

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Kent Henry, (Sept. 15); Jesse Sutherland, (Sept. 17 and Larry Oolman, (Sept. 17). Happy Birthday!

THE FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God by Kris, Matthew & Kathleen Oolman in honor of Larry Oolman's birthday.

SELF-STUDY COMMITTEE: The church council is officially asking TELC members to volunteer to serve on the church's self-study committee, which is an integral part and first phase of our search for a new pastor. The committee, consisting of 6-8 members, will collect data about the Laramie community and the church, survey the membership and write a report that will assist the synod in identifying potential candidates for TELC's call committee, which will be appointed in the next phase of the process. In appointing the self-study committee, we seek to have broad representation that reflects the diverse nature of the church. Please consider devoting your time and talent to this very important step in bringing a permanent pastor to Trinity. We hope to have the committee in place by the October council meeting and its work completed in 2-3 months.

UPDATING YOUR INFORMATION FOR CHURCH PURPOSES:

Included in today's bulletin there is a post card asking for your correct phone # and e-mail address and also if you would mind them being published in the Church Phone Directory (due out in November). Please take the time to fill out the post card and place it in the box on the back pew. This information is for our church members only; it will not be published in our Phone Directory if you do not want it to.

THE SUNDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet during Sunday School hour (9:15) in Dahl Chapel. We will be reading the book "Power of a Praying Woman" by Stormie Omartian. Please grab a cup of coffee & join us.

F<sup>3</sup>-THE FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FUN ACTIVITIES for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> graders will resume this Thursday, Sept. 19 at 6:00 p.m. Thanks to Patty Henry for coordinating this activity. Come this Thursday for dinner, fun activities, and Christian fellowship. College or high school students who would like to help would be much appreciated. Contact Patty at 721-9737.

ARTICLES for the October newsletter are due by 8 a.m. **this** Friday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

WEDS. NIGHT COLLEGE GET-AWAYS have started back up. This group is for college-aged individuals. This is a fun, social event that runs from 6-8 p.m. with dinner provided. All college students are invited to attend.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR congregational members who might be willing to provide a meal for our Weds. Get-Away college group. If this is something that you would be willing to provide there is a sign-up sheet posted on the pole in the Gruver Room. Thank you!

SEEKERS will be starting Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m. in the Gruver Room. This will be an organizational/introductory meeting. Pastor Keith will be bringing some ideas re: what we might like to study. All are invited!

REFLECTIONS MEETINGS: On Sunday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> there will be a time between the services for people to gather and share reflections on where Trinity has been in the recent past and hopes for where we are going in the immediate future. Pastor Keith will facilitate these sessions. Come and share your thoughts and feelings.

NOTES OF PRAISE FALL CONCERT SERIES BEGINS next week Thursday, Sept. 17, 7:30 p.m. "Eclectica Too" - Vocal Trio featuring Terri Rittenburg and friends. There will also be a concert on Sunday, October 27, at 3:00 p.m. "Trinity Recital" featuring instrumentalists and vocalists of the church, in memory and in honor of Betsy Wiest. All interested musicians who would like to perform, please contact Jennifer Lyford.

THE TRINITY QUILTERS GROUP would love to have more members. This group of ladies has shrunk down to 3. They meet on Tuesday mornings from 9-11ish and break for Coffee at 10:30 a.m. Their projects include quilts for the Cancer Center (here in Laramie), the VA Hospital (in Cheyenne) and of course, those in emergency situations here in town. If you are interested in this group, come on in on Tuesday morning -they would love to have you join them!

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PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13.

