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7th Sunday after Trinity

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The Flowers – To the glory of God with praise and thanks for the many prayers lifted up for her healing and recovery from surgery by Dolores Sullivan.

The Organist – Dorothy Wachsmann

TO OUR VISITORS - In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we bid you welcome. May the Holy Spirit bless your, and our, hearing of the Word of God. *** Would you please sign the GUEST REGISTER [*please also include your address*] in the NARTHEX before leaving the church?

OUR WORSHIP THIS MORNING

THE ORDER OF MORNING SERVICE - PAGE 5 IN THE FRONT OF THE HYMNAL.

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.

SUMMARY OF TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS – THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Jesus Restores Paradise and Feeds Us Freely In the Garden of Eden, our first parents received food freely from the gracious hand of God, apart from any burdensome work. (*See Genesis 2:7-17*) But after the fall, food would be received only through toil and labor. The curse declared, "*By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground.*" (*Genesis 3:19*) In other words, "*The wages of sin is death.*" (*Romans 6:23a*) But into this wilderness world came Jesus the Messiah to restore creation. Having compassion on the weary multitudes, He renewed the bounty of Eden on the third day, freely granting an abundance of bread to the 4,000. (*See Mark 8:1-9*) So also our Lord, having endured the burden of our sin, was raised on the third day to bring us back to Paradise. He now miraculously turns the bread of death into the Bread of Life in the Sacrament, giving you His very body and blood for your forgiveness. For "*the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*" (*Romans 6:23b*) (*lcms.org/lectionary-summaries*)

A READING FROM THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS

Summary: The daily bread we receive in our lives today is no less a miraculous and gracious provision of God than was the feeding of the great crowd from so little.

The Fourth Petition of the Lord' Prayer: Give us this day our daily bread.

Small Catechism Explanation: What does this mean? God gives daily bread, even without our prayer, to all wicked people; but we pray in this petition that He would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread? Everything that belongs to the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, field, cattle, money, goods, a pious spouse, pious children, pious servants, pious and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, discipline, honor, good friends, faithful neighbors, etc.

Large Catechism Explanation: Here we consider the necessities of our body and of the temporal life. For in praying for daily bread, you pray for everything that is necessary in order to have and enjoy daily bread. You also pray against everything that interferes with it. Therefore, you must extend your thoughts not only to the flour bin, but also to the distant field and entire land, which brings to us daily bread and every sort of nourishment. For if God did not cause food to grow and did not bless and preserve it in the field, we could never take bread from the oven or have any to set upon the table. (Small Catechism; 4th Petition, Lord's Prayer/Large Catechism; Part 3, Lord's Prayer)

† IN THE NAME OF JESUS †

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELL (CALL TO WORSHIP)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: ♪ 12

SERVICE OF THE WORD [PAGES 5 TO 14, FRONT OF HYMNAL]

INTROIT (ENTRANCE INTO THE SERVICE OF THE WORD)

PASTOR: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great King over all the earth. He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a Psalm! God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne. (*Psalm 47:1-3; 6-8*)

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

COLLECT (PRAYER) OF THE DAY

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, by Your Son You fed four-thousand men, besides women and children, with seven loaves and a few small fish. Graciously abide among us also with Your blessing. Keep us from covetousness and the cares of this life, that we may seek first Your Kingdom and righteousness and mercifully be made to know Your generous, fatherly goodness in all our needs of body and soul; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – GENESIS 2:7-17

P: ^{2:7} Then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. ⁸ And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰ A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. ¹¹ The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹² And the gold

of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145

P: I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your Name forever and ever.

C: Every day I will bless You and praise Your Name forever and ever.

P: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.

C: One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.

P: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C: The Lord is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made.

P: The Lord is faithful in all His words and kind in all His works.

C: The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

P: The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in due season.

C: You open Your hand; You satisfy the desire of every living thing.

P: The Lord is righteous in all His ways and kind in all His works.

C: The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.

P: He fulfills the desire of those who fear Him; He also hears their cry and saves them.

C: My mouth will speak the Lord’s praise, and let all flesh bless His Holy Name forever and ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

EPISTLE (LETTER) LESSON – ROMANS 6:19-23

P: ^{6:19}I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

²⁰For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

TRIPLE HALLELUJAH AND READING OF THE GOSPEL LESSON – MARK 8:1-9

C: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 8th chapter.

