

August 18, 2024

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### **HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH - FEDOR**

The Elder-in-Charge – Jerry Falke  
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The Altar Guild – Amy Corbitt, Michelle Holmes, Kinsley Holmes  
The Organist – Kevin Patschke  
The Flowers – To the glory of God by Johnnie & Lynn Cain in honor of their 39<sup>th</sup> wedding Anniversary this Saturday (24).

### **ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH - LEXINGTON**

The Elder-in-Charge – David Boettcher  
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The Altar Guild – Kim Dowdy, Kathy Dube, Debbie Johnson

**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 DIVINE SERVICE READINGS –  
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**Faith Comes from Hearing** A man who was deaf and therefore also had an impediment in his speech was brought to Jesus. (*Mark 7:31-37*) In the same way, all are by nature deaf toward God and therefore also unable to confess the faith rightly. For *“faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”* (*Romans 10:9-17*) Jesus put His fingers into the man’s ears, and He spat and touched His tongue. Even so in Holy Baptism, water sanctified by the words of Jesus’ mouth is applied to us; and the finger of God, that is, the life-giving Holy Spirit, is put into our ears in the hearing of the Baptismal Gospel. Jesus’ sighing *“Ephphatha”* opened the man’s ears, and his tongue was loosed to speak plainly as Isaiah prophesied of the Messiah: *“In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book.”* (*Isaiah 29:18-24*) So also, He Who sighed and breathed His last on the cross for us has given us to hear and believe in Him and has opened our lips so that our mouths may declare His praise. (*lcms.org/lectionary-summaries*)

**A READING FROM THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS**

*Summary: A sinner cannot come to know or believe in God by his own free will any more than a deaf man can will himself to hear. Jesus used His fingers and saliva to open up a deaf man’s ears and loose his tongue. He also uses the preached Word and Sacraments to open up dead hearts and loose tongues to confess sins and faith in Christ.*

We believe, teach, and confess that the unregenerate will of mankind is not only turned away from God, but also has become God’s enemy. So it only has an inclination and desire for that which is evil and contrary to God. Romans 8:7 says, *“The mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s Law; indeed, it cannot.”* Just as a dead body cannot raise itself to bodily, earthly life, so a person who by sin is spiritually dead cannot raise himself to spiritual life. So it was that *“when we were dead in our trespasses, God made us alive together with Christ.”* (*Ephesians 2:5*)

It is God’s will that His Word should be heard and that a person’s ears should not be closed. With this Word the Holy Spirit is present and opens hearts, so that people pay attention to it and are converted only through the Holy Spirit’s grace and power, Who alone does the work of converting a person. For without His grace, and if He does not grant the increase, our willing and running, our planting, sowing, and watering are all nothing. As Christ says in John 15:5, *“Apart from Me you can do nothing.”* The Spirit denies free will its powers and ascribes everything to God’s grace, in order that no one may boast before God. (*lcmssermons.com; Formula of Concord: Epitome, Article 2: Free Will*)

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† IN THE NAME OF JESUS †

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

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

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN: ♪ 353**

**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:** Make haste, O God, to deliver me! Make haste to help me, O Lord! Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek my life. Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt. May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You! May those who love Your salvation say continually, “Great is the Lord!” You are my Help and my Deliverer; O Lord, do not delay. (*Psalms 70:1-2a, 2b, 4a, 5b*)

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

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P:** O Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, by Your almighty Word You make the deaf to hear and the mute to speak. We therefore draw near to You in all our bodily and spiritual needs, for there is no one to help us but You alone. We humbly implore You to touch with Your divine power our diseased members and our corrupt hearts, to open our ears to hear Your Word, to loose our tongues to speak Your righteousness and to fill our hearts with the power

of Your Holy Spirit, that, beholding the wonders of Your grace, we may confess Your Name before men and praise and glorify You, Who does all things well, and Who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** 🎵 Amen.

### **SCRIPTURE LESSONS: OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – ISAIAH 29:17-24**

**P:** <sup>29:17</sup> Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? <sup>18</sup> In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. <sup>19</sup> The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel. <sup>20</sup> For the ruthless shall come to nothing and the scoffer cease, and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off, <sup>21</sup> who by a word make a man out to be an offender, and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate, and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in the right.

