

August 24, 2025

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### **HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH - FEDOR**

The Elder-in-Charge – Jeff Winkler  
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The Altar Guild – Katrinia Ender, Michelle Holmes, Meloney Tucker  
The Flowers – To the glory of God by Clarence & Jane Schimank in honor of their 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary on Friday (29).  
The Organist – Kevin Patschke

### **ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH - LEXINGTON**

The Elder-in-Charge – David Clifford  
The Acolyte – Tate Fritsch  
The Head Usher – Wesley Boriack  
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The Altar Guild – Kim Dowdy, Kathy Dube, Debbie Johnson  
The Flowers – To the glory of God by Dwayne & Sandra Cass in honor of their 37<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Wednesday (27).  
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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.

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### **SUMMARY OF TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS – THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**Jesus Weeps for Jerusalem** Our Lord wept over Jerusalem for the destruction that would soon befall her. For she did not recognize the time of God's visitation in Christ, Who had come to bring her peace. (*Luke 19:41-48*) Through His prophets God had consistently called His people to turn from their deceit and false worship. Yet they persisted in trusting "in deceptive words to no avail." (*Jeremiah 7:8*) They sought to establish their own righteousness rather than receive Christ's righteousness through faith. (*Romans 9:30-10:4*) So it was that God was in His temple to

cleanse it – a precursor to the once-for-all cleansing from sin which He would accomplish in the temple of His own body on the cross. God grant us to know the things that make for our peace – His visitation in the Word and Sacraments – that by the Holy Spirit we may penitently confess Jesus Christ as Lord. (*lcms.org/lectionary-summaries*)

## A READING FROM THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS

*Summary: Throughout Scripture, God reveals the way He has chosen to draw near to us in the person of Jesus Christ. Our Lord uses tangible means of His choosing and sending to draw us out of our sinful ideas and feelings about Him and into the very body of Christ, the Word made flesh to dwell among us.*

Concerning the spoken, outward Word of God, we must firmly hold that God grants His Spirit or grace to no one, except through or with the preceding outward Word, in order that we may be protected against the enthusiast spirits who boast that they have the Spirit without the Word.

All this is the old devil and serpent, who also converted Adam and Eve into enthusiasts, and led them from the outward Word of God to spiritualizing and self-conceit. Just as also enthusiasts in our day condemn the outward Word.

In a word, enthusiasm adheres in Adam and his children from the Fall to the end of the world, its poison having been implanted and infused into them by the old dragon, and is the origin, power, and strength of all heresy, especially that of the Papacy and Mohammed (*Islam*). Therefore we ought and must constantly maintain this point, that God does not wish to deal with us otherwise than through the spoken Word and the Sacraments. It is the devil himself and none other who is extolled as Spirit without the Word and Sacraments. (*lcmssermons.com; Smalcald Articles, 3/8, Confession*)

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† IN THE NAME OF JESUS †

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

### RINGING OF THE BELL (CALL TO WORSHIP)

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING HYMN: ♪ 473

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

### INTROIT (ENTRANCE INTO THE SERVICE OF THE WORD)

**PASTOR:** I call to God, and He hears my voice;

**CONGREGATION:** He redeems my soul in safety.

**P:** Cast your burden on the Lord,

**C:** and He will sustain you. He will never let the righteous fall.

**P:** Give ear to my prayer, O God,

**C:** and do not hide Yourself from my plea for mercy!

**P:** My heart is in anguish within me;

**C:** the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

**P:** Fear and trembling come upon me, and horror overwhelms me.

**C:** But I call to God, and the Lord will save me. (*Psalms 55:1, 4-5, 16-18, 22*)

♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P:** Merciful God, heavenly Father, we heartily implore You to govern us by Your Holy Spirit so that we do not neglect the time of Your gracious visitation, nor by impenitence and faithlessness fall into lifelong and eternal punishment, but rather hold fast to our faith in Christ Jesus, which alone makes for our salvation and everlasting

peace with You, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** 🎵 Amen.

### **SCRIPTURE LESSONS: OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – JEREMIAH 7:1-11**

**P:** <sup>7:1</sup> The Word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: <sup>2</sup> “Stand in the gate of the Lord’s house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the Word of the Lord, all you men of Judah who enter these gates to worship the Lord. <sup>3</sup> Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will let you dwell in this place. <sup>4</sup> Do not trust in these deceptive words: ‘This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord.’

<sup>5</sup> “For if you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly execute justice one with another, <sup>6</sup> if you do not oppress the sojourner, the fatherless, or the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own harm, <sup>7</sup> then I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your fathers forever.

