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21st Sunday after Trinity

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The Flowers – To the glory of God by The Doris Tally Family in honor of the birthdays of Rookie Lay (11), Emberlyn Jenke (17), Andrea Clifford (18) and Debbie Schubert (31); in honor of James & Ginger Clifford's 32nd wedding anniversary (24); and in loving memory of Cynthia Kay Clifford and Selma Kaiser.

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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.

**SUMMARY OF TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS –
THE 21ST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

God Declares Us Righteous, Unsheathing His Word Against All Evil “*Let there be light, and there was light.*” (Gen. 1:1-2:3) The Father speaks, and it is so. His Word accomplishes what it says. He created all things out of nothing through His Son by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Father’s creative Word became flesh in Jesus Christ, that He might restore fallen creation and save fallen man. To the nobleman whose son was deathly ill, Jesus says, “*Go; your son will live.*” (John 4:46-54) And in the very hour Jesus spoke, the nobleman’s son was made well. The Word of Christ, just like that of His Father, accomplishes what it says. In Baptism, Absolution, and the Lord’s Supper, Christ declares His life-giving forgiveness to you, and it is so. This saving Word of God is the Sword of the Spirit by which you are able to fight off all the onslaughts of the devil. (See Ephesians 6:10-17) “*Therefore take up the full armor of God, so when the day of evil comes, you will be able to stand your ground, and having done everything, to stand.*” (Ephesians 6:13) (lcms.org/lectionary-summaries)

READING FROM THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS

Summary: The incarnate Christ is really present everywhere at all times. This is why He was able to heal the official’s son though He did not appear to come down to his home. It is also why He is able to give His body and blood to His saints whom He gathers at His altars around the world unto the end of the age.

We believe, teach and confess that the Son of Man is exalted according to His human nature to the right hand of God’s almighty majesty and power. For He was received into God when He was conceived of the Holy Spirit in His mother’s womb, and His human nature was personally united with the Son of the Highest. Yet He abstained from using it in His State of Humiliation. Therefore, He did not always use this majesty, but only when it pleased Him. Then, after His resurrection, He entirely laid aside the form of a servant, but not the human nature, and was established in the full use, manifestation, and declaration of the divine majesty. So now not just as God, but also as man He knows all things and can do all things. He is present with all creatures, and has under His feet and in His hands everything that is in heaven and on earth and under the earth. Christ may give His true body and blood in the Holy Supper, as One Who is present. He does this according to the mode and ability of His divine nature at God’s right hand. (lcmssermons.com; *The Epitome of the Formula of Concord, Article 8, The Person of Christ*)

† IN THE NAME OF JESUS †

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: ♪ 549 [SUNG TO 209]

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: The whole world is in Your power, O Lord, King Almighty, no one can oppose You. For You have made heaven and earth; You are Lord of all! Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the way of the Lord! Confirm to Your servant Your promise, that You may be feared. Turn away the punishment that I dread, for Your just decrees are good. Behold, I long for Your words of life; in Your righteousness give me life!

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

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Almighty and everlasting God, in Your Son You have promised us the forgiveness of sins, righteousness and everlasting life. Govern and enliven our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that in daily prayer we may, especially in times of trial, seek help from our Savior, and, believing His promise, obtain that for which we pray and at last inherit eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – GENESIS 1:1-2:3

P: ^{1:1}In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together He called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

¹¹And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶And God made the two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars. ¹⁷And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” ²¹So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds – livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. ²⁵And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make man in Our image, after Our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

²⁷So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

²⁸And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” ²⁹And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1}Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ²And on the seventh day God finished His work that He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work that He had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all His work that He had done in creation.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING FROM THE SMALL CATECHISM (SEE HALF-PAGE INSERT)

EPISTLE LESSON – EPHESIANS 6:10-17

P: ^{6:10} Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the Gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

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. John, the 4th chapter.

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

GOSPEL LESSON – JOHN 4:46-54

P: ^{4:46} So Jesus came again to Cana in Galilee, where He had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. ⁴⁷ When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to Him and asked Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. ⁴⁸ So Jesus said to him, “Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe.” ⁴⁹ The official said to him, “Sir, come down before my child dies.” ⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, “Go; your son will live.” The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. ⁵¹ As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. ⁵² So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.” ⁵³ The father knew that that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live.” And he himself believed, and all his household. ⁵⁴ This was now the second sign that Jesus did when He had come from Judea to Galilee.

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: ♪ 454 [SUNG TO 535]

SERMON CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE AFFLICTED ONE ON BEHALF OF THE AFFLICTED – JN. 4:46-54

“Jesus said to [the official], ‘Go; your son will live.’ The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way.” (Jn. 4:50) Amen.

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. The beautiful account of Jesus’ healing an official’s son resonates with us as we – just like the distressed father – know the worry and angst of watching a beloved family member suffer affliction. As sickness or injury, a physical ailment or mental illness afflicts someone near-and-dear to us, we’re pained to see the person in anguish. We feel helpless in the face of the person’s suffering – just like the official who comes to Jesus was, himself, helpless to do anything about it. Anything but come to Jesus, that is.

