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25<sup>th</sup> 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 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 –  
25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**Faith Comes By Hearing the Word of Christ** *“The Kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed.” (Luke 17:20)* You must use your ears and not your eyes. For God’s Kingdom in this world is one of faith, and faith comes by hearing the Word of Christ. The people of Israel, however, wanted to walk not by faith but by sight. When Moses delayed in coming down the mountain, they decided to make a visible god for themselves, the golden calf. *(See Exodus 32:1)* Upon such faithless and false worshipers God’s judgment comes. Only on the Last Day will our faith be turned to sight. *“For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.” (Matthew 24:27)* The Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, and He will gather His people to Himself, both the living and the dead. In a world in which our days are few and full of trouble *(see Job 14:1)*, let us comfort one another with these words of the resurrection and the coming of our Lord Jesus. *(lcms.org/lectionary-summaries)*

**READING FROM THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS**

*Summary: God’s forgiveness and salvation is for all mankind, but it must be received by faith and appreciated, not ignored or rejected.*

Our Churches teach that at the end of the world Christ will appear for judgment and will raise all the dead. He will give the godly and elect eternal life and everlasting joys, but He will condemn ungodly people and the devils to be tormented without end. *(See Matthew 25:31-46)* Our Churches condemn the Anabaptists, who think that there will be an end to the punishments of condemned men and devils. Our Churches condemn those who say that before the resurrection of the dead the godly shall take possession of the kingdom of the world, the ungodly being everywhere suppressed.

The entire Church confesses that eternal life is attained through mercy. Augustine says: “Woe to the life of man, however much it may be worthy of praise, if it be judged with mercy removed.” And Cyprian says, “No one should flatter himself that he is innocent. By exalting himself he should certainly perish because he is instructed that he sins daily and is told to ask forgiveness daily for his sins.” Even though we have good works, yet in these very works we need mercy. *(Augsburg Confession, Article 5; Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Apology 17)*

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† IN THE NAME OF JESUS †

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

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

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN: ♪ 604**

**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:** Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my pursuers! O Lord, do not let me be put to shame, for I call upon You. In You, O Lord, do I take refuge; do not ever let me be put to shame. In Your righteousness deliver me; incline Your ear to me; rescue me speedily! Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God. Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord! *(Psalm 31:1-2; 5; 9; 15; 17; 24)*

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

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P:** Lord God, heavenly Father, we heartily thank You that by Your Word You have brought us out of the darkness of unbelief and have restored to us the true light of Your grace. And we implore You to graciously sustain us in that light, preserve us from all false religious teachings and heresies, and keep us from following unbelievers in their ingratitude and despising and persecuting Your Word. Let us instead receive Your blessed Word with our whole heart, amend our sinful lives according to Your Word and will, and place all our confidence only in the grace and merit of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS: OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – JOB 14:1-6

**P:** <sup>14</sup>Man who born of woman is of few days and full of trouble. <sup>2</sup>He comes forth like a flower and fades away; He flees like a shadow and does not continue. <sup>3</sup>Do You open Your eyes to one like this? Will You bring him into judgment before You? <sup>4</sup>Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean thing? No one! <sup>5</sup>Since his days are determined, the number of his months is with You; You have appointed his limits, so that he cannot pass. <sup>6</sup>Look away from him that he may rest, until like a hired man he finishes his day.

**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 – 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

**P:** <sup>4:13</sup>But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## TRIPLE HALLELUJAH AND READING OF THE GOSPEL LESSON – MATTHEW 24:15-28

**C:** ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C:** ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

**P:** “[Jesus said:] <sup>15</sup>“So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), <sup>16</sup>then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. <sup>17</sup>Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, <sup>18</sup>and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. <sup>19</sup>And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! <sup>20</sup>Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. <sup>21</sup>For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. <sup>22</sup>And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. <sup>23</sup>Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There he is!’ do not believe it. <sup>24</sup>For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. <sup>25</sup>See, I have told you beforehand. <sup>26</sup>So, if they say to you, ‘Look, he is in the wilderness,’ do not go out. If they say, ‘Look, he is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it. <sup>27</sup>For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>28</sup>Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.”

