

November 10, 2024

24th Sunday after Trinity
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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 –
24TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

The Strength of the Lord is Our Salvation from Sin, Death and Darkness A shroud of darkness engulfs us. Sin, death and disease threaten to sever us from life's fullest measure. Without new life in Christ Jesus, there would be no light to dissipate, dispel or curb grief and sadness. But Jesus has qualified us "to share in the inheritance of the saints of light" delivering us from the dark domain. (Colossians 1:9-14) "I have put My words in your mouth and covered you in the shadow of My hand. You are my people." (Isaiah 51:9-16) The presence of Christ, in Word, wine, bread and water confronts our sinful nature with forgiveness. In the Sacraments, God claims us as His very own children, creating and sustaining our faith in Christ. So in Him, we humbly receive the words, "your faith has made you well."

*(Matthew 9:18-26) On the Last Day God will surely awaken us also from slumber in resurrection glory.
(lcms.org/lectionary-summaries)*

READING FROM THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS

Summary: The miracles of Jesus recorded by the Evangelists in the four Gospel accounts are evidence that testify to the saving truth that He – Who would also suffer and die for us on the cross, is at the same time both God and man.

God's Son from eternity has been a particular, distinct, entirely divine person. He is true, essential, perfect God with the Father and the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time He received also the human nature into the unity of His person. He did not do this in such a way that there now are two persons or two Christs. Christ Jesus is now in one person at the same time true, eternal God, born of the Father from eternity, and a true man, born of the most blessed virgin Mary. In this one undivided person of Christ, there are two distinct natures: the divine, which is from eternity, and the human, which in time was received into the unity of the person of God's Son. Each one abides in its nature and essence in the person of Christ to all eternity. He did all His miracles by the power of this personal union. For example, at the wedding at Cana of Galilee (*John 2:1-11*), when He was twelve years old, among the learned (*Luke 2:42-50*), in the garden, when with a word He cast His enemies to the ground (*John 18:6*), and in death, when He died not simply as any other man, but in and with His death conquered sin, death, devil, hell and eternal damnation. (*Colossians 2:13-15*) The human nature alone would not have been able to do these miracles if it had not been personally united and had communion with the divine nature. (*Book of Concord; Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration, Art. 8*)

† IN THE NAME OF JESUS †

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL (CALL TO WORSHIP)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: ♪ 594, SUNG TO 306

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

INTROIT (ENTRANCE INTO THE SERVICE OF THE WORD)

P: In keeping with God's promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth – the home of righteousness. O Lord, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am! See, You have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before You. And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in You. Deliver me from all my transgressions. Do not make me the scorn of the fool! Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; do not be deaf to my weeping! For I am a sojourner with You, a guest, like all my fathers. Bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling! (*2 Peter 3:13; Psalm 39:4-5; 7-8; 12*)

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

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: O almighty God, Who by Your Son have promised to us the forgiveness of sins and deliverance from eternal death: We ask You to strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit so that we daily increase in our confidence in Your grace through Christ and hold fast to the hope that our bodies will not die in judgment but sleep in peace, and by Your Son, Jesus Christ, will be raised up again on the Last Day unto eternal life; through the same 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 – ISAIAH 51:9-16

P: ^{51:9} Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord; awake, as in days of old, the generations of long ago. Was it not You Who cut Rahab in pieces, Who pierced the dragon? ¹⁰ Was it not You Who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep, Who made the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed to pass over? ¹¹ And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. ¹² "I, I am He Who comforts you; who are you that you are afraid of man who dies, of the son of man who is made like grass, ¹³ and have forgotten the Lord,

your Maker, Who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth, and you fear continually all the day because of the wrath of the oppressor, when he sets himself to destroy? And where is the wrath of the oppressor? ¹⁴ He who is bowed down shall speedily be released; he shall not die and go down to the pit, neither shall his bread be lacking. ¹⁵ I am the Lord your God, Who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar – the Lord of hosts is His Name. ¹⁶ And I have put My words in your mouth and covered you in the shadow of My hand, establishing the heavens and laying the foundations of the earth, and saying to Zion, ‘You are My people.’”

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 – COLOSSIANS 1:9-14

P: ¹⁹ And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God’s will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ being strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father, Who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the Kingdom of His beloved Son, ¹⁴ in Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

TRIPLE HALLELUJAH AND READING OF THE GOSPEL LESSON – MATTHEW 9:18-25

C: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9th chapter.