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

P: ^{8:1}In those days, when again a great crowd had gathered, and they had nothing to eat, Jesus called His disciples to Him and said to them, ²“I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with Me now three days and have nothing to eat. ³And if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way. And some of them have come from far away.” ⁴And His disciples answered Him, “How can one feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?” ⁵And He asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said, “Seven.” ⁶And He directed the crowd to sit down on the ground. And He took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, He broke them and gave them to His disciples to set before the people; and they set them before the crowd. ⁷And they had a few small fish. And having blessed them, He said that these also should be set before them. ⁸And they ate and were

satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. ⁹ And there were about four thousand people. And He sent them away.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLE'S CREED (CONFESSION OF FAITH) [PAGE 12]

HYMN OF THE DAY: ♪ 19

SERMON: ALL WE NEED GOD'S HAND PROVIDES – MARK 8:1-9

[Jesus said:] "I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with Me now three days and have nothing to eat." (Mk. 8:2)

Grace, mercy and peace to you from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen. All thanks and praise be to our gracious Lord, Who supplies "every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:19) He satisfies all your bodily needs, enlivening you with "fat and rich food." (Ps. 63:5) As we pray, "The eyes of all look to You, [O Lord,] and You give them their food at the proper time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing," (Ps. 145:15-16)

He also "restores your soul" (Ps. 23:3) by the Word of His mouth and His Baptismal bath as you're washed in the blood of the Lamb and made sinless, pure as He is. He nourishes you with true food for your soul as you hear Jesus, believe in Him and consume Him whole by a living faith. And as you dine upon His body and blood at His holy altar.

A reoccurring theme in Scripture is God's people remembering all the good things He's done for them as well as their ancestors in the faith. Speaking on behalf of his fellow Old Testament saints, the Psalmist recalls the time when God gave Joshua and Israel victory over their enemies and the Promised Land to dwell in. "O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have told us, what deeds You performed in their days, in the days of old: You with Your own hand drove out the nations, but [our ancestors] You planted; You afflicted the peoples but You set [Your people] free; for they did not win the land by their own sword, nor did their own arm save them, but Your right hand and Your arm, and the light of Your face [delivered them], for You delighted in them." (Ps. 44:3)

We're also blessed – together with the Psalmist – to hearken back to all that the Lord our God has done to comfort and provide for His saints of old. We do so since they're our spiritual ancestors too – every bit as much as they were the Psalmist's forebears! This is true since we're baptized into Christ, making faithful Israel of old our forefathers-in-the-faith – and we their honest-to-goodness descendants by God's grace alone. We also look back to what God did for the spiritual and physical well-being of God's Old Testament servants since this points to what He has promised to do for us, surely does do for us and will keep on doing for us all our days.

We see in our Old Testament Lesson how God lovingly took His first human creature – Adam – "and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and keep it." (Gen. 2:15) He also gave the fruit of every tree of the garden to Adam and Eve for food – all except one particular tree. As with Adam – so also with you as the Lord always provides for you! "He...provides [you] with all that you need to support [your] body and life." (Small Catechism: Explanation of the First Article of the Creed) Moreover, He keeps you in a saving, faith-relationship with Him, through His Son, in the Holy Spirit. He keeps your soul His!

After speaking God's judgment of a long drought upon Israel due to her unfaithfulness, the Prophet Elijah departed the land at God's direction. As he trekked north, Elijah grew weary and hungry from his journey. Finding himself in a barren land with nothing to eat, Elijah trusted in the Lord to care for him. Sure enough, God sent ravens to feed Elijah bread and meat! (See 1 Kings 17:1-7) At journey's end, the prophet lodged and ate many days with the widow of Zarephath and her son, even though they had next-to-no bread-flour and oil when he first got there. God multiplied the oil and flour, feeding all three of them until the famine ended.

Does He take any less care of you? See how He showers blessing-after-blessing upon you and your loved ones! He "knows [your] need and well provides [you]" (TLH 648:1) in His great love for you. He guards your soul in times of tumult and distress.