**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: ♪ 264

## SERMON: HOLD FAST TO THE ONE TRUE CHRIST, OVER-AND-AGAINST ALL PRETENDERS – MT. 24:15-28

*“For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.” (Mt. 24:28) Amen.*

*Dear baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen. Our Gospel pericope for the second-to-last Sunday of the Church Year begins with striking words from our Lord: “So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the Prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.” (Mt. 24:15) In saying this, Jesus is referencing the “abomination that causes desolation” (Dan. 12:11) foretold by the 6<sup>th</sup>-century BC Prophet Daniel. Daniel prophesied the coming defilement and desecration of the temple in Jerusalem at the hands of the pagan Seleucid king Antiochus Epiphanes IV, who ruled Israel as a tyrant in*

the second-century BC. Antiochus profaned God's holy temple by setting up an altar to the pagan Greek god Zues. The wicked ruler slaughtered many Israelites, sold others into slavery and forced people to sacrifice to pagan gods. Antiochus even took the title Epiphanes – a title of divinity – claiming to be God Himself.

The Old Testament contains a number of prophecies that God would fulfill in the near-term future, and would go on to fulfill anew in the more distant future. Antiochus' vile rule was the near-term fulfillment of Daniel's prophecy. The long-term fulfillment of Daniel's words is also spoken of by Jesus: The destruction of the city of Jerusalem and its temple some forty years later in AD 70 by the Romans. The Lord points to the coming annihilation of Jerusalem as a precursor to His Final Coming and Judgment of all humanity. Just as God's temple was desecrated by Antiochus; just as Jerusalem and its temple would be destroyed in judgment, so too will the world and everyone in it be judged on the day God has appointed.

Jesus' words would go on to be fulfilled exactly as He speaks them. After Jewish zealots led an all-out revolt against the Roman Empire, Rome's legions besieged Jerusalem and breached its walls. Most of the city's inhabitants perished in the brutal siege. The temple itself was torn down stone-by-stone, fulfilling Jesus' words in Matthew 24:2: *"Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be toppled."*

The Lord speaks as He does near the end of Matthew to warn His faithful people to *"flee to the mountains"* (Mt. 24:16) when warfare is about to consume them. His believers are to get out quickly – like running from a raging forest fire. They're not even to return to their homes and get provisions for their escape. They're to get out while they still can! In fact, right before the Roman legions encircled Jerusalem, the Christians in the city, recalling Jesus' words, fled the imminent onslaught. They were saved, in more ways than one, by the Word of Christ. Jesus is always very good at doing this!

As we hear Jesus in our Gospel lesson, we note how seamlessly He switches from first-century Jerusalem's judgment and destruction to the Final Judgment, destruction and end of the world. One second He's speaking about how His early Christian followers had better get out of Dodge quickly and run for the hills. The next second He's speaking about the coming end of the world. *"For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be."* (Mt. 24:21)

A good way to understand Jesus' words here is to see them as you'd see words through the magnifying lenses of bifocal glasses. Jesus' warning of impending doom for godless, faithless Jerusalem is to be read with the lower, close-up half of the eyeglass lens. With this lens you see that Jesus' words of judgment over Jerusalem and His urging God's people to flee from its destruction was very sound advice indeed! This is important because we see that God is very serious about judging unbelievers – those who reject and hate Him and His Son. God has already brought His judgment to bear – in the world-wide flood in Genesis, in the Babylonian destruction of Jerusalem and its temple in 587 BC, and of course in the last Roman destruction of Jerusalem and the temple in AD 70. It's also important for us to see how Jesus has already delivered His beloved Christians from certain destruction by giving them wise counsel to leave Jerusalem before it's too late.

We peer through the far-into-the-future, upper half of the eyeglass to understand Jesus' words on what's yet to come for us. Now we – just like our fellow Christians before Jerusalem's destruction – are to carefully hear Jesus' words and heed His warning. A final, world-wide day of reckoning – far more severe than all previous judgments – is coming. Always be ready, on your guard, watchful for it!

