenly Father, by Your Son, Jesus Christ, through Your Word and Holy Baptism, You have graciously saved us from the terrible leprosy of our sin. In Your great love for us, You have dealt very kindly with us, helping us in our every need. We ask You to waken our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, so that we never forget all the blessings You have freely given us, but live continually in Your fear, being confident of Your mercy and giving thanks and praise to You forevermore with a joyful heart; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD/BIBLE LESSONS: OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – PROVERBS 4:10-23**

<sup>10</sup> Hear, my son, and accept my words, that the years of your life may be many. <sup>11</sup> I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of uprightness. <sup>12</sup> When you walk, your step will not be hampered, and if you run, you will not stumble. <sup>13</sup> Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life. <sup>14</sup> Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of the evil. <sup>15</sup> Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass on. <sup>16</sup> For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong; they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble. <sup>17</sup> For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence. <sup>18</sup> But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day. <sup>19</sup> The way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know over what they stumble.

<sup>20</sup> My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. <sup>21</sup> Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. <sup>22</sup> For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh. <sup>23</sup> Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## **RESPONSIVE READING OF THE SMALL CATECHISM (SEE HALF-PAGE INSERT)**

### **EPISTLE (LETTER) LESSON – GALATIANS 5:16-24**

<sup>16</sup> But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the Kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

### **TRIPLE HALLELUJAH AND READING OF THE GOSPEL LESSON**

**C:** ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C:** ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

### **LUKE 17:11-19**

<sup>11</sup> Now it happened as Jesus went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> Then as He entered a certain village, ten men who were lepers met Him there, who stood far off. <sup>13</sup> And they lifted up their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”

<sup>14</sup> So when He saw them, He said to them, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.

<sup>15</sup> And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, <sup>16</sup> and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.

<sup>17</sup> So Jesus answered and said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? <sup>18</sup> Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup> And He said to him, “Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well.”

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### **NICENE CREED (CONFESSION OF FAITH) [PAGE 22]**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY: ♪ 417**

### **SERMON: YOUR SAVIOR BLESSES YOU 3 FOR 3: COMPLETELY, FOREVER, LUKE 17:11-19**

*Hear Jesus and rejoice in His Word to you! “Your faith has saved you.” (Lk. 17:19) Amen.*

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.* The saying goes that two out of three ain't bad. Since two is the better part of three – more so than, say, one out of three, this certainly holds true. Draining two baskets out of three in basketball sure beats making just one shot or bricking them all. And if the “we” team in 42 dominos wins two games out of three over the “they” team in a best-of-three matchup, the “we” team wins it all.

But what about when two out of three ain't good? In our Gospel lesson for today, the Lord Jesus provides three special, life-giving blessings to ten leprous, scabby, suffering people. It's Jesus' privilege and joy to do so, and yet nine of the ten lepers only receive two of the three divine blessings that the Son of God has for all ten of them. It's not like Jesus only wishes to bless one of them 3 for 3 – all the way. If He had, He would've only called that one man to Himself and let the rest go. Our Lord desires to bless all ten lepers with not only the healing of their bodies, but also with the comfort and salvation of their souls. This is always the case with the Lord our God, Who never wishes *“that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance”* (2 Pet. 3:9) and saving faith in Him.

Jesus' three blessings are: 1) His coming near to the lepers so that they – believing that He's able to heal their diseased, rotting bodies, cry out to Him for mercy and healing. 2) His healing all ten of them of their leprosy. And 3) Christ's declaration of forgiveness, life and salvation which He wishes to speak to all of them: *“Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”* (Lk. 17:19)

O saints of God, don't be content with receiving two-thirds of the blessings that God the Father wishes to give you in His Son, since two out of three in this case isn't good at all. Regarding Christ Jesus' rich blessings and gracious gifts to you from your Father, to pick-and-choose, to receive most but not all of them is to throw something back in His face. So don't be like the nine lepers who, having received Jesus' first two blessings to them, don't bother to stick around for the third and final one. Don't scam when your Lord and Savior has still more good things to give you. Instead, just like the lone Samaritan, *“return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful...abounding in steadfast love”* (Joel 2:12) toward you.

