



MAY 18, 2008 • 9 AND 10:30 A.M.

*We are here to serve, not to condemn—to welcome,  
not to exclude—to love, not to judge.*

Trinity  
Sunday

*Please turn off all cell phones during the worship service.*

(Large print bulletins and hearing devices are available, please see an usher.)

### Ringling of the Bell

### Gathering Music

Bell Choir

*Come Christians Join to Sing*

### Welcome

### Prelude

Bell Choir

*The Rejoicing*

### Call to Worship

**(Congregational responses are bolded.)**

Come, God creator, author of all life. Restore us and revive us that we may be your true servants.

**Praise be to the one from whom comes all authority in heaven and on earth.**

Come, Christ our Savior. Teach us your ways of love and grace.

**Praise be to the one to whom all authority in heaven and on earth is given.**

Come, Holy Spirit, our comforter and guide. Grant us new strength and vision to carry out the mission of the church.

**Praise be to the one who empowers us to proclaim God's authority in heaven and on earth.**

Let us praise God whom we know as Creator, Savior, and Holy Spirit.

### Opening Prayer

**O God, we gather as the 11 did so long ago. We come with a sense of awe and reverence. We have seen so many of your signs and wonders in the mercy and grace**

**we experience every day. Yet at times, we doubt. O God, we believe and ask that you help our unbelief. Open our ears that we may hear your commission again. Enliven us with power and courage in your name that we may declare to the world that you are alive and that through you there is hope and life. Amen.**

### Hymn

No. 7

*Rejoice You Pure in Heart*

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**O God, we see signs of your love and authority around us. Yet we still doubt. We doubt your faithfulness and the abilities you have given us. You have sent us forth in your name. Yet often we stay within our comfort zones and within the walls of our church buildings. We do not let your light shine to the world. We do not obey your commandment to love others as ourselves. We do not live in the hope and joy of your presence. O God, forgive us, we pray. Enliven us that your church may be a testament to your grace, generous love, and power. Amen.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Christ, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### Assurance of Forgiveness

### Praise Response

Praise the Lord!

**The Lord be praised!**

### Song Response

**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. Amen.**

### Sacrament of Holy Baptism (10:30 a.m.)

*Please do not take flash photographs during the service.*

I baptize thee: Jonathan Robert Hauser

Born: December 4, 2007

Parents: Gary and Mary Hauser  
(nee Overman)

Sponsors: Kurt and Janet Hauser

### Scripture Reading Matthew 28:16-20

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

### Anthem

Bell Choir

*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

### Sermon

Rev. Dr. Richard S. Zuch

"Why a Triune God"

### Statement of Faith for Trinity Sunday

We believe in God the Creator,

**who speaks and we live, who breathes and we are sustained, who loves and we are renewed.**

We believe in Christ the Saviour,  
**who is born and we see light, who breathes and we have peace, who touches and we are healed.**

We believe in the Spirit, the Holy One,  
**who comes and we are empowered, who breathes and we are filled with compassion, who stirs and we become a new creation.**

### Pastoral Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And with you also.**

Let us pray.

**The Lord's Prayer** (debts)

### Bringing of Our Gifts

### Offertory

Bell Choir

*The Promise*

**Response—Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### Prayer of Dedication

### Closing Hymn

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*Creator God, Creating Still*

### Benediction

### Postlude

J. K. F. Fischer

*Finale and Fughetta*

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## A LOSS IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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**Our sympathy is extended to**  
Tim Harting and family on the death of his  
father Gary Harting on May 12.

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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**The vases beside the altar are placed by**  
Herb, Joel, and Sandy Pundmann and family  
and Geoff and Janine Orf and family in  
honor of Betty Pundmann's birthday, which  
is today.