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

P: ¹⁸ ...A ruler came in and knelt before [Jesus], saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” ¹⁹ And Jesus rose and followed him, with His disciples. ²⁰ And behold, a woman who had suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His garment, ²¹ for she said to herself, “If I only touch His garment, I will be made well.” ²² Jesus turned, and seeing her He said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. ²³ And when Jesus came to the ruler’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ He said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at Him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, He went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose.

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: ♪ 592

SERMON: FAITH: A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH – MATTHEW 9:18-26

“Your faith has made you well.” (Mt. 9:22) Amen.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen. The Gospel narrative which St. Matthew sets before us today paints a beautiful picture of genuine faith in Jesus Christ. The Evangelist shows us the faith of a woman who suffers from frequent blood-loss, as well as the faith of a man whose daughter has just died. The woman is perhaps shy, or at least uncomfortable with confronting Jesus face-to-face. She’s content to touch His clothes, reasoning that she’ll be healed by Him. She trusts that Jesus will help her in her great need. The ruler, on the other hand, comes directly to Jesus, bows before Him and makes his request, specifying how Jesus will do the healing; trusting that it’ll “go down” this way.

The woman has been isolated, preventing her from fully being a part of her community for a dozen years. Her disease, in addition to likely being painful and messy, has made her ritually-unclean according to Mosaic Law. Perhaps that’s why she doesn’t ask Jesus to heal her by touching her as this would make Him unclean too. Instead, she touches the hem of His robe.

The leader of the synagogue is an important figure in the religious community. His name, we learn from another Gospel account, is Jairus. (*See Mk. 5:22*) The unnamed woman is timid. Jairus is more insistent on addressing Jesus.

She, because of her ceremonial uncleanness, is an outsider. He's an insider. But the obvious differences between them become insignificant when we consider what they have in common. They share the same faith in the Lord Jesus, and that's all that really, finally matters!

What a wonderful gift from God faith is! It's that saving work of our Lord God by which we apprehend and receive His grace in Christ Jesus. God's grace is His rich, undeserved love and favor toward us as a result of the saving merits of Christ alone: His innocent suffering and death for us. The Rev. Luther writes, "*Faith is that which brings the Holy Spirit through the merits of Christ.*" It's "*a living, bold trust in God's grace, so certain of God's favor that it would risk death a thousand times trusting in it. This faith grasps Christ's righteousness and appropriates it for itself in the believer's heart.*" So the suffering woman and grieving father have been granted the Holy Spirit and faith in their heavenly Father through the preached Word and works of Jesus. Which is why they seek from God the Son what they're confident He'll give them.

Faith approaches God with open, empty hands. It's not as if the woman and Jairus seek to work with the Lord or help Him heal and restore life. It's not like we strive together with God for the good of our souls. That's not how it works with Him. "*For it is God Who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose.*" (Phil. 2:13) Just like the two individuals in our Gospel account, we come to the Lord helpless! We come as beggars. We come with no confidence in ourselves; all confidence in Him!

The woman's affliction is one that no doctor can cure. She's religiously and socially ostracized by her condition, cut off from the people of God. She knows that Jesus is full of mercy, that He has the power to heal her and reunite her with loved ones cut off from her by the Law. Sinful and unclean though she is, she trusts that Jesus won't deny her mercy. It's always the faithfulness of the One Who'll never fail her, you or anyone that validates your faith.

Jesus says to the woman, "*Your faith has made you well;*" (Mt. 9:22) literally, "your faith has saved you." Faith in Christ saves – always! It saves you by what it receives – again, the gracious, saving merit of Christ Jesus. So faith isn't a power or work of ours by which we get the saving benefits of Jesus. It isn't some sort of power that we exercise to overcome this problem or to gain victory over that obstacle. Christian faith, the faith that receives salvation from God, is purely receptive. It receives. It is done to. It doesn't do.

We sinners need the Savior from sin, and so that's where faith is born. Faith doesn't look inward to find assurance and hope. Faith looks outside of itself to Jesus Christ alone. Faith is always-and-only in Jesus; otherwise, it isn't the one true Christian faith – the only faith worth having. Faith's born in our need, and as we're always in need of God's grace and mercy in His Son, our need for faith is constant.

Look at Jairus, the leader of the synagogue. He's accustomed to being treated as an important, dignified man. What does this dignified man do? He worships Jesus. St. Mark reports that He falls down at Jesus' feet and begs Him to help his daughter. (See Mk. 5:22) This isn't Jairus debasing himself before the Lord or groveling to Him. It's him worshipping his Savior by crying out to Jesus for mercy and help in his time of need. That's exactly what Divine Worship is for us too! Jairus humbles himself, as do we in the confession of our sins before God. In asking Jesus to come to his home to lay His hands on his little girl so that she may live again, Jairus isn't commanding Jesus to do this. Nor is he suggesting that the Lord should help him because he's the leader of the synagogue. He's just saying like we do in the *Kyrie*, "*Lord, have mercy.*"

True faith is always directed toward Jesus. God our Father teaches us to listen to Jesus. The Holy Spirit, through the Holy Scriptures, guides us into the whole Truth about Jesus. Faith is directed toward Jesus because the first thing we need from God is to be delivered from our sins and the consequences of our sins, and it is Jesus Who delivers us.