<sup>22</sup> Therefore thus says the Lord, Who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: “Jacob shall no more be ashamed, no more shall his face grow pale. <sup>23</sup> For when he sees his children, the work of my hands, in his midst, they will sanctify My Name; they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob and will stand in awe of the God of Israel.

<sup>24</sup> And those who go astray in spirit will come to understanding, and those who murmur will accept instruction.”

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

**C:** Thanks be to God.

### **PSALM 146**

**P:** Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**C:** I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

**P:** Do not put your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

**C:** When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

**P:** Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,

**C:** Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, Who keeps faith forever;

**P:** Who executes justice for the oppressed, Who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free.

**C:** The Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

**P:** The Lord watches over the sojourners; He upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin.

**C:** The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

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 LESSON – ROMANS 10:9-17**

**P:** <sup>10:9</sup> If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing His riches on all who call on Him. For “everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord will be saved.”

<sup>14</sup> How then will they call on Him in Whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of Whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup> And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” <sup>16</sup> But they have not all obeyed the Gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” <sup>17</sup> So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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

**C:** Thanks be to God.

### **TRIPLE HALLELUJAH AND READING OF THE GOSPEL LESSON – MARK 7:31-37**

**C:** 🎵 Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C:** 🎵 Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

**P:** <sup>7:31</sup> Then Jesus returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup> And they brought to Him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged Him to lay His hand on him. <sup>33</sup> And taking him aside from the crowd privately, He put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup> And looking up to heaven, He sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup> And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup> And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more He charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup> And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

**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: ♪ 296**

### **SERMON: OPEN OUR EARS, LORD, TO ALWAYS HEAR, BE SAVED BY AND CHERISH YOUR WORD – MK. 7:31-37**

*“[Jesus] has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.” (Mk. 7:37) Amen.*

*Grace and peace to you in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.* How good and gracious of the Only-Begotten of the Father – God the Son, to heal a deaf-and-mute man of his disabilities! When Jesus healed another man who was blind from birth, His disciples asked Him why the man was born this way. The Lord answered that this happened so that *“the works of God might be displayed in him.” (John 9:3)* The same holds true in our Gospel for today as the works of God are definitely displayed so that all may believe and rejoice in the divine restoration of a man’s hearing and speaking.

The Lord Jesus heals the deaf-mute and performs many other wondrous, mighty miracles to show – beyond-a-shadow-of-a-doubt – that He’s indeed God’s Holy, Anointed Messiah long-promised by Him and, at long-last, sent by God to redeem His people to Himself. God’s prophets had foretold that His chosen Servant would come to do such great and glorious things as restore the sight of the blind, the hearing of the deaf, the walking ability of the paralyzed and even raise the dead to life again! So Christ Jesus fulfills the Old Testament Scriptures in Mark 7 and many other places in the Gospel accounts. He does so to demonstrate His divine power and to restore His fallen creation.

Christ also heals the man in order to open his ears and mouth to hear God’s Word, believe in Him and confess Jesus as his Lord and Savior.

Our Redeemer’s healing power further points to our final, perfect restoration in the Age to Come – after He’s returned for us to raise us unto everlasting life and bliss. Since the Lord doesn’t currently heal people in the way He healed the deaf-mute-man in our text – making the disabled and the diseased instantly well again, we know by His Word and our faith that He’ll perform such a tremendous miracle again on every one of us when He calls us forth, alive from our graves, by name.

The words of our Old Testament lesson are important not only because they’re divine revelation – God’s living, saving voice for needy sinners, but also because they foretell what God’s anointed Servant will do for the life-long and eternal well-being of His people. What the deaf-mute man’s companions and others witness is Christ the Lord keeping the prophetic promise that God will restore hearing to the deaf. As Jesus puts his fingers in the man’s ears; as He dabs a bit of His saliva on the man’s tongue and cries out, *“Ephphatha”* – an Aramaic word meaning, *“Be opened,” (Mk. 7:34)* Isaiah 29:18 is fulfilled! *“In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book....”*

So too are the words of Isaiah 35 fulfilled, where the prophet describes how the coming of the Lord will cause the desolate wilderness to rejoice and blossom like a crocus. (V. 1) This sudden life and growth out of nowhere will occur as people see *“the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.” (V. 2)* The weak-hearted and the anxious will be fortified and comforted because their mighty Deliverer *“will come and save [them].” (V. 4)* Isaiah 35:5 then triumphantly declares: *“Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened....”*