Jesus is traveling south from Galilee to Jerusalem. He comes upon what is likely a leper colony. Since lepers are ceremonially unclean according to the Law of Moses, they must live apart from their families until their unclean skin gets better or is healed, which doesn't often happen.

When word reaches them that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by them, they cry out to Him: *“Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”* (Lk. 17:13) Ostracized as they are, they've nevertheless heard the wondrous news that Jesus can heal the diseased and the lame – that He's been doing so. They believe that Jesus can heal them, so they call out to Him to be merciful to them. They want their lives back. They want to be healed. They want to go home.

Jesus gives them their lives back. He heals them and sends them homeward so that they can show themselves to the priests (See Lk. 17:14) and thereby be cleared to return to their community and families.

Ten lepers do what Jesus says. One of them, though, turns back to Him after being healed. He falls down before the Lord, thanking and worshiping Him for all He's done for him. He faithfully heeds the words of Psalm 95:6-7: *“Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For He is our God.”*

Jesus speaks again, asking, *“Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?”* (Lk. 17:17-18) He's taken aback that so few of them are moved by His mercy to thank and praise God for it. The nine also have their “Wisemen bowing down before Jesus and worshiping Him opportunity,” but they let it slip away. In the end they're thankless. Jesus has given them their lives back, but they don't even stop to express their gratitude. The only one who does isn't even of the house of Israel, but is a foreign Samaritan. Doesn't matter to Jesus. He says to the grateful man, *“Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”* (Lk. 17:19) This can also be translated from the original Greek: *“Your faith has saved you.”* Indeed it has as true faith always saves!

Jesus doesn't take the miracle back from the nine who fail to thank Him. He doesn't restore their leprosy or anything like that due to their unfaithfulness. He doesn't afflict them for their sinful ingratitude. In fact, He's going to go to the cross and die for their sins, including their thanklessness, so that He can forgive them and heal them of that too.

Thank God that you don't suffer from the dreaded flesh-eating disease of leprosy, nor are you ever likely to. Yet our *Lutheran Confessions* speak very clearly from Holy Scripture about a type of leprosy which is all-too-real for us, which really is infecting us – by our own grievous fault! According to our fallen, sinful nature, we are *“thoroughly and utterly corrupted before God by [our trespasses,] as by a spiritual leprosy; and on account of this corruption and because of the fall of*

*the first man [and us with him, we are] accused and condemned by God's Law." (Book of Concord: Formula of Concord – Solid Declaration; Original Sin; Paragraph 6)*

Children of God, you were once foreigners like the Samaritan; aliens and outcasts from God's Household like lepers. Then Christ your Savior passed by you and had mercy on you. He came to seek and to save the lost, the leprous and the alienated – cut off from God and His life. He came into your very midst as the Fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies concerning the Messiah and Savior of the world. He came to you to forgive all your iniquities and to heal all your diseases. (See Ps. 103:3) He came for you and was "pierced for your transgressions," your bad deeds. "He was crushed for your iniquities," your corruptness. "Upon Him was the punishment that brought [you] peace, and with His wounds [you] are healed" (Is. 53:5) of all sin and evil.

God's holy Law inscribed on your heart and combined with His written Law justly convicts you of being guilty-unto-judgment. It'll do you no good to deny this unfortunate truth. A day never goes by when you don't have something to confess, something to cry out to Him for mercy for. Not even the nine, who failed to express their appreciation to God for healing them... Not even they refused to see their leprosy for what it was. Nor did they refuse to ask Jesus to heal them of their disease.