<sup>8</sup> “Behold, you trust in deceptive words to no avail. <sup>9</sup> Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, make offerings to Baal, and go after other gods that you have not known, <sup>10</sup> and then come and stand before Me in this house, which is called by My Name, and say, ‘We are delivered!’ – only to go on doing all these abominations? <sup>11</sup> Has this house, which is called by My Name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, I Myself have seen it, declares the Lord.

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

**C:** Thanks be to God.

### **PSALM 5:1-5, 7, 11-12**

**P:** Give ear to my words, O Lord; consider my groaning.

**C:** Attend to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for I pray to You.

**P:** O Lord, in the morning You hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for You and watch.

**C:** For You are not a God Who delights in wickedness; evil cannot dwell with You.

**P:** The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes; You hate all evildoers.

**C:** But I, through the abundance of Your steadfast love, will bow down toward Your holy temple in reverence.

**P:** Let all who take refuge in You rejoice; let them sing for joy...that those who love Your Name may exult in You.

**C:** For You bless the righteous, O Lord; You cover them with favor as with a shield.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### **EPISTLE LESSON – ROMANS 9:30-10:4**

**P:** <sup>9:30</sup> What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith; <sup>31</sup> but that Israel who pursued a Law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that Law. <sup>32</sup> Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone, <sup>33</sup> as it is written, “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense; and whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>10:1</sup> Brothers, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. <sup>2</sup> For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. <sup>3</sup> For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own [righteousness], they did not submit to God’s righteousness. <sup>4</sup> For Christ is the end of the Law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

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

**C:** Thanks be to God.

### **TRIPLE HALLELUJAH AND READING OF THE GOSPEL LESSON – LUKE 19:41-48**

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

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C:** 🎵 Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

**P:** <sup>19:41</sup> And when Jesus drew near and saw the city [Jerusalem], He wept over it, <sup>42</sup> saying, “If only you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. <sup>43</sup> For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side <sup>44</sup> and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

<sup>45</sup> And He entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, <sup>46</sup> saying to them, “It is written, ‘My House shall be a House of prayer,’ but you have made it a den of robbers.”

<sup>47</sup> And He was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people were seeking to destroy Him, <sup>48</sup> but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were hanging on His words.

**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: ♪ 419**

### **SERMON: HOUSE OF PRAYER; HOUSE OF REPENTANCE, FAITH AND FORGIVENESS – JER. 7:1-11; LK. 19:41-48**

*“My house shall be a house of prayer.” (Lk. 19:46) Amen.*

*Grace and peace to you from God our Father, and from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.* Our Old and New Testament readings speak of God’s temple in the holy city of Jerusalem. The word temple means a place of divine worship – a house of prayer and adoration to God, especially with an altar at its core. For the people of Israel, there was, at first, no fixed place for the worship of God. We read in the *Book of Genesis* how the patriarch Abraham built an altar here (*see Gen. 13:18; 22: 9; 26:25*), the patriarch Jacob built an altar there (*see Gen. 35: 1*), and also how God’s servant Moses, in the *Book of Exodus*, built an altar to Him in the desert. From *Exodus* to *1 Kings*, God filled a “traveling temple,” known as a *tabernacle*, with His holy presence before all Israel. This way, wherever the Lord brought His sojourning people, His presence would go with and abide with them in the tabernacle. There, God’s priests offered sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving to Him on behalf of the people – for all the goodness and mercy He’d shown them. They also offered up bloody sacrifices which atoned for or made godly restitution for all their sins.

From the beginning, the divinely-inspired authors of Holy Scripture understood God as He revealed Himself to them: as a spiritual being, without material form. In the literal sense, God doesn’t have a mouth, eyes or hands. As such, He doesn’t have the same limitations that we do. He can be everywhere at the same time. He doesn’t need to live in a house. In fact, no earthly structure can ever contain Him like your dwelling place can contain you. Even as he built a temple for God and His people, King Solomon acknowledged: *“But will God indeed dwell upon the earth? The heavens, even the highest heavens, cannot contain You, much less this temple I have built.” (1 Kings 8:27)*

Like God, we too are spiritual beings since He created us to be so. Yet He also fashioned us with bodies of flesh. So the prophets speak of God in terms which we can understand – that relate to us. They write of Him having a mouth by which He speaks His Word to us, a right hand which acts valiantly for us, and eyes which see everything.

Likewise, God wants His people to gather in a place of worship, instructing us to do so with the words: *“Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy.” (Ex. 20:8)* God has promised to be with us everywhere, at all times. So we can pray to and worship God at home. But in order to give testimony to all the nations of the world of our common faith in Christ and the presence of God in the world.... In order for us to receive the gifts of His Word and Sacraments in communion with our fellow believers, God commands us to gather together in His Church at the appointed time.