Elijah's successor, the Prophet Elisha, also experienced firsthand the Lord's limitless power and goodness. A man brought to Elisha and one-hundred sons of the prophets twenty loaves of barley. Elisha directed his servant to give the food to the men "so that they may eat. But his servant said, 'How can I set this before a hundred men?' So he repeated,

'Give them to the men, that they may eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.' ' So he set it before them. And they ate and had some left, according to the Word of the Lord.' (2 Kings 4:42-44) This miracle anticipates Jesus' greater miracle of feeding thousands with scant bread and fish. After all, God the Father, Who stuffs the stomachs of the sons of the prophets, and God the Son, Who feeds the great crowd to the full in Mark 8, are one God, together with the Holy Spirit. Give Him glory for all His great goodness to you! He feeds you even at times when you fear you'll be unfed. He sent His Son to save your soul!

Even though David served King Saul faithfully, Saul was jealous of David, knowing that God would make David king in his place because he, Saul, had become a godless man. So he hatefully pursued David, seeking to capture and kill him.

As he was fleeing from Saul and his troops one day, David and his men came upon God's tabernacle. Famished after being hotly pursued, David begged Ahimelech the High Priest for food. But Ahimelech had no food to give him – nothing except the showbread, or bread baked only for holy use in the house of God...to be eaten by the priests alone. Normally, it would've been unlawful for David and his men to eat of this consecrated bread since to do so would be to go against God's will and to desecrate His holiness. But they were in desperate need of sustenance. Maybe you've experienced what they did when your blood sugar was dangerously low, or your car or truck was so low on gas that you'd get fuel however you could – from any source, at any price. So Ahimelech fed David and company the showbread, allowing them to press on and escape pursuing Saul. In this way, God saved David's life.

Think of the ways God has helped you out, rescued your hide from dangers and threats! Are you any less favored, provided for, blessed by God than David was? This fallen, wicked world wants to capture your soul and bring you into its foul fold. Trust in the Lord, for He *"will preserve you from all evil; He will preserve your soul."* (Ps. 121:7)

When the Lord Jesus was famished after fasting for forty days in the wilderness, Satan provided Him with an "easy-out" to His situation: to turn the stones around Him into bread. While Jesus could've easily done this as God, to do so would've been self-serving, devil-pleasing and against His Father's will. So our Lord valiantly resisted Satan's strong effort to take Him – our Savior – down, and doom us all. Christ thwarted the devil's evil will and was later fed and ministered to by angels – looking to His Father for sustenance.

Whenever you're deprived of bodily needs, look to your heavenly Father's hand, which is always open to you, full of what you need. Ask of Him! Satan surely wants your soul and daily threatens it. But greater is your Savior than your accuser!

After Jesus tells His disciples that He has compassion on the large crowd of people He's been teaching for three days, who now are in great need of nourishment, they wonder at His compassion, responding, *"How can one feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?"* (Mk. 8:4) His followers should trust that Jesus Himself can and will miraculously feed them all. After all, He's done a great many other miracles as the Son of God, revealing Himself to them and to many as such. But they look at the seeming impossibility – even for Jesus! – of feeding so many with what little they have, and figure all the people there must fend for themselves. Which leads them to say – according to St. Matthew's Gospel account, the only sensible thing they can think of to Jesus: *"Send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves."* (Mt. 14:15)

We get their thinking as it can be our thinking too. Sure, God does provide this or that, but does He really provide for all our needs? How can this be? No, but we must go into the villages – so-to-speak – and get what we need for ourselves. A little or a lot must come from us; we must rely upon ourselves for some, much or all of our necessities in this life. In this way our thinking is bad as we're giving less credit, less recognition to God than we should be. Just as all credit, all glory and honor is to be given to Christ Jesus alone as our Redeemer, all credit, all thanks and praise is to be given to God our Father alone for the countless earthly benefits and blessings so He freely gives us – all by His grace!

