

October 6, 2024

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity  
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**HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH - FEDOR**

The Elder-in-Charge – Charles Winkler  
The Head Usher – Allan Urban  
The Altar Guild – Michelle Holmes, Meloney Tucker  
The Organist – Daniel Krause  
The Flowers – To the glory of God by The Fedor Ladies’ Aid in celebration of LWML Sunday today.

**ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH - LEXINGTON**

The Elder-in-Charge – Paul Rudd  
The Acolyte – Michael Norment  
The Head Usher – Wesley Boriack  
The Finance Board – Ryan Brockenbush, Jeremy Brown, Tom Kleinschmidt, Clyde Lay  
The Organist – Daniel Krause  
The Altar Guild – Tamara Boriack, Lynette Brown, Andrea Clifford  
The Flowers – To the glory of God by The St. James LWML in celebration of LWML Sunday today.

**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 –  
19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**Jesus' Incarnation Secures Life, Forgiveness and Healing For Us** The Lord does not require us to ascend to Him; in mercy He descends to us. (*Genesis 28:10-17*) The ladder in Jacob's dream was not for climbing; it was the means by which the Lord came to bless Jacob. This event finds its fulfillment in Christ Who descended from His throne to save and bless us. By His incarnation He is the eternal bridge between heaven and earth. "*The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.*" (*Matthew 9:1-8*) The Lord was present in the flesh to absolve the paralytic. Jesus also healed and restored this man's body. "*For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.*" (*Small Catechism*) The Lord still has power on earth to forgive sins. In His Holy Absolution He raises up the new man (*Ephesians 4:22-28*) and bestows the healing medicine which will bring about our resurrection on the Last Day. Therefore we say with Jacob, "*This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!*" (*Genesis 28:17*) (*lcms.org/lectionary-summaries*)

**READING FROM THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS**

*Summary: Today's Gospel reminds us the greatest good work of Christ is the forgiveness of sins, from which every other good work proceeds and to which they point. Receiving the forgiveness of sins in faith is what frees the Christian to do the good works given by God for us to do according to His will for the sake of our neighbor, that they too might believe and have life in His Name.*

Our teachers are falsely accused of forbidding good works. But they have taught well what is pleasing to God in every station of life. Furthermore, we teach that it is necessary to do good works. This does not mean that we merit grace by doing good works, but because it is God's will. (*Ephesians 2:10*) It is only by faith, and nothing else, that forgiveness of sins is apprehended. The Holy Spirit is received through faith, hearts are renewed and given new affections, and then they are able to bring forth good works. Ambrose says: "*Faith is the mother of a good will and doing what is right.*" Without the Holy Spirit people are full of ungodly desires. They are too weak to do works that are good in God's sight. (*John 15:5*) So when there is no faith or trust in God, all kinds of lusts and human intentions rule in the heart. (*Genesis 6:5*) This is why Christ says, "*Apart from Me you can do nothing.*" (*John 15:5*) That is why the Church sings: "*Lacking Your divine favor, there is nothing in man. Nothing in him is harmless.*" (*Augsburg Confession, Article 20, Good Works*)

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† IN THE NAME OF JESUS †

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

**RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL**

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN:** ♪ 387:1-5

**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:** O Lord, You are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon You. Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace. In the day of my trouble I call upon You, for You answer me. There is none like You among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like Yours. All the nations You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, and shall glorify Your Name. For You are great and do wondrous things; You alone are God. Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your Name. I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify Your Name forever. (*Psalms 86:5-12*)

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

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P:** Almighty, everlasting God, Who by Your Son, Jesus Christ, graciously caused the paralytic to be healed in body and soul: We implore You of Your boundless mercy to be gracious to us also, and to forgive us all our sins,

strengthen our faith in You by Your Word and Spirit, and furthermore to direct us so that we may not by sin and weakness cause hardship for others, but may continue in Your fear and be released from wrath and punishment in this life and eternally; 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 28:10-17**

**P:** <sup>28:10</sup> Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup> And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. <sup>12</sup> And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! <sup>13</sup> And behold, the Lord stood above it and said, “I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. <sup>14</sup> Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. <sup>15</sup> Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” <sup>16</sup> Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it.” <sup>17</sup> And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

**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 4:22-28**

**P:** <sup>4:22</sup> Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, <sup>23</sup> and be renewed in the spirit of your minds. <sup>24</sup> Put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

<sup>25</sup> Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. <sup>26</sup> Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup> and give no opportunity to the devil. <sup>28</sup> Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

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

**C:** Thanks be to God.

#### **TRIPLE HALLELUJAH AND READING OF THE GOSPEL LESSON – MATTHEW 9:1-8**

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

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C:** 🎵 Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