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## HOSPITALIZATIONS

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(at time of printing)

**St. Joseph:** Virginia Brunson

**Progress West:** Lucille Shelton

**Returning home:** Marc Davis, Neal Fix,  
Mary Walkenhorst

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## LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

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| Attendance total: | <b>488</b> |            |     |
| 9 a.m.            | 223        | 10:30 a.m. | 265 |

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## TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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### Last Sunday

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| Offering Received | \$12,336        |
| Offering Budgeted | <u>\$14,484</u> |
| over/(under)      | (\$ 2,148)      |

### Year-to-date

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| Offering Received | \$264,366        |
| Offering Budgeted | <u>\$275,196</u> |
| over/(under)      | (\$ 10,830)      |

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## STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

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### Pastoral Staff

Rev. Dr. Richard Zuch, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Kemery Baldwin, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Dr. James Mennerick, Minister of Visitation

### Music Staff

Andy Waggoner, Director of Worship Arts  
Mike Waller, Organist  
Christy Kessler, Bell Choir Director  
Belinda Joseph, God's Kids and Junior Choirs  
Director

### Program Staff

Sami Pfalzgraf, Director of Children and Youth  
Ministries  
Karla Bodine, Director of Children Ministries  
Lois Feager, Coordinator of Travel Ministry  
Sandi Robertson, Coordinator of Travel Ministry

### Office Staff

Amy Nunn, Office Administrator  
Julie Rhodes, Financial Administrator  
Chandra Brush, Administrative Assistant

### Altar Guild

Mendi Riechers and Dottie Beckmann

### Acolytes

9 a.m. Kurt Allen  
10:30 a.m. Kelly Sofian

### Greeters

9 a.m. Doug and Alison Schneider  
10:30 a.m. Dennis and Sharon Holtgraewe

### Radio Engineer

Jeff Honerkamp

### Bell Ringer

Art Schlueter

### Announcer

Laurie Feldman

### Bus Driver

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING**—Today is the UCC Strengthen the Church offering. Through these special gifts, we strengthen and renew existing congregations. We provide exciting, new programs for youth and young adults. Please know that your support truly makes a difference! Envelopes are available in the pews for this offering.

**BUS DRIVERS NEEDED**—We need volunteer Sunday bus drivers. If you would like to pick up residents at local retirement communities for our second service, then please contact the church office at 636.946.0961 or email friends@stjohnucc.org.

**TEACHERS AND HELPERS NEEDED**—Teachers and helpers are needed for Toddler/Preschool Summer Sunday school. This summer we will be using curriculum from *Incredible Edible Bible Story Fun* for preschoolers. We will be making God's word memorable with easy recipes preschoolers can do. If this sounds fun and you are in sixth grade and older, please contact Karla Bodine or sign up on the sheet in new fellowship hall.

**CRESCENDO CONCERT**—Crescendo Concert series presents the Kingsbury Ensemble today at 3 p.m. at the Trinity Episcopal Church in St. Charles. Please call 636.724.2507 to get your tickets.

**ALOPECIA FUNDRAISER**—On Wednesday, May 21 order Papa John's pizza, from either of the O'Fallon locations, and support a worthy cause. Twenty percent of your total order will be donated to the Children's Alopecia Project (CAP), a nonprofit organization devoted to helping children living with all forms of the incurable autoimmune hair loss disease, Alopecia Areata. Two members of our own church family are affected by Alopecia, Ethan Draves and Jackson Burke. For more information you can visit [www.ChildrensAlopeciaProject.org](http://www.ChildrensAlopeciaProject.org). Please be sure to mention that you are a supporter of the "Children's Alopecia Project" when placing your order.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**—The church office will be closed on Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day!

**RAGTIME/GOSPEL FEST WITH JIM RADLOFF**—Saturday, May 31, at 6 p.m. the new fellowship hall will become a cabaret! Jambalaya will be the entrée, and we ask that people with the last name beginning in A—M bring a salad to share and N—Z a dessert. All offerings will go to the middle school mission trip fund. Mark your calendars now to join us for a wonderful evening of food, fellowship, and ragtime! Please call the church office to reserve your spot.

**CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS**—The summer hours for the office are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., June through August.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

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**CAR WASH FUNDRAISER**—You have an amazing opportunity to help support Down Syndrome research. The Youth will be having a car wash fundraiser on Sunday, June 1, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the new church parking lot, to support the Down Syndrome Association of St. Louis and Catrina Jefferson, a 15 year old girl in the youth group with Down Syndrome. All you need to do is pull up your car, let the youth wash it, and then give a donation. All proceeds will go to the Down Syndrome Association of St. Louis. If you have any questions, please contact Sami in the church office.