The same gracious Lord, Who fed four-thousand souls without their help or involvement, gives you all good things in life – especially the comfort of knowing that your troubled conscience, guilty of doubting or refuting Him as the Giver of every good and perfect gift to you; your bad conscience has been suffered for, bled for, died for so that it's clean, consoled and at peace with God! *"For Christ...suffered for [your] sins once for all, [He] the righteous for [you] the unrighteous, to bring you to God."* (1 Pet. 3:18) So that now you're righteous – through faith in Christ alone – in God's sight. So that now you can joyfully proclaim to all: *"Praise the Lord...Who forgives all [our] iniquity, Who heals all [our]*

diseases, Who redeems [our lives] from the pit; Who crowns [us] with steadfast love and mercy.” (Psalm 103:1-4) Amen. The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

OFFERTORY (ANTHEM PRECEDING THE OFFERING OF TITHES) [PAGES 22-23]

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Loving Father, You have adopted us as Your children. You have compassion on us in Christ Jesus, Who has won for us the gift of eternal life. Forgive our sins and grant us Your Holy Spirit, that being made holy through our Baptism into Christ, we may present ourselves as servants of righteousness leading to sanctification and its end, eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Creator and Preserver of all things, You govern and sustain the earth for our good and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Bless the labor of those who produce food and shelter, safety and peace. Lead us to recognize Your gracious hand in all things and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Heavenly Father, Your Son’s perfect and life-giving deeds have brought salvation to the world. Send forth laborers into Your harvest, that Christ’s Name may be exalted and many would call upon Him. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord and Giver of life, You formed us from the dust of the earth and breathed into us Your own breath of life. All people are made in Your image and have dignity and worth in Your sight. Defend Your gift of earthly life at every age, from natural conception to natural death, and grant all mankind to live in peace. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord God, King over all the earth, reigning over the nations, sitting on Your holy throne, graciously receive our prayers and praises. Subdue the devil, the world and our sinful flesh under our feet as Your people, that we may share in the victory which Christ has won for us. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Everlasting Father, guide husbands and wives to love and forgive each other, and strengthen them in their life together. Help parents to be faithful examples for their children, and grant that orphans may know the joy of a home to call their own. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Almighty God, look favorably on our government and all in authority. Give them the wisdom and ability needed to promote peace and prosperity in our land, and grant that Your Word would continually be preached freely and openly. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: O merciful Father, sustain the weary, the troubled, the sick and the mourning with the hope of everlasting life. We pray especially for _____. Strengthen them to consider their present sufferings in light of the eternal life You give the faithful. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Providing Father, Your Son took the disciples’ bread and blessed it, multiplying it to feed thousands. Receive our offerings and bless them for the work of Your Church, multiplying them to feed countless souls with Your Word and increase Your Kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Gracious Lord, precious in Your sight are all those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. Guard our souls, that we would abide in Christ until we, too, are called from this vale of tears, and that we would, together with all Your saints, be resurrected on the Last Day to enter His Kingdom, which has no end. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Faithful Father, in Holy Baptism You claimed us as Your own holy people in Your Son. Strengthen and preserve us in this holiness, that we might not give ourselves over again to the slavery of sin and lawlessness leading to death, but instead to the slavery of righteousness that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN: ♪ 372

CONCLUDING COLLECTS

P: O God, Whose never-failing providence orders all things in heaven and on earth, we humbly implore You to put

away from us all hurtful things and to give us those things that are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: O almighty God, heavenly Father, Whom to know is everlasting life, Whose service is perfect freedom, we implore You, enable us by Your grace to take upon ourselves Your easy yoke and to yield all our members servants of righteousness, that we may render faithful obedience unto You as Your sons and daughters, under the perfect law of liberty, and may after this present life obtain the eternal inheritance in glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: 45

† TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY †

OUR ATTENDANCE FROM LAST SUNDAY

| | Worship | Comm. | S.S. & B.C. | Offerings |
|-----------|---------|-------|-------------|------------|
| Trinity | 38 | 36 | 16 | \$2,285.00 |
| St. James | 55 | 43 | 3 -- | \$2,126.00 |

Sunday Offerings—Trinity, Fedor

| | Operating | Building | Missions | Cemetery | Week |
|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------|
| Goal | 40,203.00 | | | | |
| Actual | 53,972.34 | | 4,590.00 | | 27 |
| Last Week | 1,675.00 | | 610.00 | | |

Sunday Offerings—St. James, Lexington

| | Operating | Mission | Future Development | Total | Week |
|-----------|-----------|---------|--------------------|-----------|------|
| Goal | 71,145.00 | | | 71,145.00 | |
| Actual | 56,538.77 | 30.00 | 140.00 | 56,708.77 | 27 |
| Last Week | 2,121.00 | 5.00 | | 2,126.00 | |