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## Serving the Church

	<u>TODAY (9/15)</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY (9/22)</u>
<i>Lector:</i>	8:00 a.m. Steve Boss 10:30 a.m. Dan Gibson-Reinemer	8:00 a.m. Toni Passow 10:30 a.m. Carolyn Hazlett
<i>Acolyte:</i>	8:00 a.m. Paul Boss 10:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m. Nick Ferris 10:30 a.m. Derk Lyford
<i>Ushers:</i>	8:00 a.m. Ed & Laureda Dolan  10:30 a.m. Barb Rouse Georgia Mitchell	8:00 a.m. The Anderson Family  10:30 a.m. Carol Frost Mike Smith
<i>Greeters:</i>	8:00 a.m. Judi Weatherwax Janet Boss 10:30 a.m. Shirley Heggie Hanna Heggie	8:00 a.m. David And Mary Brinkman 10:30 a.m. Joan & Pete Dana
<i>Nursery:</i>	8:00 a.m. Rosalind Kidwell 10:30 a.m. Tracy Kidwell	8:00 a.m. Hailey Anderson 10:30 a.m. Tracy Kidwell
<i>Stewards:</i>	L. Hazlett & T. Rittenburg	<i>Altar Guild:</i> Les & Karen Ommen

### Coffee Fellowship:

#### This Week at Trinity

Sunday, Sept. 15	8:00 a.m.	Worship (HC)
	9:15 a.m.	Special Meeting
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship (HC)
Tuesday, Sept. 17	9:00 a.m.	Quilters
	10:00 a.m.	Women's Study
Wednesday, Sept. 18	6-8 p.m.	Weds. Get-Away
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	6:00 p.m.	F <sup>3</sup>
Thursday, Sept. 19		



**Rejoice with me! I have found  
the silver piece I lost. LK.15:9**

WE ARE HAPPY to have you with us today. We hope that our worship service has meaning for you and that you will come back and worship with us again soon. Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. If you are unable to approach the communion rail and would like to receive communion, please let one of the ushers know and we will come to you. Grape juice (yellow) is available in the center of each tray. For those who wish, a nursery is provided during the worship service just off the South Lobby area, for children ages 5 and younger.

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS are found in the back of the pew in front of you. If you wish, please fill them out and hand them to the usher during the hymn after the sermon. PEW PADS are found at the inside end of each pew. Please fill them out, pass them down to the end, and then return them to the center.

PLEASE RECYCLE THE BULLETINS: You are encouraged to take home any part of the bulletin that you would like. **Please** recycle the pieces that you do not choose to keep by putting them at either end of the pews at the back of the church. Help us save some trees! Thanks.

#### Special Meeting of the Congregation

The voting members of Trinity Lutheran Church will hold a congregational meeting between Sunday worship services after the conclusion of the 8:00 a.m. service **TODAY** Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 2013. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss flooring options for the sanctuary. The Church Council has voted on a recommendation to replace the existing carpet which is showing its age. We will present the recommended option and well as an alternative option for consideration. All confirmed members are asked to be in attendance.

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

**\*GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-10**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that his or her recovery brings joy in heaven.*

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup>Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S TIME:**

**SERMON: "Lost"**

**Luke 15:1-10**

**Pastor Prekker**

**HYMN: "There's A Wideness in God's Mercy"**

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**\*APOSTLE'S CREED:**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*\*A brief silence.*

Holy God of reconciliation, pour out your mercy upon us when we stray to ways of sin and disobedience. Turn us back to you, and fulfill your righteous covenant. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Show the earth with abundant water, especially where there is drought and clean drinking water is scarce. Refresh all people with flowing rivers and springs. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Send your Spirit of forgiveness and renewal to all families, communities, and nations. Reconcile us to one another, as you have graciously reconciled us to you. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Seek out those who struggle on their own with illness and despair. Join yourself to them, bear their burdens, and lift them up to find hope and strength in you. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Accompany refugees, displaced persons, and all who wander without homes. Shelter them from all enemies. Give them stability through others sent to serve them. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*\*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Living God, your mercy transforms us. Speak to us through the lives of the saints, and use our lives to proclaim the healing power of your salvation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, O Holy One, we entrust all for whom we pray, confident in your abundant and abiding mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

**\*PEACE:**

The peace of Christ be with you always,  
And also with you.