Always confess the terrible leprosy of your sin to God. Acknowledge that He's holy, and that you're not holy – at least not apart from Him. As Jesus says, those who need Him as their Physician are those who are sick. We're so sick with sin and dying from it! So trust that Jesus is able to heal you not only of your bodily maladies – as with the ten lepers... He's also able to heal you of your leprosy of sin and judgment – and He does so!

What else can we say but: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" (Lk. 17:13) He's come to us in order to call us to repentance; to grant us saving faith in His Name. Jesus' healing of your soul is as certain as His healing of the bodies of the ten lepers. "If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 Jn. 1:9) Christ has done away with your sin and judgment, forgiving you all your iniquities and remembering your sins no more. (See Heb. 8:12) The leprosy of your sin that would land you in hell is gone!

Thanks be to Jesus, Who died and rose again for you, your sins aren't counted against you since they've already been counted against Him on the cross as He perished in your place. His own righteousness is counted toward you – as your own! The Father regards you as holy as Jesus Himself is – because you are by faith in Him!

One man returns to Jesus to thank and praise Him because he believes that that the Lord has healed him, loves him, accepts him as a child of God – even though he's a Samaritan! – and has saved his soul – not just his body – from withering away in judgment. Oh that all ten of them would've acknowledged Jesus as the Savior of body and soul too!

This always calls for gratefulness and thankfulness to God on our part – a true devotion to "Him Who loves us and has freed us from our sins [from the Law, death and judgment] by His blood." (Rev. 1:5)

So always glorify God – O you, His saints – for bestowing 3-of-3 blessings upon you: His all! Borrow the words of the Psalmist permanently: "I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of Your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in You, I will sing praise to Your Name, O Most High!" (Ps. 9:1-2) Amen. *The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.*

## **OFFERTORY (ANTHEM PRECEEDING THE OFFERING OF TITHES) [PAGES 22-23]**

### **OFFERING**

#### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P:** Our heavenly Father, Who has justified fallen mankind through the suffering and death of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, and has declared the same by raising Him from the dead, we thank and praise You for Your grace and mercy. We could never justify ourselves in Your sight. No matter how much we try, we are sinners still. Even our righteous deeds are like filthy rags, tainted by our many sins. Yet we come with all boldness before You, for we trust in Your Son, knowing that through Him there is complete forgiveness for everyone. Forgive every sin that we have ever committed. Justify us for the sake of the precious blood once shed for us by our Savior, and accept our humble thanks.

Dear Jesus, by humbling Yourself and becoming obedient to death for our sins, You have rescued us lost sinners from certain destruction, providing us with the robe of righteousness cleansed in Your blood. Comfort us and give

us that surpassing peace which comes from knowing that we are saved by You. All praise to You, our precious Redeemer.

Spirit of Truth, we bless Your Holy Name because You have awakened our hearts to believe in our Lord Jesus Christ personally through faith, making Your divine offer of forgiveness and eternal life our own. Continue to fill us with Your grace. Keep us steadfast and true in our trust in You, together with the Father and the Son, our one true God eternal. Enable us to bring forth the fruits of salvation – good works – to the glory of God. Cause all sinners to seek and find cleansing in the blood of Jesus, that being justified from their sins, they may be saved from the wrath which is to come upon the world. Let none of us trust any longer in our own good works for salvation. By increasing our faith, give us strength and patience to endure every affliction that is sent our way to test us, and to resist every sin with which we are tempted. All this we ask for the sake of Him Who has redeemed us, that we might be justified by grace. **C: Amen.**

Gracious Father, touch those who are ill, injured, hurting with your healing hand: \_\_\_\_\_. Grant each of them the care that accords with their eternal welfare and Your unfailing good will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

Bountiful Lord, deal kindly with all who come to the altar today, that we may faithfully receive our Savior’s body and blood and know the joy of ultimate provision for our deepest need – His forgiveness and His own divine life, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR [PAGES 24-31]**

**PROPER PREFACE (LORD’S SUPPER OPENING PRAYER)**

**P:** It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

**COMMUNION HYMNS: ♪ 306 & 401**

**CLOSING HYMN: ♪ 26**

† **TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY** †

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OUR ATTENDANCE FROM LAST SUNDAY