Faith clings to Jesus' words. What He says is what faith believes. Jesus tells the woman that her faith has saved her, and it's at this very moment that she's healed. Jesus says that the little girl isn't dead, but sleeping, and that makes it so. She really has died and lies there lifeless as can be. But when Jesus says that she isn't dead but sleeping, the power of His Word brings her out of death to life.

This is a simple but powerful truth that we must impress upon our hearts and minds so that we never lose our faith in the Lord. True faith doesn't go by what it sees, feels or wants. It goes solely by what Jesus says. Without a promise, there can be no faith. But with God's promise, you're awash in faith – as you hear, believe and rejoice in the words of Jesus: "*Whoever hears My Word and believes Him Who sent Me has eternal life. He is not condemned, but has passed from death to life.*" (Jn. 5:24)

Faith is serious business. It's a matter of life and death. Death comes without warning. There's nothing that can stop it when it comes. But there's Someone Who can defeat it, destroy it for us and for our loved ones in the faith, because He already has destroyed death and defeated it for us forever in His own death and resurrection.

When Jesus arrives at Jairus' house, the flute players and wailers are putting on a show, amplifying the family's grief as well as death itself. This was typical of a Jewish funeral in Jesus' day – to make a big fuss or commotion about the death of a person. The mourners actually honor death's power with their display of grief. But then the Lord of life enters the room, meets death and challenges its power. Those with their hearts set on death laugh at the living God as He says that the girl is sleeping. They know a dead body when they see one, yet to Jesus the dead really are merely sleeping since He'll awaken them, raise them to life again. Witnessing death, trumpeting death, embracing death, the raucous mourners laugh at life. But life gets the last laugh as Jesus raises Jairus' little girl to life again!

The author of the *Book of Hebrews* writes: "*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.*" (*Hebrews 13:8*) He doesn't change. We do. We must reckon with our own fickleness. We are hot and cold. One day we are confident in God's Word and we rejoice in the victory Jesus has won over sin, death and the devil for us. The next day God's Word seems unreal and our hearts are filled with doubts and we're afraid to die. Faith flickers like a candle in the wind, while Jesus, the Object of faith, remains constant and true. Take comfort in His constancy!

Together with the woman and the man who – in their own way – beg Jesus for His mercy, we too look outside of our feelings to where they looked. We read also from Hebrews 12:2: "*[Let us look] to Jesus, the Founder and Perfector of our faith, Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*"

The faith that endures and remains constant is focused on the crucifixion of Jesus. It was there, upon the cross, where Life defeated death. It was there that God justified you and all the ungodly of the world, reckoning you holy and righteous in Jesus, because Christ is holy and righteous for you. It was there at Calvary that every spiritual enemy of yours, which assaults your faith, is defeated. And it's there at the empty tomb of Jesus where your empty tomb is also made certain. 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: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P: Heavenly Father, by Your Word and promise You have made us Your people. By Christ's death and resurrection, You have forgiven all sin and brought us to Yourself. By Your Spirit, continually give us the faith that clings to our Lord Jesus Christ, that we may rejoice in the truth that He has reconciled You to us, so that we may be reconciled also to our neighbor. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Heavenly Father, heal the wounds of Your people. Strengthen us whom You have redeemed, teach us to resist temptation and to walk in the good works that You have prepared for us beforehand. Increase our faith, that we may always believe Your Holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Heavenly Father, by Your Word and promise You have made us Your people. Give to Your Church faithful pastors who preach the whole counsel of Your Word. Bless Rev. Harrison, our Synod president; Rev. Newman, our district president; Rev. Roth, our circuit visitor; and all who serve in the Office of the Holy Ministry, that they may proclaim the saving Gospel with boldness and joy. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Heavenly Father, continue, we pray, to call men, women and children out of this present darkness and into Your marvelous light, bringing about the conversion of unbelievers to the one true Christian religion. Remove a false confession from the lips of all who do not confess You as Lord, and graciously grant them the true and only confession that You, together with Your Son and Spirit, are our one Lord, one God forever. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Heavenly Father, grant repentance and restoration to those who have left the Church, that they would be renewed in the true confession of faith, rejoined with us and so gathered back into Your holy flock and around Your only-begotten Son, our Good Shepherd. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Heavenly Father, sanctify our homes and those of our loved ones, that they may be places of blessing and love in Christ. Bless husbands and wives, parents and children, that we may live in Christ-like love toward one another. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Heavenly Father, You have sustained our nation in the past and You continue to bless us. As former President Donald Trump has been re-elected as President of our country, we ask You to bless our land with a peaceful transition from the former administration to the new one to come. Bless our present leaders as well as those recently elected, that they would serve the general welfare of us all. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Heavenly Father, by Your Word and promise You have made us Your people. Protect the weak among us, grant health to those who are sick or injured, visit and relieve the lonely, and teach us to cast all our cares on the Lord. We pray for _____. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Heavenly Father, by Your Word and promise You have made us Your people. Give us each day our daily bread, that we may find contentment in Your gifts and, with thankful hearts, serve our neighbor. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: ♪ 619:1-4