**OFFERING:**

**OFFERTORY:** (8:00 a.m.) **“Andante”**

**G. F. Handel**

<sup>2</sup>Wash me through and through<sup>1</sup> from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me<sup>1</sup> from my sin.

<sup>3</sup>For I know<sup>1</sup> my offenses,  
and my sin is ev-<sup>1</sup>er before me.

<sup>4</sup>Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil<sup>1</sup> in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right<sup>1</sup> in your judgment.

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born<sup>1</sup> steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my<sup>1</sup> mother's womb.

<sup>6</sup>Indeed, you delight in truth<sup>1</sup> deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom<sup>1</sup> deep within.

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I<sup>1</sup> shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be pur-<sup>1</sup>er than snow.

<sup>8</sup>Let me hear<sup>1</sup> joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken<sup>1</sup> may rejoice.

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face<sup>1</sup> from my sins,  
and blot out<sup>1</sup> all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean<sup>1</sup> heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir-<sup>1</sup>it within me.

Glory be to the Father and<sup>1</sup> to the Son:  
and to the<sup>1</sup> Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now and e-<sup>1</sup>ver shall be:  
world without end.<sup>1</sup> Amen.

**SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1:12–17**

*The letters to Timothy are called the Pastoral Epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.*

<sup>12</sup>I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup>even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners — of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:** (In unison)

Let us pray.

**O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**ANTHEM:** (10:30 a.m.) **"All You Who Abide"** (Psalm 91) **Chancel Choir**  
Chant Melody Peter Abelard arr. Arlen Clarke

**FIRST READING:** **Exodus 32:7-14**

*While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today's reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God's own people and boldly asks mercy for them.*

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup>they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" <sup>9</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup>Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

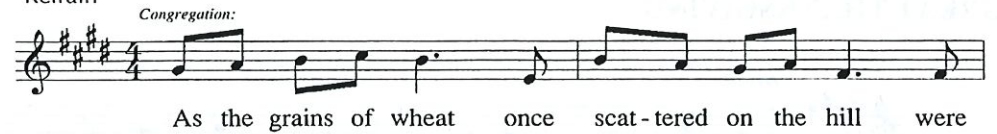
<sup>11</sup>But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup>Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup>Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" <sup>14</sup>And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

**PSALM:** **Psalm 51:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your <sup>1</sup>steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out <sup>1</sup>my offenses.

**\*CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY: "As the Grains of Wheat..."**

Refrain



Verses



1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst, \_\_\_\_\_
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres-ence of your love.  
all cre-a-tion shares this feast with you.

**\*PRAYER:**

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION:

## \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider:* The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al - so with  
you. *Presider:* Lift up your hearts. *Congregation:* We  
*Presider:* lift them to the Lord. Let us give  
*Congregation:* thanks to the Lord our God. It is  
right to give God thanks and praise.

\*PROPER PREFACE: "It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . ."

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY:

*Congregation:* Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the

## \*NOW THE FEAST:

*Refrain*  
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion  
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;  
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has  
freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God. *Refrain*

2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and  
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of  
God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

**\*KYRIE:**

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy,

3rd time to Coda ⊕

For the reign of God, and for  
For your peo - ple here who have

Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the  
come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the

⊕ Coda

Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.

cy. A - men.

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the

One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION:**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread;  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us;  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

**LAMB OF GOD:**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
 take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,  
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

**\*POST COMMUNION HYMN:**

*Congregation:*

1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:  
 2. From of old you loved and sought us:  
 Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the  
 Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice  
 weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
 you have taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
 Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -  
 mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*(Silence for reflection)*

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us.**  
**We confess that we have turned from you**  
**and given ourselves into the power of sin.**  
**We are truly sorry and humbly repent.**  
**In your compassion forgive us our sins,**  
**known and unknown,**  
**things we have done**  
**and things we have failed to do.**  
**Turn us again to you,**  
**and uphold us by your Spirit,**  
**so that we may live and serve you in newness of life**  
**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy,  
 loved us even when we were dead in sin,  
 and made us alive together with Christ.  
 By grace we have been saved.  
 In the name of + Jesus Christ,  
 our sins are forgiven.  
 Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit,  
 that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.  
**Amen.**

