

November 3, 2024

Festival of All Saints/23rd Sunday after Trinity
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HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH - FEDOR

The Elder-in-Charge – Jerry Falke
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The Organist – Daniel Krause
The Flowers – To the glory of God in loving memory of Ronnie Schubert on his birthday on the 7th by his family.

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH - LEXINGTON

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The Flowers – To the glory of God in loving memory of all of our loved ones who are with Jesus in the joys of heaven.

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 FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS**

Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ “A great multitude from all tribes and peoples and languages,” cry out “salvation belongs to our God Who sits on the throne.” (Revelation 7:9-17) Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we too, “shall see Him as He is.” (1 John 3:1-3) Joined with the throng of angels and a myriad of saints, we shall “serve Him day and night in His temple.” (Revelation 7:9-17) In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits, and forgive us our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ, propels us forward, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament, to our eternal home. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are! We, the poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure, and the persecuted, are all blessed, and we will most certainly inherit the Kingdom of God in His heaven! (Matthew 5:1-12) (*lcms.org/lectionary-summaries*)

READING FROM THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS

Summary: We rightly reject and condemn the worship or invocation of the saints as contrary to the will and Word of God. Yet, at the same time, we acknowledge that it is a beneficial devotional exercise to honor and remember them as amongst the greatest gifts through which the Holy Spirit has delivered the one true faith to us and to our children.

Our [Lutheran] Confession approves honoring the saints in three ways. The first is thanksgiving. We should thank God because He has shown examples of mercy, because He wishes to save people, and because He has given teachers and other gifts to the Church. These gifts, since they are the greatest, should be amplified. The saints themselves, who have faithfully used these gifts, should be praised just as Christ praises faithful businessmen. (*See Matthew 25:21; 23*)

The second service is the strengthening of our faith. When we see Peter’s denial forgiven, we also are encouraged to believe all the more that grace truly superabounds over sin.

The third honor is the imitation, first of faith, then of the other virtues. Everyone should imitate the saints according to his calling.

Scripture does not teach the invocation of the saints (*calling upon them; praying to them*), or that we are to ask the saints for aid. (*lcmssermons.com; Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Article 21, The Invocation of Saints*)

† IN THE NAME OF JESUS †

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL (CALL TO WORSHIP)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: 🎵 475

**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: These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. I take refuge in You, O Lord. Do not let me be put to shame. In Your righteousness deliver me. For You are my Rock and my Fortress; and for Your Name’s sake You lead me a guide me. Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth. (*Revelation 7:14; Psalm 31:1, 3, 5*)

CONGREGATION: 🎵 Glory be to the Father....

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: O almighty God, Who has knit together Your elect saints in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of Your Son, Christ Jesus our Lord: Grant us grace to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly

living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which You have prepared for all those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: 🎵 Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: FIRST LESSON – REVELATION 7:9-17

P: [St. John the Evangelist writes:] ^{7,9}After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵“Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple; and He Who sits on the throne will shelter them with His presence. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and He will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

SECOND LESSON – 1 JOHN 3:1-3

P: [St. John the Evangelist writes:] ^{3:1} See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

TRIPLE HALLELUJAH AND READING OF THE GOSPEL LESSON – MATTHEW 5:1-12

C: 🎵 Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C: 🎵 Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

P: ^{5:1} Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him.

² And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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: ♪ 463

SERMON: SAVED AND KEPT FOREVER BY GOD IN HIS SON AND SPIRIT – REV. 7:9-1

*“Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!
Amen.” (Rev. 7:12)*

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. How wonderful it is to hear of the absolute certainty of our future glory, O fellow saints of God in Jesus! Our first Scripture lesson for *All Saints Sunday* vividly depicts what’s sure-to-come for us and for all who are “*in Christ*” (1 Cor. 1:30) – who trust in the Lord Jesus with all our hearts...forever. (See Prov. 3:5; Is. 26:4)

Revelation 7:9-17 is an indelible snapshot of eternal life for all the saints of God in glory. This is the picture we need to keep before our eyes throughout our lives, especially during its most difficult and grueling periods. St. John the Evangelist is telling us in Revelation 7 that eternal life in heaven is as-good-as ours since God and His beloved Lamb, to Whom salvation belong, have graciously granted us the joy of that salvation! (See Rev. 7:10)

For our part, we’re to press on in our most holy faith in Jesus by which we’re already God’s saved, beloved sons and daughters. And we’re never to fall away from it – from God and His Son. For Jesus Himself exhorts us in our dear Christian faith: “*The one who endures to the end will be saved.*” (Mt. 24:13) Who is it that stands firm to the end but he, but she who – tearfully repentant – gratefully receives the forgives of all his, of all her sins in Jesus Christ and has eternal peace with God through His Son’s body and blood?