We are the Church, the Body of Christ. The Church isn’t foremost a building, but the faithful of God joined together as one in Jesus. So when someone asks, where is the Church of Christ? the answer in our *Lutheran Confessions* is wherever God’s Word is publicly preached in its purity, and the Sacraments of Christ are administered in the way He has said they’re to be administered. The Rev. C.F.W. Walther, who helped found our Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, described the Church as the saints of God gathered around our Savior, Jesus.

How we need a place dedicated to the glory of God in Christ Jesus! A beautiful place where we can pray to God and adore Him; a place with images that remind us of the teachings of our Lord. For this same purpose, God commanded the people of Israel, the Old Testament Church, to build a temple. So Solomon built the first temple in Jerusalem a thousand years before the Advent of Christ. This temple was the center of the people's worship. The Israelites traveled three or four times a year to Jerusalem to offer sacrifices and praises in the temple.

Following the Babylonian conquest of Judah, Jerusalem and its temple were destroyed in divine judgment. Our Old Testament lesson describes key reasons as-to-why this happened. When the Jews returned home, they rebuilt the city and its temple. In addition, about fifty years before Jesus' birth, King Herod began a project to renovate the temple and expand it. Therefore, during Jesus' earthly ministry, the temple of Jerusalem was greater than ever.

Yet, as was the case in the days of the Prophet Jeremiah, there are alarm bells going off all over the place in Jesus' day. Our Lord weeps over Jerusalem since most of its inhabitants have ignored Him, disregarding His coming to them as the Lord their God. Christ, their true Peace with God, has come to reconcile them to their heavenly Father. It's as if He says of them, "You of all people should know from the Scriptures Who your peace with God is!" But they don't. Because they reject God's Messiah, their Savior, He hides His salvation from their eyes.

St. Matthew's account of Jesus' sorrow over Jerusalem's rejection of Him and His Father is also very heart-breaking: *"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you desolate."* (Mt. 23:37-38) Even though Jerusalemites have a dark history of spurning and murdering God's holy prophets sent to call them to repentance and faith, with a heart full of mercy, the Father still sends His own dear Son to them. *"Surely they will respect My [S]on,"* (Mt. 21:37) He says. And they really ought to honor Him since He's the eternally-begotten, Divine Son of God! But they just don't care for Jesus any.

So like baby chicks who dash from under the cover of their mother hen, and who scatter even further away the more she seeks them out, those in Israel and everywhere who reject the Lord's life and His shielding protection will be devoured and destroyed apart from Him. Both Matthew and Luke describe the coming annihilation of Jerusalem and its temple, and the slaughter of its inhabitants as a "final judgment" on unbelieving Israel in that era. And as a stern warning to the people of God in times-to-come.

Jesus' Jerusalem mirrors Jeremiah's Jerusalem as they both blatantly refuse to *"bear [and heed] the Word of the Lord."* (Jer. 7:2) Even though God – through His prophet and His own Son – calls upon the populace to *"amend [their] ways and [their] deeds,"* (Jer. 7:3) they have no intention of doing so. They won't back down from their evils. They don't care to do what's right: to act justly toward one another; to treat foreigners, orphans and widows well. They refuse to believe God's Word; to do what it says, so that they steal from each other, murder one another, commit adultery, swear falsely to each other and worship false gods like Baal – all-the-while claiming to be faithful and devoted to the Lord. They're like a child who's been playing in a mud-hole, is filthy-dirty, and then claims to his mom that a quick, passing rain shower has washed him off completely, only for it to have done nothing to clean him. Only their evil hearts, evil deeds and idolatry are real. Their repentance toward God is a farce, their worship of Him is totally fake, and their belief that God honors them even though they keep on doing evil stuff is beyond ridiculous!

The Babylonians eviscerated Jeremiah's Jerusalem in 587 BC. And Roman legions pulverized Jesus' Jerusalem to rubble and dust in AD 70. Both temples were burned to ash, the second one forever. This ought to give us pause, since we too are sinners who deserve for this to happen to us. All that separates us from 6<sup>th</sup>-century BC Jerusalem and 1<sup>st</sup>-century AD Jerusalem is our true repentance before God and our faith in Jesus. Like Jerusalemites of the past, we've done many, grave things which dishonor God and spite others. So we dare not ever turn our true repentance into false, show-repentance, where we only tear our clothes in bogus contrition, and not our hearts in genuine sorrow. (See Joel 2:13) Where we exchange our trust in Christ for a false confidence in Him – one where He's really not the atoning Sacrifice for our sins, the Pardoner of our iniquities...because we don't think we really need Him to be this for us.