**\*GREETING:**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**



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Sunday, September 15, 2013 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

\*Standing

## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

*The grumbling of the Pharisees and the scribes in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God wills to seek and to save the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As Paul's first letter to Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.*

PRELUDE: (8:00 a.m.) "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" J. S. Bach

## WELCOME:

\*HYMN: "Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather" #530

## \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

In the name of the Father,  
 and of the + Son,  
 and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

3. Praise to you O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for  
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:  
 Thanks be to you for ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

## \*POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

### \*BLESSING:

Presider: May God bless us and keep us.  
 May God's face shine on us and be gracious.  
 May God look on us with favor and + give us peace.

— give us peace. A - men.

## PARISH SHARING TIME:

\*HYMN: "Lift High the Cross" #660

## \*EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES... HYMN CHIME:

### \*SENDING:

\*POSTLUDE: (8:00 a.m.) "Lift High the Cross" setting by Charles Ore

## LOSERS

Why does Jesus congregate with losers? "This fellow," grumble the religiously righteous, "welcomes sinners and eats with them" (Luke 15:2). Jesus doesn't retaliate or accuse them of unkindness, but instead starts to tell them little stories.

"The Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost" (Luke 19:10). But how can he reach those who don't recognize their need to be found? Jesus longs to welcome the scribes and Pharisees to his table. Maybe he can catch them off guard by appealing to their imaginations. He attempts to hook what Daniel Erlander calls "the grumpy people" by inviting them—not in so many words, not so they consciously notice—to identify with God. After all, they already go through life trying to act more righteous than God. Jesus sees their bluff, and raises it.

Whether or not they can admit to ever having lost something precious, they can still be enticed by the parables. What would it be like to be a man who leaves 99 sheep in the wilderness and doesn't rest until he finds the one that strayed? Or a woman who overturns her entire house to find a single tiny coin? The sheep might know it's lost. The coin certainly doesn't. The point of view is that of the owner. Could you imagine being frantic with anxiety, relentless in your search, and then relieved—even giddy with joy—over finding what had been lost . . . by you? Could you imagine inviting all the neighbors in for a party to celebrate being a loser—and a finder? The finding is so good that the losing no longer stings.

Erlander's picture book, *A Place for You*, includes a handful of "grumpy people" who frown on every page throughout the earthly ministry of Jesus. But after the resurrection they smile and dance at his party along with everyone else. All are found, all are home, and the angels rejoice.

### COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, September 16, 2013**

**Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, martyr, died around 258**

Cyprian served as a bishop during a time of great persecution of Christians. He insisted on receiving back those who had left the faith under duress. He also provided medical care during a severe epidemic.

**Tuesday, September 17 - Hildegard of Bingen, abbess, died 1179**

A mystic who was widely influential within the church, Hildegard advised and reproved kings and popes, wrote poems and hymns, and produced treatises in medicine, theology, and natural history. She was also a musician and artist.

**Wednesday, September 18 - Dag Hammarskjöld, renewer of society, died 1961**

A Swedish diplomat, Hammarskjöld served as the second Secretary General of the United Nations until his death in a plane crash while trying to negotiate peace in present-day Zambia. His journal, published as *Markings*, revealed the depth of his Christian faith.

**Friday, September 20 - Nelson Wesley Trout, bishop, died 1996 (TFF)**

A native of Ohio, Trout served parishes in several parts of the United States before being elected bishop of the South Pacific District of the American Lutheran Church, the first African American Lutheran to serve in such a capacity.

**Saturday, September 21 - Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

Matthew (or Levi) was a tax collector in Capernaum for the Roman government. Tax collectors were frequently despised for dishonesty and for assisting the occupiers. Jesus nevertheless showed love for them, and chose Matthew to be a disciple.

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