Our blessed Lord also declares to us: “*Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.*” (Rev. 2:10) Who is it that is faithful to God and His Son unto death but he, but she Who abides in Jesus and His living Word, in His Church always, and never falls away from Jesus Christ, His Word of life and His beloved Church?

We endure in our Christian faith so-long-as we’re joined to Jesus, our true Vine, as His vine branches, always receiving His life-giving nourishment in God’s wonderful *Means of Grace*: His Holy Word, Holy Baptism and Holy Communion. Yet if we tire of being Jesus’ vine branches; if we get bored over this or desire something the worldly-minded around us call much better, then Jesus speaks this word-of-warning to us: “*If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.*” (Jn. 15:6) So “*remain in [Jesus,]*” (Jn. 15:4) Who desires above all to remain in-and-with you always, and will never fail you nor forsake you. (See Heb. 13:5)

Let’s explore our Revelation text this morning, paying particular attention to everyone present in St. John’s glorious vision of the Kingdom of Heaven. Let’s also see what each of us must endure before we arrive safe-and-sound there, and what a tremendous, timeless blessing our glory-to-come will be! But first let’s see how we can be absolutely certain that this is indeed what’s to come for us who eagerly await it.

“If you die tonight, do you know if you’ll go to heaven?” the Evangelical Christian camp counselor asked me and a bunch of my fellow teenagers back when we could call ourselves teenagers. We all stared up at him blankly for his answer to the question. He told us all to commit our lives to Christ – the sooner the better! We all needed to choose Jesus and heaven over hell. Only then could we live forever. While the counselor was right in saying that we had to believe in Jesus, he was wrong on how we as people become believers in Jesus, and how we remain so to the end.

“*You did not choose Me, but I chose you,*” (Jn. 15:16) Jesus said to His disciples and says to us. There’s no choosing Jesus as your personal Savior, no making Him the Lord of your life, no inviting Him into your hearts. The Holy Bible is crickets when it comes to such bogus notions, instead speaking the truth of the matter to us and to all: “*Because of His great love for us, God, Who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ, even when we were dead in our trespasses. It is by grace you have been saved*” (Eph. 2:4-5) through faith alone. “*This is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*” (Eph. 2:8-9)

So we trust and know for certain that our great and glorious God has eternally elected and called us to be His Christians through faith alone in our Savior. God is 100% responsible for your coming to faith in Jesus, and for your life-long and eternal salvation as His Christian saints. You’re 0% responsible for all this. Sinful man can never accept God or make Him his Lord. All we have the power to do is to reject Him.

It’s certainly true that by God’s doing alone you’re in Christ Jesus (see 1 Cor. 1:30) – a believer in Him. Yet how do you remain a believer in Jesus all your days? Is this also God’s work alone, or must you do your part to remain faithful?

No way Jose! Hebrews 12:2 doesn't call Jesus "*the Founder and Perfector of our faith*" for nothing, so that He Who founded or began your faith and salvation in Him will see it all the way through to its eternal goal. Be assured of what we confess in the *Small Catechism*: That the Holy Spirit "*keeps [the whole Christian Church on earth] with Jesus Christ in the one true faith*" (*Expl. of the 3rd Article of the Creed*) all our days. You need do nothing. Only joyfully and gratefully receive all His forgiving, redeeming, saving gifts to you in the Lord Jesus. Philippians 1:6 says the exact same thing: "[God] *Who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the Day of Jesus Christ.*" He alone is surely the One Who'll keep your hearts believing in Jesus!