One aspect of the coming judgment is the appearance of false messiahs beforehand *"who will arise and...lead many astray; if possible even the elect:"* (Mt. 24:24) us. These false christs are sent by the devil of hell to draw our eyes and ears, hearts and minds away from our Lord Himself unto they themselves. They strive with all their might to convince us to set our hearts on them and this world – not on the one true Christ and the new heaven and earth to come.

False christs and prophets are everyone who'd want to come between you and your Savior, cutting you clean off from Him. They'd have you believe differently than Jesus has you believe as His Christians – and live differently than He has you live as His saints. *"Do not let your hearts be troubled,"* Jesus says to you. *"Believe in God; believe also in Me."* (Jn. 14:1) False messiahs would have you trust in them, in yourself, in other people – anyone but Jesus alone.

*"Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy,"* (Lev. 19:2) He says to you. Look to your baptizing God Who splashes His very own holiness into you; Who speaks His own righteousness upon you, making it yours too. See your precious Savior Who feeds you His own purity in His body and blood! So that you live holy, God-pleasing lives to His glory. So do so! *"Live by faith alone in the Son of God, Who loved [you] and gave His life for [you.]"* (Gal. 2:20) *"Keep your conduct*

*among the unbelieving Gentiles honorable*” (1 Pet. 2:12) and *“lead a chaste and decent life in what [you] say and do.”* (Small Catechism: Explanation of the 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment) For the false christs and prophets you’re to beware of will tug at you at every turn to live for this world heavily and yourself bigly – to gratify the desires of your sinful flesh.

Our Savior warns us to *“beware of false prophets”* (Mt. 7:15) and to keep far from them because, by our nature, we’re vulnerable to their efforts to draw us away from God. They’d have us find our ultimate value and meaning in this life, in the world around us and its ways. False christs teach us that we really have no need to believe in Jesus as Savior; that there’s really no sin and evil in us to be saved from; no fallen, dead world to be saved out of. “Your Church membership and attendance is a waste of your time,” you’re told point-blank. “Stay home! Worship whom you will; what you will there,” you’re advised by them. “Who cares about Jesus’ Word and His body and blood when you have many other fine words to listen to, and a lot of great food you can eat and drink you can drink.?” false christs blare at you. But every word of theirs is meant to doom you. So have nothing to do with them – ever!

Shame on us when we hear false christs and take what they say to heart! We lose out whenever we hear and follow other voices than the voice of our Good Shepherd. Jesus calls us to faith, to trust in Him and His Father alone for life and salvation. (See Jn. 14:1) We slip up and put our trust in ourselves and others. Only God has delivered us from judgment. He tells us to come out from among unbelievers in this godless generation, and to be separate from them and their wicked ways. He instructs us to *“touch no unclean thing, and [He] will receive [us].”* (2 Cor. 6:17) We must heed His words and *“return to [Him] with all [our] heart, with fasting, with weeping and with mourning [over our sins and unfaithfulness], for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.”* (Joel 2:13-14)

Beloved in the Lord, to overcome all false christs is to abide in the Word of Christ in His Church and in your home. It’s like Jesus says to you: *“If you abide [or have life] in My Word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”* (John 8:31) Seek your Savior where He’s always to be found, where He comes to you! Seek Him in His Word, since by it you’re prepared to rightly receive Him when He finally comes for you like *“lighting comes from the east and shines as far as the west.”* (Mt. 24:27) When you see buzzards feeding on the road ahead of you, you know there’s a dead animal there. In the same way, you’ll recognize Jesus’ Final Coming for you, and rejoice greatly in it!

So flee from false christs; from the love of this life; from the love of self more than the love of others, of God. Yes, flee from the coming wrath and judgment by not conforming yourself – your beliefs and ways – to this wicked world, so that you’re not judged and destroyed along with it. Escaping is never bad when you’re escaping from what’s bad. So flee from; *“hate what is evil; cling to what is good.”* (Rom. 12:9) Run into the arms of Jesus! He’s God-with-you, always.