**VBS COMING SOON**—Join us for a Beach Party, which is this year's theme for Vacation Bible School. VBS will be July 7-11, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. There will be fun, food, and fellowship. Registration forms are available in the office or you can see Karla.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEEDED**—It's that time of year again, and Children's Ministry needs your help with Vacation Bible School. We are looking for adults as well as youth workers who have just completed sixth grade or higher. If you are interested, please contact Karla Bodine in the church office.

**RALLY DAY**—Rally Day will be on Sunday, August 24, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will have a bounce house, carnival games, food and fun. So mark your calendar to attend Rally day!

**CHANCEL CHOIR OFF TO CARNEGIE HALL**—In November, 46 members from St. John will travel to New York to participate in a five-day residency and concert at historic Carnegie Hall. Our Chancel Choir will join 32 members from the Collinsville Chorale, a community Chorale, also under the direction of Andy Waggoner, our Director of Worship Arts. We look forward to sharing news of this exciting event with you. If you are interested in traveling with us, you can contact Andy at 636.946.0961, or by emailing him at [andy@stjohnucc.org](mailto:andy@stjohnucc.org).

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**We are excited that you chose to worship with us this morning. If you would like more information about St. John, please stop by the welcome center in the foyer. Please feel free to fill out a Connect Card located in the pew in front of you and return it to the welcome center for a free gift or place it in the offering plate. Please join us for coffee and donuts in new fellowship hall between services.**



# WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Creator God, Creating Still

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## Sunday, May 18

11:30am.....Student Leadership training  
/ council room  
8pm .....Middle School (MS) Choir  
returns from trip

## Monday, May 19

6pm .....Karate class / SJH  
7pm ...Stewardship Com. mtg. / council room

## Tuesday, May 20

11am.....Travel Ministry to lunch  
at Miss Aimee B's  
11:30am.....Private event / OFH  
7pm .....CALL / NFH

## Wednesday, May 21

8am.....Mission Sewing Circle / OFH  
11am.....Women's Social Service luncheon  
at Evangelical Children's Home  
6pm .....MS small group [Megan and Steve]  
/ theater room

7:30pm. Chancel Choir rehearsal / choir room

## Thursday, May 22

9am .....Women's Social Service / OFH/NFH  
6pm.....Youth Trip meeting / commons

## Friday, May 23

## Saturday, May 24

7:30am..Men's Bible, Bagel and Brew / NFH  
4:30pm.....CALL potluck / OFH

## Sunday, May 25

8am .....Adult education / lounge  
9am .....Faith Quest (N-5)  
**9am.....Worship service**  
10:30am .....Faith Quest (N-5)  
10:30am .....MS small group [Susie] / rm. 202  
**10:30am .....Worship service**  
6pm.....High School small groups / lounge

1. Cre - a - tor God, cre - at - ing still, by .will and word and deed,  
2. Re - deem-er God, re-deem-ing still, with o - ver - flow - ing grace,  
3. Sus - tain - er God, sus-tain - ing still, with strength for ev - ery day,  
4. Great Trin - i - ty, for this new day we need your pres-ence still.

cre - ate a new hu-man - i - ty to meet the pres-ent need.  
pour out your love on us, through us, make this a ho - ly place.  
em - power us now to do your will. Cor - rect us when we stray.  
Cre - ate, re - deem, sus - tain us now to do your work and will.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 26—Church Office Closed
- May 31—Ragtime Gospel Fest
- May 31—Boundary Training
- June 1—MS Down Syndrome Benefit Car Wash
- June 1—First Children's Church Service
- June 8—Travel Ministry to Stages
- June 14—The Outer Limits
- June 16-20—Youth Trip to Chicago
- June 28—The Outer Limits
- July 4—Church Office Closed
- July 12—Youth Trip Party
- July 12—The Outer Limits
- July 16—MS to Evangelical Children's Home Birthday Party