Just how does God the Father guarantee that you'll remain in Him, His Son and the Holy Spirit as your one true God always? How can you be more-than-certain that you'll make it to heaven? Look nowhere else than to the Lord your God and His precious, saving gifts in Jesus! For starters, the Holy Triune God Himself is your Guarantee that you'll live with Him forever in heavenly glory! He "*desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*" (1 Tim. 2:4) Don't ever un-desire or turn from what God has, from eternity, desired for you: your soul's everlasting salvation. Instead, always "*exalt in the Lord; ...rejoice in the God of [your] salvation!*" (Hab. 3:18)

As a sure-sign of His goodwill toward you, God has joined you to Himself and His eternal life, seeing as how you've been baptized in His Holy Triune Name. In Holy Baptism, God has accomplished everything for you! Your Baptism has saved you unto God, St. Peter declares. (*See 1 Pet. 3:21*) Your sins are washed away in Baptismal waters, you're adopted and brought into the Family and Household of God, His Church, and you're sealed with the Holy Spirit for the Day of Redemption. (*See Eph. 4:30*) If anyone should ever question your Christian faith; if you should ever question or doubt whether you're still a Christian yourself, then simply look to the Baptismal font and touch your forehead and declare: "I am baptized!"

Tragically, there are more than a few Christians who – over the course of their lives, for various reasons, renounce their Baptismal faith in Jesus. Culprits abound for this: Cooling toward or tiring of reading, hearing, believing God's Word; discarding repentance and forgiveness of sins in Jesus; refusing to suffer for the faith, life's cares, riches and pleasures choking out the life of faith; and abandoning Church life for the so-called "life" of the world – even though worldly life will come to a bitter end, while Christ's Church – like His Word – will endure forever.

So abide always in your Baptism in Christ. Live in His Word, in His Church, all your days! Heartily shout to God: "*O Lord, I love the habitation of Your House and the place where Your glory dwells!*" (Ps. 26:8)

Christ pronounces His Holy Absolution upon all of you who are repentant, who turn with grief and remorse from all your transgressions. In-so-doing, He takes your sin and death away from you, replacing these with His righteousness and eternal life. Rev. Luther writes of this: "*Everything, therefore, in the Christian Church is ordered toward this goal: We shall daily receive in the Church nothing but...continuous, uninterrupted forgiveness of sin.*" (*Large Catechism, The Creed, Article 3*) So never become unrepentant. Don't become satisfied with your sins, zealous for them. Regard them instead as very serious offenses against God which can-and-will condemn you to endless torment if you ignore them or hold onto them and defend them. Only bury them all in the precious wounds of Jesus, turning always from your sins to your Savior and His mercy.

One more precious gift of God feeds and nourishes you into heaven, and so guarantees your safe arrival there. Our Lord's Holy Supper is the "feast of salvation" by which His very body and blood go into your body and soul and make you alive as He's alive! Filled with Christ's living flesh and blood, what person's body will not rise again to eternal life? Only make sure that you don't ever grow cold, indifferent to the blessed Sacrament of Jesus, thinking that you need to rarely, if ever, receive it. A person who has even communed for years can over time or even quite suddenly turn himself or herself away from the altar of God. Then all the holy meals of previous times are lost upon the man, the woman who doesn't care to eat and drink of Christ anymore. Make sure this is never you! Feast instead upon Jesus in true faith until your dying day – and then feast with Him and all the saints forever in glory!

Who's in St. John's heavenly vision in Revelation 7? God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, of course. And countless Christian saints from all over the world – from all times and places – are also there, rejoicing in their salvation, worshipping the Lord their God for this wondrous gathering! Are you there? Since St. John is being given a vision of eternal life-to-come for us, you bet you're there – you who believe in Jesus! Also the whole angelic host of God is there, as well as the elders of God and the four living creatures. So other holy creatures and servants of God, other than the angels, will also glorify God forever with us, His human creatures.