CONCLUDING COLLECTS

P: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of Your faithful people, so that we, plenteously bringing forth the fruits of good works, may by You be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

P: O eternal, merciful God and Father, Who has revealed to us Your Holy Gospel, we humbly implore You to cause Your Word to bring forth abundant fruit in us, that we may daily grow in the knowledge of Your holy will, walk in a manner worthy of our calling and be made partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: ♪ 619:5-8

† **TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY** †

OUR ATTENDANCE FROM LAST SUNDAY

	Worship	Comm.	S.S. & B.C.	Offerings
Trinity	48	43	18	\$3,010.00
St. James	48	38	3 9	\$2,403.00

Sunday Offerings—Trinity, Fedor

	Operating	Building	Missions	Cemetery	Week
Goal	65,516.00				
Actual	85,074.72		6,990.00		44
Last Week	2,330.00		680.00		

Sunday Offerings—St. James, Lexington

	Operating	Mission	Future Development	Total	Week
Goal	115,940.00			115,940.00	
Actual	90,268.77	500.00	580.00	91,348.77	44
Last Week	2,133.00	50.00	220.00	2,403.00	

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THIS WEEK

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

TUESDAY 9:00AM: Circuit Pastor's Conference
6:30PM: Ladies Aid (Holy Trinity)

WEDNESDAY 8:30AM: LWML Noodle making at the parish hall
3:40PM: Week Day School

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

FRIDAY +Pastor's Day Off

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

+++We remember in our prayers:...at Holy Trinity...*Dorothy Schimank, Tim Faske, Eldor Brade, Monroe Brade, Carolyn Nitsche*;...at St. James...*Charles Hartfiel, Guy Latimer, Ferman Iselt Jr., 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, Zachary Hartfiel* [nephew of Charles Hartfiel], *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*.

***We express our sympathy to **The Juanita Clifford Family** (St. James) on the death of her aunt, Mary Johnson, whom our Lord Jesus in His grace and mercy called out of this vale of tears unto Himself on Wednesday (10-30-24). Her funeral service was held yesterday (11-9-24) at Sneed-Carnley Funeral Chapel in Lampases. We pray that our Lord Jesus would be with and comfort the surviving family.

+++We express our sympathy to **The Marisa Clifford Family** (St. James) on the death of her grandmother, Consuelo Saucedo, whom our Lord Jesus in His grace and mercy called out of this vale of tears unto Himself on Wednesday (11-6-24). Her funeral service will be held on Thursday (11-14-24) at St. Julia's Catholic Church in Austin. We pray that our Lord Jesus would be with and comfort the surviving family.

*****St. James Noodle Making and Fundraiser:** St. James LWML will be making homemade noodles **this Wednesday**, November 13, beginning at 8:30am. All volunteers are welcome to help! We are also in need of Gold Medal flour donations. Please drop them off at the church or parish hall before November 13. If anyone would like to pre-order noodles for the holidays, we are selling them for \$10 a pound. Please place your order with either Lynetta Latimer or Sandra Lay. Thank you for your support!

+++ST. JAMES...Parents, if you plan to have your child(ren) in our **Children's Christmas Eve Service**, please contact the church office by **TODAY**, November 10th. Thank 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-Boston Iselt, today; Kathy Moerbe, 11; Troy Walch, 12; T. G. Moerbe, 16; Pam Stump, 16;...St. James-Jacki Lay, 11; Pastor Meyer, 11; Duke Schneider, 13; Joan Schumpe, 14; Tom Kleinschmidt, 15; Darvin Drosche, 16; Kenneth Schulze, 16.
- +++**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**...St. James-Taylor & Kelsi Otte, 11.