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THIS WEEK

TODAY

*Elders (Holy Trinity) following the service
+Elders (St. James) following the service
2:30PM: Voters (Holy Trinity)
6:30PM: Voters (St. James)

FRIDAY

+Pastor's Day Off

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

+++We remember in our prayers:... at Holy Trinity... Eldor Brade, Monroe Brade, Carolyn Nitsche;... at St. James... Ed Drosche, Dolores Sullivan, Della Biehle, Bernice Lay, Lois Turner, Darvin Drosche, Lillie Mae Boettcher, Tom Kleinschmidt, Ronnie Iselt, Egor Raines, Genell Boettcher, David Roensch, Ernest Biehle, Charles Kaiser, Ginger Clifford, Walter Dube Jr., Lorine Lerche, Ruth Siegmund [friend of St. James members], JoAnne Meyer [mother of Pastor Meyer], Carole Heller [mother of Juanita Clifford (St. James)], Amber Brockenbush [friend and relative of St. James members], and *all of our*

sick and shut-ins.

*****VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**...our children once again had a great week at VBS last week (July 8-12) as we learned *Making Tracks*...we had a total enrollment of 63 children...we would like to **THANK ALL** the many volunteers to help make our VBS happen...Level 1 (3-4 year olds-preschool)-Vanessa Clifford, Gloria Brockenbush, Teresa Exner, Cindy Clifford, Kinslee Hicks, Andrea Clifford, Katy Norment; Level 2 (entering Kindergarten & 1st Grade) and Level 3 (entering 2nd & 3rd Grade)- Debbie Johnson, Courtney Jenke, Brittney Brockenbush, Maggie Jo Rudd, Michael Norment, Kaidyn Johnson, Teal Brockenbush; Level 4 (entering 4th & 5th Grade) and Level 5 (entering 6th – 8th Grades)-Paul Tucker, Mackenzie Clifford, Juanita Clifford, Casey Faske; Music-Ruth Meyer; Kitchen Servers/Helpers-Lynetta Latimer, Elaine Boettcher, Nina Seifert, Janet Frosch, Kathy Dube, Judy Patschke, Linda Patschke, Mary Ann Blair, Nancy Urbanovsky, Sandy Woelfel; Recreation-Michael Norment, Maggie Jo Rudd; James Roensch for bringing boxes for craft projects; and **ALL** who provided the yummy cookies, rice kispies, brownies, etc. for snack!!! Our Joint VBS was made successful because of YOU!!!

+++**St. James**...we have a variety of cards...available individually or by the box...see either Ruth Meyer or Sandra Lay!

*****SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS**...St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians is the subject of our Sunday morning Bible Class (Holy Trinity: 8-8:24AM; St. James:10-10:24AM). All are welcome to attend.

+++Devotional book available: Copies are available in the office of Ruth Meyer's book, "**Truth Notes**", as well as her other books [*Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Hope Alone, and Stand Alone* (\$12.00)]. This devotional is based on her past blog post and point to God's timeless truths in a changing world. Books are \$15 each. See either Sandra Lay or Ruth Meyer to purchase yours!

*****ST. JAMES**...how about **YOU!** We are looking for **Sunday School teachers** to teach either every other Sunday or just once a month. **YOU** can do it...just contact the church office!!!

+++Knitting & Crocheting Group...a group of ladies from Immanuel, Giddings, have been making warm hats and scarves for the needy. 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 may put it in a bag and mark it "Knitting & Crocheting Group" and drop it off at the church office.

*****QUILTING UPDATE**...St. James LWML will be quilting every 3rd Wednesday of the month from 9-12!!!

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

*****BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**...Holy Trinity-Dennis Iselt Sr., today; Jeff Stump, today; Joyce Iselt, 16; Sandra Falke, 20; Bryan Iselt, 20;...St. James-David Clifford, 16; Gary Clifford, 17; Judy Brade, 19; Rhyder Clifford, 19; Lois Ann Iselt, 19; Alex Johnson, 20.

+++**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**...Holy Trinity-Randall & Dewanna Bownds, 16; Chris & Janet Cones, 20;...St. James-Craig & Mimzie Dennis, 15; John & Alice Hester, 20.