An elder's question to St. John points to what all the saints of God must endure before entering eternal life. Whether it's persecution or martyrdom or any affliction of the body and soul – from the devil and the world – which we suffer for the sake of Jesus, we can't avoid it, but must pass through it, clinging, grasping to our Lord all-the-while. And it's not at all because of our suffering for the faith that we'll enter eternal life, but only because our robes have been washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb. (*See Rev. 7:14*) He'll surely embrace us in His love, dry all our tears of affliction and grief, shelter us with His presence, shepherd us as He always has throughout our earthly lives, guide us to springs of living water and dwell with us 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

† REMEMBRANCE OF THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED †

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: O blessed heavenly Father, God of all comfort and Lord of our salvation, on this day we honor the memory of Christian loved ones who have preceded us and are now with You in heaven. It is sweet comfort to know that, while they were here, they too were filled with the joy of believing in Jesus, and that they have received the goal of their faith: the salvation of their souls. We thank You, blessed Lord, that in Your grace you called them out of darkness into the marvelous light of Your Truth, so that they came to trust the love and forgiveness You have given the world through Your Son. Whenever sorrow floods our hearts because of the losses we have individually suffered, may this be our comfort: That our loved ones, having remained faithful to death, are resting safely and joyfully in spirit in your presence. We know that the glory which is now theirs, and which is to be ours also, is not worthy to be compared with the sufferings of this present time.

May this day remind us that the hour of our own departure from this vale of tears is drawing ever nearer, for our homecoming unto Your heavenly Kingdom is nearer now than when we first believed. Prepare us for our final summons, so that, with the Holy Spirit's grace and aid, we would continue to trust in the promise of everlasting life through Christ alone. As long as we live here in the valley of the shadow of death, looking to the glorious appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, help us to give a good witness before the world concerning the hope that is in us.

Shelter us, dear heavenly Father, in all our troubles. Give us strength to bear them, and provide us in due time with relief. Raise up those who are fallen. Lift the burdens from the oppressed. Provide for all of us according to our various needs. Help us bear with patience the afflictions of the future, while learning to forget the sorrows of the past. Permit us to learn – through the sufferings of this present life - to trust You more and to store up for ourselves treasures in heaven through Christ our Lord.

Graciously keep us steadfast in true faith until that hour when one-by-one we are called before Your throne to receive from Your hand the crown of righteousness reserved for the faithful, and to join our voices with our fellow saints, who have been gathered there before us, in singing Your praises. We pray in the Name of Him Whose voice shall call the dead to life, and Whose grace shall grant the victory to us who believe. **C: Amen.**

Comfort, O God, with Your Holy Spirit all who are in trouble, want, sickness, physical or mental anguish, peril of death, or any other adversity. Hear our prayers for: _____. Feed and nourish us this day with Your Son's true body and blood under the bread and wine of Your altar; in His Name we pray. **C: Amen.**

Almighty God, all the earth worships You and sings Your praises. Keep us in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, that, together with all Your saints of every time and place, we may enjoy the marriage feast of the Lamb in Christ's Kingdom, which has no end, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, run with perseverance the race that is set before us, and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. 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: ♪ 472, 471 & 478

CLOSING HYMN: ♪ 656

† TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY †

OUR ATTENDANCE FROM LAST SUNDAY

	Worship	Comm.	S.S. & B.C.	Offerings
Trinity	42	35	8	\$2,056.00
St. James	44	30	4 9	\$1,418.00

	Operating	Building	Missions	Cemetery	Week
Goal	64,027.00				
Actual	82,744.72		6,310.00		43
Last Week	2,056.00				

	Operating	Mission	Future Development	Total	Week
Goal	113,305.00			113,305.00	
Actual	88,135.77	450.00	360.00	88,945.77	43
Last Week	1,348.00		70.00	1,418.00	

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THIS WEEK

TODAY *The Festival of All Saints...Holy Communion will be celebrated at both Holy Trinity and St. James

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

NEXT SUNDAY *Elders (Holy Trinity)
+Elders (St. James)
6:30PM: Voters (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... 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 and Fundraiser: St. James LWML will be making homemade noodles on 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 **next Sunday**, 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 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-Christopher Cones, 4; Wayne Walch, 4; Amber Iselt, 6; Sherri Iselt, 7; Tim Faske, 8;...St. James-John Brockenbush, 5; Davie Clifford, 5; Judy Patschke, 8; Craig Boettcher, 9; Margie Yurk, 9.

+++**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**...Holy Trinity-James & Renee Dodd, 9;...St. James-Wayne & Sandy Woelfel, 6; Guy & Lynetta Latimer, 8.