	Worship	Comm.	S.S. & B.C.	Offerings
Trinity	31	--	11	\$1,387.00
St. James	56	--	6 9	\$1,768.00

Sunday Offerings–Trinity, Fedor

	Operating	Building	Missions	Cemetery	Week
Goal	55,093.00				
Actual	56,492.62		4,682.00		37
Last Week	1,317.00		70.00		

Sunday Offerings–St. James, Lexington

	Operating	Mission	Future Development	Total	Week
Goal	90,280.00			90,280.00	
Actual	76,283.62	445.00		76,728.62	37
Last Week	1,763.00	5.00		1,768.00	

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THIS WEEK

TODAY

**\*Door Collection** following the service (Holy Trinity) to help support Lincoln resident, Mary Taylor...see FOR YOUR INFORMATION

WEDNESDAY

9:00AM: Quilting (St. James)  
3:30PM: **Week Day School**

THURSDAY

10:00AM: Joint Bible Study (at St. James)

FRIDAY

+Pastor's Day Off

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

+++**We remember in our prayers:...**at Holy Trinity...*Alleen Winkler, Al Cain, Dorothy Schimank, Monroe Brade, Donna Moerbe, Margaret Richter, Carolyn Nitsche, Andrew Richter, Michelle Holmes* [sister-in-law of Paul & Meloney Tucker (Holy Trinity)];...at St. James...*W. O. Exner* (residing at Bec's Blessing in Giddings), *Genell Boettcher* (residing at Lost Pines Rehab in Bastrop), *Joey Johnson, Tom Kleinschmidt, David Roensch, Lucas Raines, Paulette Schulze, Ernest Biehle, Charles Kaiser, Ginger Clifford, Doug Wheeler, Charles Patschke, Walter Dube Jr., Lorine Lerche, Carole Heller* [mother of Juanita Clifford (St. James)]; *Scott Husband* [son of Sherwood & Janet Frosch (St. James)], *Amber Brockenbush* [friend and relative of St. James members], *Elton "Sonkey" Walther* [father of Felicia Poston (St. James)], *Bethany Behrens Lara* [friend of St. James members], *Tim Kleinschmidt* [brother of Tom Kleinschmidt (St. James) and friend of members] and *all of our sick and shut-ins*.

+++**TODAY**...at Holy Trinity...a free-will donation will be taken after the service to support Lincoln resident, Mary Taylor, with the need of a new A/C unit.

\*\*\*We express our sympathy to **The Jacob Phillips Family** (St. James) on the death of his mother-in-law, Brenda Schindler Gilbert, whom our Lord Jesus in His grace and mercy called out of this vale of tears unto Himself on Thursday (8-25-22). Her memorial service was held yesterday (9-17-22) at St. Andrew, Paint Creek. We pray that our Lord Jesus would be with and comfort the surviving family.

+++**MARRIAGE**...on Saturday (8-6-22), *Rachel* and *Taylor Brown* (St. James) were united in holy matrimony in Columbus. We pray that our Lord Jesus would graciously bless this marriage.

+++**Help Wanted**: The LWML will be **making noodles** on Tuesday, September 27, in preparation for our Roast Beef Dinner. If you are able to help, please join us in the Parish Hall at 8:30AM. We also need donations of Gold Medal Flour in order to keep costs down. If you can donate flour, please bring it to church or the parish Hall before we start making noodles on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your help!!!

\*\*\***LWML FALL RALLY**: Ladies, you are invited to attend the LWML fall rally on Sunday, October 2, at 2:00PM at Holy Cross, Warda. The theme is "Here am I; Send Me." Guest speakers are Nikki Kueck of Faith Lutheran High School in Warda and Barbara Hoffmann of Epiphany Lutheran Church in Bastrop. Proceeds from the ingathering will be split between Faith and Epiphany. GEMS (Girls Embracing Mission Service) are invited to come as well! Girls in grades 5-12 will have the opportunity to work on a service project during the business meeting portion of the rally. A light dinner will be provided afterward. Please see Ruth Meyer if you have any questions or need a ride. Hope to see you there!