**P:** <sup>9:1</sup> And getting into a boat [Jesus] crossed over and came to His own city. <sup>2</sup> And behold, some people brought to Him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Take heart, My son; your sins are forgiven.” <sup>3</sup> And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” <sup>4</sup> But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? <sup>5</sup> For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk?’ <sup>6</sup> But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” – he then said to the paralytic – “Rise, pick up your bed and go home.” <sup>7</sup> And he rose and went home. <sup>8</sup> When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

**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: 🎵 331 [SUNG TO 371]**

#### **SERMON: FORGIVEN TO FORGIVE – MATTHEW 9:1-8**

*“Take heart, My son; your sins are forgiven.” (Mt. 9:2) Amen.*

*The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all. Amen.* Jesus our Savior is returning to His hometown of Nazareth. In the process, He’s met by a paralyzed man. The man’s companions have brought him to the Lord on a stretcher-bed so

that He may heal him. Jesus sees their faith – their belief in Him, that He'll restore the man's ability to walk. So Jesus heals the paralytic with the words, *"Rise, pick up your bed and go home."* (Mt. 9:6) But first He does the fellow even one better!

Word has spread that Jesus has been making many diseased, blind, deaf, infirm people whole again, well again. The lame man and his friends trust this word, so that they're more-than-confident that He'll help them in their need too.

Jesus surprises! Not content to only heal the man of his paralysis, He also pronounces Holy Absolution over him: *"Take heart, My son; your sins are forgiven."* (Mt. 9:2) He takes his sin away, pardoning him of it all!

The religious scribes are okay with Jesus healing the paralytic. Yet for the Lord to forgive the man his sins – that's a big no-no for them! The scribes believe that only God in heaven forgives sinners their sins, and that by the bloody sacrifices of bulls in the temple in Jerusalem. They won't stand for the forgiveness, pardon and peace of God for sinners in the greater sacrifice of His Son. You can just see their hearts raging at Jesus as He pardons the man of his trespasses.

In forgiving the man as He does, Jesus is accused of blasphemy or speaking in the place of God. You see, to the scribes, the Lord is a mere man – no one special or holy. Yet He reveals His authority as the Holy Son of God and also as a man sent by His heavenly Father to restore hurting sinners to their God. He does so by pronouncing all penitent transgressors of God's Law forgiven, reconciled to Him. And by healing the diseased and the lame of their maladies.

And so believe – as the scribes sure ought to have – that the Lord Jesus is the Forgiver of your sins, the Restorer of your soul, just as He's the Healer and Sustainer of your bodies and lives. For Jesus heals the paralytic to certify that He, as God, has all power and authority also as a man to forgive the trespasses of the sorrowful and contrite.

Another sure-sign of Jesus' deity is that He can read the scribes' thoughts. He knows very well that they're accusing and condemning Him in their hearts of being a blasphemer of God. He rebukes them for their unbelief and hard hearts against Him, saying, *"Why do you think evil in your hearts?"* (Mt. 9:4) They're guilty of denying Jesus the right to do the good, saving work that His Father has sent Him to do.

For Jesus, forgiving sinners their trespasses and healing them of their diseases always goes hand-in-hand. Trust that He always combines the forgiveness of sins and the gift of faith with the gift of healing and restoration. The needy are always taken care of twice-over, and so fully by their Savior!

From our vantage point, it'd certainly be easier to forgive another person his wrongdoings than to heal him of his infirmity – if we could even do that. Yet with God *"all things are possible."* (Mt. 19:26) So it's no harder for the almighty Son of God to pardon a person's iniquities than it is for Him to heal a person's disease or infirmity.

How different are we from this paralytic? Just like him, we were all *"conceived and born sinful and [were] under the power of the devil until [Jesus] claim[ed] us as His own. We [would've been] lost forever unless delivered from sin, death and everlasting condemnation."* (Rite of Holy Baptism) So we need the pardoning mercy of our Lord no less than this man who couldn't walk. We need peace to be made between God and us by the pierced, outstretched hands of our blessed Savior.