That Jesus is God’s Messiah Who has perfectly fulfilled the words of Isaiah 29, 35 and every other Old Testament prophecy about Him is a Biblical and historical certainty – unquestionable, irrefutable. It’s to be believed by all people – especially by you, God’s holy people! So always believe in your Messiah; always profess Him as your Lord and Savior! For your Messiah was chosen by God His Father. He was sent to you as God-and-man in one person;

anointed with the Holy Spirit without limit. He strove with all His might to undo the ruin, death and destruction we all brought upon ourselves by our rebellion and fall. He rescued us from the devil and his claim on us, and He redeemed us out of this decaying, dying world unto a new heaven and earth where everlasting righteousness dwells! (See 2 Pet. 2:13)

Your Savior has already begun to restore His fallen creation – corrupted, mortally-wounded by our own evil fault, but all-the-more regenerated, revived by His gracious will and work. How so? By His coming to earth for you and for all people. By His preaching God’s Truth; by His healings and many other marvelous miracles; by His loving, serving, suffering and dying for you; for all! By His glorious resurrection from the dead and His awe-filled ascension on high. And by the ministry of God the Holy Spirit throughout the Age of the Church, in which He *“calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies [countless many to be His] Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.”* (Small Catechism: Explanation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Article of the Creed) Your Savior will fully restore you as His new creation in the endless, glorious life and world-to-come!

Deaf as he is, the man in our Gospel reading can’t hear Jesus and so believe in Him, since *“faith comes by hearing... the Word of Christ.”* (Rom. 10:17) Unable to speak, he can’t audibly confess Jesus as his Lord and praise His Holy Name. So Jesus heals the man to take care of both these problems. Now he can *“bear the words of a Book”* (Is. 29:18) – the Torah, the Word of the Lord...especially as Christ Jesus speaks it into him, giving him the forgiveness of sins, faith, new life in Him forever!

Has the Lord Jesus done any less for you? While you’re not deaf, unable to speak like the man in Mark 7, you were formerly “spiritual deaf” to God’s Word, and unable, unwilling to confess Jesus as your Lord. So He came to you to heal your ears of the deafness of unbelief, to open your mouth to boldly confess Him as the Lord your God, and to call upon Him in prayer, praise and thanksgiving. Jesus came to restore you to God, to make you whole by the Word of His mouth – and that Word joined with water. *“Praise God for His glorious grace, with which He has blessed you in His beloved Son!”* (Eph. 1:6)

Rather than let you keep on resisting His Word of faith in unbelief, your Savior took it and implanted it in your heart, through your ears. By it He has *“redeemed [you], a lost and condemned person, purchased and won [you] from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil...with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death.”* (Small Catechism: Explanation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Article of the Creed)

While you no longer dismiss God’s Word, your sinful nature works in you to not always wholeheartedly embrace it as you ought to, as you need to. *“Oh, how I love Your Word [O Lord!]”* (Ps.119:97) are words we speak to God, and we mean it! Yet we can also be, and are, distracted, diverted from the living voice of our Savior by the cares and desires of this life. (See Mk. 4:19) This always calls for godly repentance on our part.

So be turned from words which the world and your sinful heart want you to hear. Be turned to God by His very Word of Life which you sometimes value less than you should. Don’t forsake your Shepherd’s call, His rod and staff and gracious presence! Lay your disinterest in, your neglect of God’s Word on Christ your Redeemer. For He suffered, died and was buried for you to pay for, to cover your sin in full. He gave His life to open your ears every bit as much as He opened the ears of the deaf-mute man. So that you *“confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, [and you are] saved!”* (Rom. 10:9)

We may wonder why our Lord doesn’t perform miraculous healings nowadays like He did in Bible times. Following Jesus’ ascension and the deaths of His holy apostles, His mighty signs and wonders came to an end, but only for the time-being.