It's a blessing for us to have this sanctuary as a house of prayer. We know that God doesn't need a house. Nor does He need to hear our prayers. Yet He desires to *"come to us [and] abide with us"* (TLH 647:4) and to hear us call upon Him. We don't need to offer sacrifices for the taking away of our sins. Even sacrifices in the temple of Jerusalem only pointed to the perfect sacrifice of Christ upon the cross for us. Because of His blood shed for us there, Jesus has paid the price of our sins forever. Christ's true flesh and His real, sacred blood were given to us in

Bethlehem and outside Jerusalem at Calvary – for the forgiveness of our sins and also for the nourishment of our faith.

So beware of merely drawing near to God with your lips, while your heart is far from Him. (*See Is. 29:13*) See to it that you don't refuse to take your sin-guilt seriously, since you don't want to also refuse to take God's forgiveness for you in Jesus seriously. Never tire of His Church for you so that you fall away from Him. For how shall we escape God's wrath if we neglect such a great salvation? (*See Heb. 2:3*) Instead, always remain in Christ, and He in you! (*See Jn. 15:4*) Abide in Him always in His Church and yours!

In our Church, we keep the religious rites of the ancient Church to show our solidarity with the Church everywhere and of all times, because the Church of Christ isn't just in one place or only in one era. But it's not worth it if we don't live our faith outside of this holy sanctuary. It's no good if we don't live in the joy of our salvation in Christ Jesus everywhere, in all situations. So always do so, saints of God! Live out your faith in Jesus, active in love and good words toward God and one another – not by your own strength, but by the power of the Holy Spirit Whom you've received in Holy Baptism. For it is He *"Who works in you both to will and to work according to His good pleasure."* (*Phil. 2:13*) *"He has shown you...what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?"* (*Micah 6:8*) So do so fervently, clothed – as you are – in Christ's righteousness.

We begin our week together in this holy house of worship and praise, adoring our Savior and giving public testimony of our most holy faith in Him. During the week-to-come, in our homes and families, we also give testimony. Because Christ is with us everywhere, 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 12-13]**

### **OFFERING**

#### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P:** Knowing that this house is to be a house of prayer, let us bring our petitions before God our Father.

Grant us wisdom, merciful Lord, that we would always be attentive to Your Word and Sacraments, and that we would know the day of Your visitation and hang upon every Word of Your Teaching. Grant also that we would not fall away, but would be preserved by Your saving arm in the one true Christian faith, and with joy gather around Your gifts that make for true, eternal peace. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Preserve Your Church as a house of prayer, that our delight would always be in hearing and abiding in the proclamation of Your life-giving Word, and lifting up holy hands in prayer to You upon Your throne. Grant that many may yet be granted the knowledge of salvation by Your Spirit and Church. Defend Your Church throughout the world. Keep our brothers and sisters in Christ who are under the threat of persecution steadfast in the confession of Christ Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Gracious heavenly Father, we give You thanks for the many blessings You have graciously poured out upon us. Give us wisdom to use these gifts rightly. Protect us from all greed and selfishness that would turn any of Your gifts into idols, and grant us faithfulness in the midst of abundance and in the midst of scarcity. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Hear the prayers which we offer unto You for Your people Israel, that, acknowledging Jesus Christ, Who is the Light of Truth, they would be delivered from their darkness. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Bless Donald, our president; Greg, our governor; the United States Congress and the Texas legislature, and all those who make and administer our laws. Bless all judges, that they might make decisions with wisdom and for the preservation of justice. Bless those in law enforcement, that they might serve and protect their communities in safety of both body and mind. Defend all in our military personnel, and give courage to both them and their families. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Protect Your Church from the love of money and worldly power, that our focus would always be on the proclamation of Your life-giving Word and the administration of Your blessed Sacraments, so that many would be brought by the Holy Spirit to faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

In Your mercy protect all life, whether young or old. Prohibit the use of abortion and euthanasia to end lives You have created in Your image. Provide good, right and salutary means to protect and save the lives of the unborn and to bring comfort and dignity to the aging. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Support and strengthen those who are suffering, those recovering from surgery, injury or illness, including \_\_\_\_\_. In the midst of their affliction, focus them always upon Christ and everlasting hope, and if it is Your will, restore those for whom we pray to physical health and strength. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Give Your divine increase to the fruits of the land, turn away harmful storms, drought, famine, scarcity, war, danger from fires and floods, and other maladies. Stay with us, O faithful Father, until our end, and never let Your Spirit leave us, so that we may live in Your fear, die in Your grace, and finally receive the goal of our faith, our soul's salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