Face it, we don't like being needy. We want to take care of ourselves. In many ways we're self-sufficient in our lives. Yet God's everlasting arms are always beneath us. He's ultimately sustaining us from day-to-day. Our Lord Jesus is like a trauma surgeon who examines a person with a fractured arm and a gaping, gushing wound. First the surgeon attends to the wound, plugging and suturing it, then bandaging it so that it heals. Then he stabilizes the arm and puts it in a cast to heal. The paralytic's sin-guilt is his biggest problem by far. So is yours your greatest threat of all. So Christ your Savior deals first-and-foremost with what's most harmful to you: a bad conscience. *"He forgives all your iniquities."* And then, having made peace between His Father and you by the blood of His cross, *"He heals all your diseases."* (Ps. 103:3)

We don't like to see eye-to-eye with God on this. We grow numb to the wrong we do; to our guilt which rises like a destructive flood, thinking, as we do, that it's no so very bad after all. Or we just don't care that we've spited God to His face with our treachery, having done what's evil in His sight. (See Ps. 51:4) We disregard the fact that our sins will definitely be our downfall and destruction if we let them. It's then that we must hear and heed the wake-up call of God's Word especially! *"Repent and turn from all your transgressions, or your iniquity will be your ruin."* (Ez. 18:30)

Praise God Who sent His only Son to save you and many from your numerous unfaithful acts, words and thoughts that cut you off from Him! Glory be to God Who leads us all to see just how terrible our sins really are, so that

*“we may learn to be horrified by [them], and to regard them as very serious.” (Small Catechism: Christian Questions with Their Answers: 16) So that we run quickly into the merciful arms of our dear Lord. “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.” (Rom. 3:23-24)*

As the eternal Son of God Who became man in time, Jesus has all power and authority to forgive sins and heal diseases. So repent of all your sins as did the paralytic. Share in his remorse and in his great need for Jesus to come help, forgive, save you. For you believe, don't you, that you finally have no help and no hope apart from your Savior. Yes, by God's grace you do believe that *“the Lord is [your] strength and [your] song; He has become [your] salvation!” (Ps. 118:14)*

Thanks be to Jesus, a paralytic is paralyzed no longer. He's a lost, troubled sinner no more, since Jesus as perfect God and perfect man says, *“Take heart, My son; your sins are forgiven.” (Mt. 9:2)* And *“rise, pick up your bed and go home.” (Mt. 9:6)* The suffering and death that Christ hadn't yet endured, His sacred blood which He hadn't yet even spilled, covered and washed this paralytic's sins and his paralysis away. That's the power and glory of Jesus' holy, sacrificial suffering and death, covering the sins of penitent believers of all times, in all places! Yes, the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin, just as it cleansed the paralytic from all his sin. *(See 1 Jn. 1:7)*

The reaction of the onlookers to Jesus forgiving and healing the paralytic teaches us that God desires to forgive sins through His people. It's remarkable how the people fear and glorify God, *“Who [has] given such authority [to forgive sins] to men.”* To-be-sure, God is indeed the One Who forgives all the sins of penitent sinners – you included! But He hasn't reserved this right for Himself only.

First, He gave it to His Son in the flesh, so that as a man, the Lord Jesus takes away the sin of the world – your sin and mine. God the Father hardly stops with His Son! He also gives the right to pardon sin to us, His Church on earth. Yes, in his un-surpassing love and mercy toward us, His true saints, He speaks full pardon and peace to us through His called-and-ordained pastors, who declare to us from heaven: *“I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.” (Holy liturgy)* For hasn't Christ commanded His dear Church: *“Whatever you loose [or forgive] on earth shall be loosed in heaven?” (Matthew 16:19)* He has! Hasn't He instructed His holy apostles, and us, His people today: *“If you forgive the sins or any, they are forgiven them?” (John 20:23)* You know He has; you bet He has!

As you are certainly members of God in Christ Jesus, as you're the royal priesthood of all believers, the Lord your God blesses you in faith and love to forgive those who trespass against you. This is your calling and duty in the Lord. *“Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.” (Eph. 4:32)* *“As you have been forgiven so also are you to forgive.” (Col. 3:13)*

So Jesus says to you as well as through you, *“Friend, your sins are forgiven.” (Lk. 5:20)* *“Therefore I tell you, [your] sins, which are many, are forgiven.” (Lk. 7:47)* *“Your faith has saved you, go in peace.” (Lk. 7:50)*

Jesus is returning home when He forgives and heals a man in desperate need. Your Savior atoned for or made perfect, holy sacrificial payment for your sin and that of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him, His saving work and His pardoning Word will not perish but have eternal life! So go to your home today at peace with God and in the joy of Jesus – forever! 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:** To our God forever and ever, our Salvation Who delivers us out of all our troubles, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For the spread of the grace of God, that we may be made whole in the forgiveness of sins together with all those broken by this world, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For clean hearts created by the forgiveness of Christ, that we may put off the old ways of sin and walk in the way of His commandments, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For the ministers of the Church, that our God Who has given such authority to men to forgive sins would focus their every word and deed toward this Office of the Keys; and that the Gospel may predominate in our worship and life together, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For zeal in our witness to Christ, that we would bring those we know and love to His feet to receive the healing of forgiveness, which alone restores true life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For the conversion of the unbeliever to the one, true Christian faith, that the Lord would remove all false beliefs from the hearts of those who do not confess Him as Lord, and graciously grant them the only, true confession of Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** [*St. James*] For our Sunday school students, week day school students, and for one adult as well as our youth catechumens preparing to be confirmed, that they would grow in faith and love toward God, and for all who teach the Scriptures, that they would be faithful witnesses to the love of Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord have mercy.**