Jesus’ New Testament miracles actually point to what heaven will be like for us. If you think about it, the deaf-mute man and others whom Jesus healed on-the-spot got an early taste of what eternal life with God will be like. This benefits us tremendously in that we hear and read of Jesus’ miracles, we believe that He worked them for people in need, and we trust that He’ll also perform a wondrous miracle for us in our need. For when our bodies have wasted away and are buried dead-as-can-be, how will our ears hear again, our eyes see anew, our hands touch and our mouths breathe and praise God once more unless Jesus calls us to life again, forever? For He *“will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him to subject all things to Himself.”* (Phil. 3:21) At that time you’ll experience exactly what the deaf-mute experienced when Jesus was so good to him. Amen. *The peace of God, which passes 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:** In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For this congregation, that our ears would be opened by the Spirit to the Gospel of peace and salvation, and that our lips would show forth our thanks and praise, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For all unbelievers, that God would open their ears to hear the Word of salvation, their mouths to confess Christ and their lips to praise Him aright, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For our deliverance from the assaults of the devil, and our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger and need, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For the faith to confess and believe in Christ, that having been redeemed by Christ, we may gaze on God's glory in heaven, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For the restoration of those who have left the Church, that they would be renewed in the true confession of the faith and delivered from abandoning it; and that they would be gathered back into God's holy flock and around our Good Shepherd, Jesus, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For husbands and wives, that their love for each other may not grow cold but may be renewed and strengthened by God's Word and their steadfast commitment to one another. For those preparing for marriage and for all single people, that by God's forgiving and enlightening Word they may live out their holy callings. Let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord have mercy.**

**P:** For the unborn, the widowed, the infirm and the aged, that the Lord of life and of love would preserve and sustain them always in His loving care, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord have mercy.**

**P:** For all in authority by whose service God provides for us the gift of order, including parents and family, our government, our police and firemen, our military and our schools, that they would be given strength and endurance to carry out their duties well, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For the sick, the frail and the dying, including our brothers and sisters in Christ: \_\_\_\_\_, that God would restore them to health. We pray also for doctors, nurses, therapists and all who tend our brothers and sisters in need, that God would bless them as they put the talents He has given them to good use, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For all who will partake this day of Christ's most precious body and blood in the Sacrament of the Altar, that we may discern His body and come to His table in humility and faith to receive the forgiveness of sins and salvation, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** O Lord, our loving Father, we entrust all these petitions to Your care for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who is worshiped together with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we would not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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:** ♪ 310, 380 [SUNG TO 575] & 487

**CLOSING HYMN:** ♪ 39

† TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY †

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OUR ATTENDANCE FROM LAST SUNDAY

	Worship	Comm.	S.S. & B.C.	Offerings
Trinity	34	--	11	\$1,380.00
St. James	50	--	5 11	\$1,612.00

Sunday Offerings—Trinity, Fedor

	Operating	Building	Missions	Cemetery	Week
Goal	47,648.00				
Actual	59,792.34		5,240.00		32
Last Week	1,380.00				

Sunday Offerings—St. James, Lexington

	Operating	Mission	Future Development	Total	Week
Goal	84,320.00			84,320.00	
Actual	65,545.77	30.00	140.00	64,715.77	32
Last Week	1,612.00			1,612.00	

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THIS WEEK

TODAY  
FRIDAY

\*Special called Voters Meeting (Holy Trinity) following the service  
+Pastor’s Day Off

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

+++ **We remember in our prayers:...** at Holy Trinity...*Tim Faske, Eldor Brade, Monroe Brade, Carolyn Nitsche;*... at St. James...*Ferman “Tooter” Iselt, 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, Tim Faske* [relative and friend of St. James members], *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*.

\*\*\***Holy Trinity...TODAY**...a special Voters meeting will be held following the service.

+++Our joint **WEEK DAY SCHOOL**... will begin the 2024-2025 school year on Wednesday, September 4. Week Day School information was sent out this past week! **PARENTS**...don’t forget bus permission forms for elementary-part to the school and part comes to the church office!!! Just as important ...we hope and pray that our children “*grow in the grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*” [2 Peter 3:18] as we obey Jesus’ command to “*teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.*” [Matthew 28:20]

+++**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 new book, “**Truth Notes**.” 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!

\*\*\***QUILTING**...St. James LWML will be quilting every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 9-12!!!

+++**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**...Holy Trinity-Johnnie Cain, 21;...St. James-Ruth Meyer, 20;

Cadence Hentschel, 21; Katie Johnson, 21; Jewell Glover, 23.

\*\*\***ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**...Holy Trinity-Johnnie & Lynn Cain, 24;...St. James-Donnie &

Mickey Milburn, 22; Charles Jr. & Gloria Brockenbush, 24.