As You have invited, and as Your Son has taught, we have brought our prayers unto You, heavenly Father. Receive them not on the basis of our merit, but in the Name of Jesus, our Great High Priest, Who with You and the Holy Spirit is our one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**LORD’S PRAYER [PAGE 14]**

**HYMN: ♪ 377**

**CONCLUDING COLLECTS**

**P:** O God, You declare Your almighty power above all in showing mercy and pity. Mercifully grant us such a measure

of Your grace that we may obtain Your gracious promises and be made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

**P:** Almighty, everlasting God, Who by Your Holy Spirit have made known to us Your Word concerning Your Son, Jesus Christ: We implore You to awaken our hearts that we may receive it earnestly and not cast it to the wind nor listen to it carelessly, as did many in Jerusalem of old, that we may daily live and increase in Your fear and in true confidence in Your mercy, and at last obtain salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN: ♪ 381**

**† TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY †**

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**OUR ATTENDANCE FROM LAST SUNDAY**

	Worship	Comm.	S.S. & B.C.	Offerings
Trinity	66	50	9	\$1,926.00
St. James	49	40	4 9	\$1,114.00

	Operating	Sunday Offerings—Trinity, Fedor			Week
		Building	Missions	Cemetery	
Goal	49,137.00				
Actual	73,306.75		5,000.00		33
Last Week	1,906.00		20.00		

	Operating	Sunday Offerings—St. James, Lexington			Week
		Mission	Future Development	Total	
Goal	89,859.00			89,859.00	
Actual	60,776.81	850.00	1,645.00	63,271.81	33
Last Week	1,064.00	50.00		1,114.00	

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THIS WEEK

TODAY  
FRIDAY

\*Elders (St. James) following the service  
+Pastor's Day Off

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

+++**We remember in our prayers:...**at Holy Trinity...*Allan Urban, Frank Newkirk, Eldor Brade, Monroe Brade, Carolyn Nitsche*;...at St. James...*Ginger Clifford, Paulette Schulze, Clarence Symmank, Charles Hartfiel, Della Biehle, Bernice Lay, Darvin Drosche, Tom Kleinschmidt, Ronnie Iselt, Egor Raines, Genell Boettcher, Ernest Biehle, Charles Kaiser, Walter Dube Jr., Lorine Lerche, Gloria Evans* [mother-in-law of Randall Sullivan (St. James)], *Zachary Hartfiel* [nephew of Charles Hartfiel], *JoAnne Meyer* [mother of Pastor Meyer], *Carole Heller* [mother of Juanita Clifford (St. James)], and *all of our sick and shut-ins*.

\*\*\*Our joint Week Day School will begin on Wednesday, September 3. **PLEASE** remember to get the bus permission forms back to both the church and the school!

+++**St. James...**from the Voter's meeting...a new parish hall usage agreement [along with a list of a deposit return checklist] was passed. There is a copy of each posted on the bulletin board outside the church offices, as well as at the parish hall for anyone interested in reading them, as well as in booking the parish hall.

\*\*\***Sunday Morning Bible Class Study on the Divine Worship Service**...Our Sunday morning Bible study is on the divine, holy liturgy by which we worship the Lord our God on Sundays and all other holy days. (TLH 15-31) Come learn more about and grow in the rich Biblical theology of our Divine Worship as Lutheran Christians.

+++**Disciples of the Way handmade items available:** Please see the display in the narthex of St. James that features handmade zipper pouches sewn by the women in the program "Sewing Seeds of Faith." This program is hosted by Disciples of the Way, the ministry of Pastor Karim Baidaoui, who has been our mission speaker before. Your gift of \$10 per purse will support the refugee women who make them. These pouches make great gifts and are helping support the ministry of Disciples of the Way as they reach out to Muslim immigrants with the Word of Christ!

+++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!!!

+++**QUILTING UPDATE**...St. James LWML will be quilting every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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-Rachel Patton, 25; Julie Schubert, 26; David Urban, 27;...St. James-Miranda Boriack, 27; Jennifer Speer, 27; Lane Herklotz, 28; Kellye Boettcher, 30; Jerald Meuth, 30.



\*\*\*ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK...Holy Trinity-Johnnie & Lynn Cain, today; Clarence & Jane Schimank, 29;...St. James-Junior & Gloria Brockenbush, today; Tom & Phyllis Kleinschmidt, today; Jeffrey & Jamie Brade, 25; Dwayne & Sandra Cass, 27.