A distraught father approaches the Son of God to implore Him to come down to his house and heal his ailing son. Like blind Bartimaeus who implores Jesus to restore his sight, saying, “*Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!...*” (Lk. 18:38) Like the synagogue ruler, Jairus, who pleads for Jesus to come lay His hands on his dead daughter, so that she will live... (See Mt. 9:18) Like our appeal in the Kyrie: “*O Christ, have mercy upon us!*” this father is counting on Jesus to deal with him and his son according to His mercy and lovingkindness. He won’t be disappointed – just like we’re never disappointed in Jesus...and never will be!

This man has done all he can for his son, but he can’t stop him from suffering and dying. How he loves his boy and doesn’t want to lose him! Must his child die? No, not when there’s One Whom he knows of Who can save his son. “*Lord,*” he says to Jesus, “*Come down before my child dies.*” (Jn. 4:49) The official believes that Jesus is a great man of God Who can heal his son, yet we gather from the text that the fellow doesn’t yet believe in Jesus as the Holy Son of God come in the flesh. No worries; that wonderful, true, saving faith is coming to him soon enough!

Jesus hears the man's plea and has mercy on the distressed father and his son. Jesus comforts him with the words, "Go; your son will live." (Jn. 4:50) Thanks and praise be to God the Holy Spirit, the official believes the word that Jesus has spoken to him and goes on his way comforted, relieved, at peace!

Later, on the journey home, the official is met by his servants who inform him that his son is getting better. He realizes that Jesus healed his son the very moment He said, "Your son will live." So "he himself believed, and all his household." (John 4:63)

The Lord accomplishes two things through His Word of Promise. Jesus heals the boy of his sickness, and He creates a living, saving faith in the father, his son and their whole household. Such faith takes hold of Christ and His saving merits, by which grace and peace from God are received. This official's newly-given faith in God is just like the widow of Zarephath's divinely-created faith that results from God raising her son to life again through the Prophet Elijah. In seeing her son alive, the woman declares to Elijah, "Now I know that...the Word of the Lord from your mouth is truth." (1 Kings 17:24) You can almost hear the overjoyed official speaking similar words of praise to God!

It's also our privilege and honor to boldly approach God's throne of grace, "so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (Heb. 4:13) We're richly blessed to call upon the Name of the Lord in order for Him to graciously favor us and help those we love in their hour of utmost need. So we look to Jesus – as the official from Capernaum does – for all good things from the Father that benefit and gladden those for whom we pray.

Prayer, just like faith in God and love for Him, doesn't come natural to us. It's the Lord Who gives us faith to call upon His Name with confidence. He opens our lips to cry out to Him in the day of trouble so that He may answer us. (See Ps. 50:15) We know from Holy Scripture that the prayer of the upright pleases God, (see Prov. 15:18) and that the prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. (See James 5:16) So it's our Christian duty to pray for the well-being of others as God commands us to pray to Him on their behalf. Surely He heartily desires to answer our petitions and pleas for the well-being of those we pray for.

Silence toward God in general is never good. We sure would never want Him to be silent, unresponsive toward us, would we? So when we neglect to raise up holy hands in prayer to Him for whatever the reason, we're hardly honoring our Father in heaven. A lack of turning to God, calling upon Him in prayer also shows a lack of trust in Him on our part. And how does no prayer benefit those whom we should be praying for, but aren't?

So pray for "all people" (1 Tim. 2:1) and especially for those with acute needs around you. There's never a time when those around us who're troubled don't need our prayers. We ought not think that God will take good care of them anyway, so that our prayers aren't necessarily needed. True, God will never let the righteous fall. (See Ps. 55:22) Yet He desires to hear our fervent prayers and answer them in love toward us and toward those for whom we pray. "Jesus loves to answer prayer." (TLH 459:1)

This calls for repentance on our part, confessing our shortcoming and failure to always pray as we ought to – like Jesus' disciples falling asleep instead of praying with their Lord in His agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. Implore God to have mercy on you and to forgive you for a silent heart and a mute mouth toward Him. Cry to Him to pardon you in Jesus' Name and for His sake! You know He'll do so, and also strengthen your faith and your zeal for prayer. Just ask Him!

Trust that your Savior Jesus prayed for you, "Father, forgive them..." (Lk. 23:34) The Lord made His beloved, heartfelt appeal to the Father for your life and eternal salvation, and that of your loved ones and countless others, by stretching out His arms upon the cross and embracing you in His death. What was true for the government official in Cana of Galilee is also true for you, O saints of God! In Christ Jesus, salvation has come to your household!

How glorious it is that a father's dying son is given new life by the Son of God, Who is Himself given over to death by His Father so that we and all our fellow saints in Christ have new life in Him – now and forever! It's because of Christ's death – and His resurrection – that the father, his son, their household, and also you, your believing household and this household of faith abide with God in Christ forever!