**P:** For the vocations of the Christian home – husband and wife; father and mother; sons, daughters and siblings – that they may be established on the enduring promises of Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For our public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ and all in need, that God would heal them and so show His greater power to forgive their sins in Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For all who come to the altar this day, that we would see this as the very House of God and gate of heaven, where Christ is bodily present to forgive, heal and renew us in true righteousness and holiness, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For all who are suffering from the damage and aftermath of Hurricane Helene in Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia, that anyone still isolated, trapped or in distress would be rescued and relieved, that those in need of vital supplies and care would receive it, that those who mourn the loss of loved ones would be comforted and that communities that need to rebuild would be enabled to do so, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For favorable weather, especially needed rain, for an abundance of fruit of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** Almighty and everlasting God, Who by Your Son has promised us forgiveness of sins and everlasting life, we implore You to rule and govern our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that in our daily need, and especially in times of temptation, we may seek help from Him and, by a true and living faith in Your Word, obtain it; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who 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, 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: ♪ 314, 330 & 355**

**CLOSING HYMN: ♪ 387:6-10**

**† TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY †**

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OUR ATTENDANCE FROM LAST SUNDAY

	Worship	Comm.	S.S. & B.C.	Offerings
Trinity	45	37	10	\$2,097.00
St. James	53	38	4 9	\$2,663.00

Sunday Offerings—Trinity, Fedor

	Operating	Building	Missions	Cemetery	Week
Goal	58,071.00				
Actual	75,845.72		5,870.00		39
Last Week	2,097.00				

Sunday Offerings—St. James, Lexington

	Operating	Mission	Future Development	Total	Week
Goal	102,765.00			102,765.00	
Actual	79,834.77	340.00	290.00	80,464.77	39
Last Week	2,413.00	200.00	50.00	2,663.00	

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THIS WEEK

- TODAY 2:00PM: LWML Fall Rally (at Immanuel, Giddings)
- WEDNESDAY 3:40PM: Week Day School
- THURSDAY 10:00AM: Joint Bible Study (at St. James)
- FRIDAY +Pastor's Day Off
- NEXT SUNDAY \*Elders (Holy Trinity) following the service  
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11:00AM: Roast Beef Dinner (St. James LMWL)  
2:30PM: Voters (Holy Trinity)  
6:30PM: Voters (St. James)

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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...*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*.

\*\*\***MARRIAGE**...yesterday (10.5.24), *Kegan Walch* and *Clay Boettcher* (St. James) were united in holy matrimony in Giddings. We pray that our Lord Jesus would graciously bless this marriage.

+++**Door Collection**...St. James...due to outstanding expenses for Daisy Roensch's funeral [around \$600], we will have a door collection next Sunday for anyone who would want to contribute towards this is encouraged to do so.

\*\*\***ROAST BEEF DINNER**...will be held next Sunday, October 6, beginning at 11am. All plate

dinners are \$15 and available as take-out only.

+++**LWML FALL RALLY:** All ladies are invited to attend the LWML Fall Rally **TODAY**, October 6, at Immanuel, Giddings. Registration begins at 1:30, and the rally starts at 2:00. This is a joint rally for the Post Oak and Bluebonnet Zones. The speaker is Brianna Stahlecker, LWML Texas District VP of Christian Life, and the theme is “Ready to Serve,” based on Luke 1:38. The ingathering will go to Orphan Grain Train, and there will be fellowship, a light meal, and door prizes! Please join us!

\*\*\***Roast Beef Dinner:** The annual Roast Beef Dinner at St. James is NEXT SUNDAY, October 13, and **we are in need of dessert donations** to help make this a success! Please drop off your donations on Friday or Saturday (October 11 or 12), or at the latest on Sunday morning before church. Thank you so much for your help!

+++**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-Diane Walch, today; Linda Patschke, 8; Tim Falke, 10;...St. James-Cne’ Schneider, 7; Dwayne Cass, 8; Eric Jatzlau, 9; Rookie Lay, 11; Zoey Rudd, 11; Larissa Abshire, 12.

\*\*\***ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK...**Holy Trinity-Robert & Rachel Patton, 7.

+++**BIRTHDAY OMITTED LAST SUNDAY...**Holy Trinity-Michael Brade, 5. Hope you had a GREAT one!