+++**HOLY TRINITY** ...we would like to express our sincere **THANKS** to Nolan Huston for the recent donation of a load of gravel...thanks Nolan!!!

\*\*\***Roast Beef Dinner**: Mark your calendars for the annual LWML Roast Beef Dinner, which will be held on Sunday, October 9. Plates are \$12 each and to-go only. This is the main fundraiser for the LWML, and all profits from the dinner go to mission work. Thank you for supporting the spread of the Gospel!

+++**Fedor VFD**: Donations of the follow items would be greatly appreciated: Children Games-2 liter bottles of soda; leave in the room at Trinity's entrance or take to game stand and also, Country

Store items such as baked items, noodles, pickles, arts and crafts; take to stand. Thank you!

\*\*\***SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**...on the Book of Philippians...We are currently studying St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians. No matter what we're going through of will endure in life, Philippians aids us greatly in being joyful in Jesus Christ throughout. A copy of the Bible study is also available for anyone who would desire it.

+++**Family/Personal Daily Devotional Settings:** It is good for us as to be able to utilize devotional settings throughout the week for family or personal use. You're therefore encouraged to make use of several Lutheran devotional settings/devotions in printed form, available now at the entrance to Church, and online at: [trinity-stjames.org/devotions updated\\_](http://trinity-stjames.org/devotions_updated_). The use of daily devotionals settings/devotions is a great way to receive and grow in God's Word in-between the weekly Sunday Divine Service. So by all means, do make faithful use of them!

\*\*\*Community wide prayer initiative for 2022!!! If you are interested in praying for 5 to 10 of your neighbors on a regular basis this year, please contact Cindy Terrell at 979-540-7026 for more information. Let's cover our community in prayer and draw nearer to God while we do! Looking forward to hearing from you!!!

+++Knitting & Crocheting Group...a group of ladies from Immanuel, Giddings, have been making warm hats and scarves for the needy in the Midwest and Alaska for 6 years now. They're all created from donated yarn, however, now they are very low on yarn skeins and colors. If anyone would have left over yarn that they would not need or would like to donate to this project, put it in a bag and mark it "Knitting & Crocheting Group" and drop it off at the church office whenever they are in Giddings. Each September these are shipped to the Lutheran Social Services in the Midwest and Alaska.

\*\*\***Holy Trinity...A Note of Thanks from Head Usher Allan Urban**...on behalf of the our congregation, I would like to express my appreciation to the faithful and dedicated gentlemen willing to step up and help with ushering (many serving each month)! It is a wonderful thing to know that we have such dependable and willing help and support by their continued service ...many ~~THANKS!!!~~

+++**QUILTING**...St. James LWML invites you [we need participation] to come **HELP** quilt on Wednesday mornings from 9-11am.

\*\*\***THE FLOWER CHARTS**...are posted in the Narthex at both Holy Trinity and St. James...sign up for birthdays, anniversaries, or "just because".

+++Get your published novels *Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Hope Alone, and Stand Alone* by Ruth Meyer ...if you are interested in purchasing a copy (\$12.00), you can either contact the church office or see Ruth!

\*\*\*St. James & Trinity...the LWML and Ladies Aid are collecting used postage stamps (regular and commemorative). At least a ¼ inch margin should be left around the stamp (or just drop in the whole envelope). A box has been placed in the Narthex that you may place your stamps in.

+++**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**...Holy Trinity-Mason Schimank, 20;...St. James-Colby Wagner, 19; Weston Wagner, 19; Becky Exner, 20; Paulette Schulze, 20; Cale Walch, 24.

\*\*\***ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**.....St. James-Curtis & Margie Yurk, 22.