Beloved in the Lord, all your sins, including your reluctance and idleness in prayer, have been paid for in-full by Christ your Savior. You have salvation forever in His Name. Now He sits at the right hand of the Father, always living to make intercession for you, continuously asking the Father to hear your prayer, to be gracious and favorable to you and to all for whom you pray – for His Name's sake.

Trust that when you pray for another person in need – no matter his or her need of body or spirit – your prayer always benefits that individual. Your devout plea never fails to reach your heavenly Father's ear; it never falls back to

you like a popped helium balloon in pieces. Your God always hears you. He always answers your petition according to His good will and purpose! The person for whom you pray may not get all better; he or she may even die. But the prayer of the blessed saint of God is never useless – pointlessly prayed. Again, all that’s pointless is no prayer prayed at all. So always pray to God, trusting in Him to do the greatest good of all, for that’s what He’ll do!

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, persistent in prayer.” (Rom. 12:12) As often as you pray to God, you’re honoring His Name. There’s no other power or help for an afflicted, distressed loved one of yours than God’s power and help. Call upon Him in every trouble since God hears you and, in Christ, deals so kindly and compassionately with all those you lift up before Him in love and in prayer. Amen. *The peace of God, which passes all understanding, guard your hearts 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 the fortitude to enter our spiritual battles with God’s Word as our weapon, resisting every lie and temptation of the devil, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the Church, that God would defend her against the schemes of the devil; for all Christians, especially pastors, that God would equip them with the sword of His Spirit, which is His Word, to recall His fallen creation from its futility; and for all the saints, that God would outfit them with His full armor: with salvation, faith, peace, righteousness, truth and every benefit that comes from Christ Jesus, that we may stand firm to the end, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For boldness in our struggle against the devil, the world and our sinful flesh, recognizing that we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, authorities and cosmic powers over this present darkness and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places; and for the Spirit’s aid to respect godly authorities, to oppose what stands against His Word and to see every unbelieving person as God’s creature for whom Christ died, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For our marriages and families, that our Father would mend and heal broken relationships, strengthen healthy relationships, renew our love for each other with His love for us and use us to encourage each other in faith and life. That husbands would love and sacrifice for their wives, and wives would honor and respect their husbands, and children obey their parents, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For creation, entrusted to man’s dominion, that it may flourish; for needed rain, that the dry land would be refreshed, for farmers, that the land they tend may yield a rich harvest; for ranchers, that their herds may grow and flourish, and for strength to live out our particular callings according to God’s holy will, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who are troubled, ill, recovering or at the point of death, especially _____, that God would not despise our prayers because of our weak faith, but grant life and healing, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the fruits of the new creation, the body and blood of Christ, that they would forgive our sins and bestow healing for body and soul, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: In thanksgiving for all who have died in Christ, trusting in His promises; and for us all, that we would share with them in the day without an evening in God’s heavenly Kingdom, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, dear Father, for the sake of Him Who died and rose again and now lives and reigns 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, 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 a holy people for You. 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: ♪ 315

CLOSING HYMN: ♪ 450 [SUNG TO 310]

† TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY

OUR ATTENDANCE FROM LAST SUNDAY

	Worship	Comm.	S.S. & B.C.	Offerings
Trinity	49	--	13	\$2,012.00
St. James	40	--	-- 16	\$1,616.00

Sunday Offerings—Trinity, Fedor

	Operating	Building	Missions	Cemetery	Week
Goal	61,049.00				
Actual	79,062.72		6,260.00		41
Last Week	2,012.00				

Sunday Offerings—St. James, Lexington

	Operating	Mission	Future Development	Total	Week
Goal	108,835.00			108,835.00	
Actual	83,438.77	400.00	290.00	84,128.77	41
Last Week	1,611.00	5.00		1,616.00	

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THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY 3:40PM: Week Day School
THURSDAY 10:00AM: Joint Bible Study (at St. James)
FRIDAY +Pastor's Day Off
NEXT SUNDAY *The Festival of the Reformation...Holy Communion will be celebrated at both Holy Trinity and St. James

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

+++**We remember in our prayers:...** at Holy Trinity...*Dorothy Schimank, Tim Faske, Eldor Brade, Monroe Brade, Carolyn Nitsche;*...at St. James...*Guy Latimer, Ferman Iselt Jr., Jean Dowdy, Zoey Rudd, 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*.

*****THANK YOU!** St. James LWML would like to **THANK** to everyone who helped make our **ROAST BEEF DINNER** a success! We appreciate all who volunteered their time, those who donated desserts, and those who supported us by purchasing dinners! Thanks for your support!

+++**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 3rd Wednesday of the month from 9-12!!!
- +++**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**...Holy Trinity-Joe Robbins, 21; Joy Ender, 23;...St. James-Eleanor Jenke, today; Karley Schulz, 21; Genell Boettcher, 22; Amanda Christian, 22; Lucas Raines, 22; Harper Stanley, 22; Cody Church, 23; Margo Latimer, 23.
- *****ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**...St. James-James & Ginger Clifford, 24.