Christ Jesus’ crucifixion is what really delivered His Christians from Jerusalem’s desolation. His sacrificial death and mighty resurrection gave people the faith to believe His warning to flee the city when disaster was about to strike. The same goes for you! Christ your Savior has atoned for all your sin and desolation in His body on the tree. Your Final Judgment has already taken place – on Good Friday – as God’s wrath against you was taken by His Son instead for you. Yes, Jesus took the full blast of God’s judgment and woe for you by dying for you. God is today, tomorrow and forever well-pleased with you in Jesus! He highly favors you in His Son! Cherish this; cherish Him always! 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:** For the faithful proclamation of Christ’s saving Name, that God’s people may be strengthened in the true faith and His Kingdom extended, let us pray for the Lord: **C: Lord have mercy.**

**P:** For the holy Christian Church throughout the world and for all who confess the Name of Christ, that God would guard and defend us from the temptations of the devil, the world and our sinful nature, let us pray for the Lord: **C: Lord have mercy.**

**P:** For this congregation, its mission and its people; for the ability to meet the needs that arise to do the work God has given us to do; and for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, let us pray for the Lord: **C: Lord have mercy.**

**P:** For every Christian, that we would remember that we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand for us to do, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For humility, that we would not boast in works, but boast only in the cross of our Lord, Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For the healing of divisions among God's people, that He would curb sinful ambition, silence the desires of our sinful flesh, and grant us hearts eager to be reconciled with each other in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For all in authority, that God would grant them wisdom and temperance; and for our police, firefighters and those who serve in the armed forces, that they would be kept from harm and danger and that peace would be established in our lifetime, according to God's gracious will, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For all who serve in worthy occupations, professions, arts and sciences, that God would grant them skill and integrity in the performance of their responsibilities and valued service through their vocations, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord have mercy.**

**P:** For those who suffer from hunger, homelessness, poverty, or unemployment, that God's great mercy and love would preserve and relieve them, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord have mercy.**

**P:** For all who are afflicted in body and soul, especially \_\_\_\_\_, that God would grant them comfort and healing according to His will, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For all who partake of the Holy Eucharist this day, that in Jesus' body and blood they would receive forgiveness of sins unto life eternal, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and 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: ♪ 316 & 357 [SUNG TO 354]**

**CLOSING HYMN: ♪ 613**

† TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY †

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OUR ATTENDANCE FROM LAST SUNDAY

	Worship	Comm.	S.S. & B.C.	Offerings
Trinity	44	--	13	\$2,100.00
St. James	53	--	5 10	\$1,596.00

	Operating	Building	Missions	Cemetery	Week
Goal	67,005.00				
Actual	87,130.72		7,060.00		45

Last Week 2,056.00 70.00

	Sunday Offerings—St. James, Lexington				
	Operating	Mission	Future Development	Total	Week
Goal	118,575.00			118,575.00	
Actual	91,794.77	505.00	645.00	92,944.77	45
Last Week	1,526.00	5.00	65.00	1,596.00	

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THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY 9:00AM: LWML (St. James)  
 3:40PM: Week Day School

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

FRIDAY +Pastor’s Day Off

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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*.

\*\*\***St. James Noodle Making:** If you ordered noodles from the St. James LWML they are available for pick up today! Special thanks to all who donated flour and volunteered to help! Please see either Lynetta Latimer or Sandra Lay and as always **THANK YOU** for your support!

+++**ST. JAMES...Children’s Christmas Eve Service,** practices will begin on December 1, at 3pm. Following this practice, we will get together to decorate the Christmas trees and have a Christmas party!

\*\*\***St. James...**we have a variety of cards (including Thanksgiving 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-Sierra Moerbe, today; Sarah Urban, 20;...St. James-Lauren Boettcher, 18; Leighton Brown, 18; Wynston Phillips, 18; Erin Kirkpatrick, 19; Penny Biehle, 20; Jacob Poston, 20; Ernest Biehle, 22; Diana Lerche, 22; Lorine Lerche, 22.

+++**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK...**Holy Trinity-Michael & Judy Brade, 23;...St. James-Tony & Crystal Hicks, 21.